



Finding Joy in the Journey

Do you sometimes feel like you are being stretched beyond your means? This year began and I felt like I was Elastigirl. I was continuing my work with the Healing Touch clinic and doing discipleship with the Transition House girls, but then I was asked to take on some new positions. I felt like I was being stretched in all directions. The stretching process just made all of my weaknesses jump out. How do I relate to these teenage girls? Do they really understand me in discipleship class? Am I really able to get this clinic started? Can I handle this new job? As I sat down and prayed to God, I realized that I could not do all these things in my own strength, but that I had to depend fully on God to help me accomplish these tasks. My verse for this year is II Corinthians 12:9 which says, “But he said to me, “**My grace is sufficient** for you, for **my power is made perfect in weakness.**” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about **my** weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me.” Wow! What a great verse. What a comfort to know that I don’t have to know how to do everything. The more my weaknesses show, the more God’s power is revealed. So, my goal for this year is to find joy in the journey. As I am walking on these new journeys God has given me, I am going to find joy in learning and trying new things and seeing what God develops in me.

I was asked if I would be willing to take on the role of compound manager for the compound I have been living on for the past ten years. The couple that was managing the compound just left this month to return to New Zealand. I agreed to take on the role and that is the new journey I am on right now. In some ways I look at it as new and a bit exciting to do something challenging, but in other ways I feel a bit overwhelmed and wonder For now I am taking it one step at a time and I know that God will give me the strength to manage the challenges as they come.

The compound missionaries coming besides myself. I will manage the staff and compound.

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These are the missionaries presently living on the compound. The couple in the middle were the former compound managers.

many new short-termers coming in the next five months to serve in many different ministries. I look forward to being an encouragement to them and helping them in their missionary journey here in Nigeria. Pray for me as I take on this new role and that I will find joy as I serve in these various ministries this year.

houses mainly short-term for two months to two other long-term missionary be setting up the short-termers coming and maintenance needs of the Hospitality is not one of have so enjoyed spending and seeing how God molds uses the gifts and talents We are excited to have

A Place of Healing



Phase two renovations on the Healing Touch Clinic are finished! The new roof is on and the ceiling on the inside has been repaired and repainted. There will be no leaky roof for this rainy season. Yea! The new signboard has been made and mounted on the wall. The new signboard is colorful and will help people identify the clinic from the main road. I want to thank all the people who helped pay for the new roof and ceiling along with those who have prayed for the building and success of the clinic.

I was so excited to have one of my patients come to visit me this month. Jeffet is a three year old

boy who came to the clinic about one year ago after recovering from a burn he sustained from pulling a pot of hot stew down on himself. When he came to see me he had scarring on the right side of his chest and all down his right arm. He had also developed a contracture of the right elbow due to holding his arm bent all the time. He had surgery to release his elbow contracture and now has full movement of his arm. He has faithfully worn the pressure garment we made for him for a year and now there are no scars. His skin is flat and smooth with only some change in the pigmentation of the skin. I was so happy to see that the garment had been successful in reducing his scarring from the burn. His mother was so grateful for our help and wishes she had known about the clinic and come at the very beginning. I pray that the clinic will be a place of healing for so many more patients like Jeffet.



Praise:

- Phase two renovations on the Healing Touch Clinic are complete.
- Money donated to cover the cost of a new roof for the clinic.
- Jeffet's healing and reduction of his scar.
- Several new short-term missionaries coming in the next few months.
- We found an apprenticeship in cake baking and decorating for one of our Transition House girls.

Gay Lynn McCrady

Prayer Request:

- Pray for me as I serve in the new role as compound manager.
- Pray for me as I am leading discipleship with the teenage girls at the Girl's Transition House.
- Pray for me as I continue to do awareness for the clinic and that more people will know about the pressure garments.
- Pray for the remaining funds to be raised for the short-termers preparing to come.
- Pray for peace in Nigeria as there are still attacks happening in the North East.
- Pray for me as I pack and move into a new house on the compound.

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