

April/May Update

"Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." Psalm 46:10



Ritmwa & Nuru



Burn patient



Training with Iyabo



Kauna's shower

The Busy Month: The first rains have come and settled the dust and brought some refreshingly cool breezes. The flame trees are in bloom and look like fire against the blue sky. The beautiful



flowers will soon burst forth with vibrant colors, as the hills become a lush green. Rainy season is my favorite time of the year. May is a crazy time of year here in Jos. School is about to finish and then comes the mass exodus, as many missionaries leave for summer break. Usually I am one of the missionaries left here saying goodbye and feeling the emptiness. But this year I will be part of the mass exodus, as I and my friend Nicky will be leaving for holiday in

Scotland on May 15. Both of our parents are coming to spend part of the holiday with us. We are all so excited. I am ready for some much needed rest and rejuvenation.

May is also the wedding month in Nigeria. There is a wedding at just about every church every weekend this month. You hear music and see crowds all along the road on Saturdays. Two of my friends are getting married and we have had some fun times throwing them both a bridal shower. We threw in some Western type activities such as designing a wedding veil out of toilet paper (pictured above) that I am sure was new to them. Kauna and Philip will get married on May 19 and Ritmwa and Nuru on June 23.

The Perfect Advertisement: We have had several new patients come to Healing Touch this month. I had a missionary friend come to Healing Touch one day and take some photos and



video of me working with the burn patients. I got an unexpected blessing as a new patient showed up that day. We were able to take many photos and shoot video of the different patients and of us measuring and sewing the garments. This new patient named Abdul Jabbar was the cutest boy. He had burns on the top of his head, both arms from the elbow down and both hands. He was an active one who was running and jumping all over the clinic and smiling and laughing with all of us. We were able to get

some great pictures of him. I looked at the photos and was so drawn to this one where he is holding up the Healing Touch brochure. I thought this is such a cute photo. It is the perfect picture for advertisement for the clinic. Pray that Abdul will heal well with no scars.

I have spent time these past two months doing training with Iyabo. I have been helping her better assess the needs of the patients and what type of garment to be made to give the needed compression in the areas where they have burns. We also spend Friday mornings doing a Bible study on Hebrews and praying for our patients. Pray for Iyabo as she runs the clinic on her own for the month that I am on holiday.

Lady of Fire: The last monthly update I told you about visiting a gym with my missionary colleague Fiona who is doing Physical Therapy there alongside the M*slim owner. I told the owner and workers there about Healing Touch and left my poster and brochure with them in case they had a burn patient come to the gym or encountered someone in the community. Fiona came back from the gym two weeks later and told me one lady at the gym had asked, "Where is the Lady of Fire?" Fiona was confused, so she repeated Lady of Fire and acted out putting a garment on her arms. Then it dawned on Fiona that she was talking about me and the pressure garments for burn patients. We could not stop laughing. Now my new nickname is "Lady of Fire". She said that she had a burn patient for me to see, but they have not come yet. This is a start for awareness in that community.

Praise:

- The rain that has brought some relief from the heat and green to the landscape.
- A fun time of fellowship and prayer for my two friends at their wedding showers.
- New patients that have come to Healing Touch.
- My friend who gave his time to come and take photos and video for me at Healing Touch.

Prayer Requests:

- Pray for continued peace in Jos and Northern Nigeria.
- Pray for a safe journey for Nicky and I along with our parents, as we travel to and around Scotland.
- Pray for Iyabo as she runs Healing Touch on her own while I am on holiday.
- Pray that I can meet with the plastic surgeon at Jos University Teaching Hospital and work together to treat burn patients.
- Pray for good healing and reduction of scars for Abdul Jabbar and the many other patients that are wearing pressure garments.
- Pray that I will get some good rest over the holiday as I have been really tired and praying for perseverance through all the difficulties at the hospital and the violence in Jos the past few months.

Gay Lynn