

"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Ephesians 2:10

June/July Update

Managing the Girl's TH for the past two months has definitely been a challenge for me. Overseeing the needs of seventeen teenage girls and all their various activities along with the emotional issues and behavioral problems; I am wiped out. Some days they frustrate you to death and other days you can't help but love them. It is only by God's strength and guidance that I am able to continue. It is not all bad of course. I have enjoyed getting to know the girls better and seeing them grow in their walk with God. It has been a joy to see many of these girls that have been in the ministry for five to seven years growing up to become young women and making plans for their future. We pray that we can provide training and education that will give them hope for a bright future.

Health Above Beauty

Elizabeth is one of our girls who started remedial classes at university this year. While there, she had two episodes where she collapsed and was unresponsive for about twenty minutes. We brought her back to Jos to see the doctor and he recommended we do an EEG to test for a seizure disorder. I took Elizabeth for the EEG and it was not until we got there that we found out she would have to shave her head to do the test. Elizabeth refused and said she could not shave off her hair that she had been trying to grow for a year. It was a difficult time. I had to be the mother figure and tell her that her health was more important than her hair. We sat down and talked and she cried and we talked some more. I told her that if she would do the test then I would buy her a wig to wear until her hair grew back. Finally she agreed to do the test. What should have taken one hour ended up taking all morning. It is an experience that has bonded the two of us and neither of us will forget it. The results of the test did show that she has a partial complex seizure disorder. Pray for wisdom for the doctor as he decides what is the best treatment for her.



Graduation Day

We had two of our girls graduate from high school this month. It was an exciting event that started with the girls spending the afternoon in the market buying a dress, shoes and items to fix their hair. The mama of the house and the other girls helped cook food that would be available for the family and guests after graduation. Graduation is usually an all day affair and this year was no different. Mama, one of the Aunties from the ministry and I were there from ten thirty until five. There was a rain storm in the middle of the program so everything was delayed until the rain died down and they were able to set up in a meeting hall. Our Sophomore and Junior class girls performed in the program with singing and dancing. One of them was awarded first in her class and the others got awards in two different subjects. I am so happy for these two girls that they have made it this far in their education. Both plan to do a six-month training course in sewing.





Everyone calls us the crazy compound and this picture just might clarify why. It is never a dull moment here with short-termers coming and going and all the fun and crazy things we do. These short-termers keep me feeling young, at least that is what I tell myself when I feel more like Grandma!

Look Who Has Arrived



Jody arrived the end of June from Alberta, Canada. Jody is a nurse and worked for eight years in Canada in labor and delivery. She went to the Philippines as a short-term missionary for one year. She worked as a nurse in an orphanage helping with the feeding and nutrition program. Jody has come to Nigeria to work with City Ministries for six months. She will be assisting with the medical care of the children in the various care centers, which will be a great benefit to our ministry. I have been the missionary overseeing the medical care of the children while our doctor is on home assignment, so I am excited to have Jody here to help me. Pray for Jody as she transitions to life and ministry here in Nigeria

Praise:

- Graduation of Rebecca and Gift from High School
- Strength God has given me to manage the Girl's TH these past two months along with the medical care of the children
- Safety for all our missionaries during the past bombing

Prayer Requests:

- Pray for wisdom for the doctor as he decides the best treatment for Elizabeth.
- Pray for guidance for all the staff working with the Girls' TH as they write policies and look for the resources to best help the girls for their future.
- Pray for Jody as she transitions into life in Nigeria, develops relationships with the various doctors and medical centers, and provides medical care for the children in the ministry.
- Pray for peace in Nigeria and for comfort for the people who have been injured or lost loved ones in the bombings.

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