

# May Update

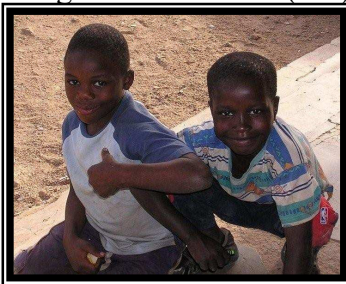
*May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, My Rock and my Redeemer. Psalm 19:14*

**My Family Group:** The boys at Transition House are broken up into four family groups



that meet monthly to go on outings and to pray together. This month my family group came to my house for their outing. The boys always like to come to my house to eat some different food, play games, and watch a movie. There are just seven boys in my family group now. It is a little sad that the group is so small now that many of the boys were reconciled home. There will be a big transition in September for the care centers. The younger boys will be at Gyero, the village care center and the older boys will be at Transition House in the city. As of September, all of my family group will be transferred to Gyero except one. But I can't be too sad because in September we will form new family groups and I will grow to love and care for a whole new group of boys.

**A Chance to Share:** Jerry and Shadrack are two boys in my family group. Jerry (right) is eight and Shadrack (left) is seven. I brought the boys to my house for a fun outing.



We ate spaghetti, played games and put together puzzles. Jerry loves puzzles and can put together a one hundred-piece puzzle by himself. Why I really brought them to my house was because I wanted to share the gospel with them. I had a conversation with the boys at Transition house that involved Heaven. I asked Shadrack if he knew what Heaven was and he said he did not know. I had a wonderful time teaching them about Heaven, sin, and God's forgiveness. Many of the concepts were new to them so it will take some continued teaching for them to really understand what it means to ask Christ into your life. Both of them love to pray and it is great to listen to them pray and see them developing a better understanding of God.

**Visit From a Friend:** Susan was in Nigeria as a short-term missionary for two years



Susan, Ritmwa, and me

working in Aids ministry. She lived in my compound and we became really good friends. When her two-year term finished in 2007, she left Nigeria to attend Moody Bible Institute. Susan came to Nigeria for a two week visit to reaffirm that Nigeria is where she is suppose to return for long-term service. We had a great time catching up on life and hearing about her experiences at Moody. It reminded me of the old times

when we would discuss our struggles and eat dinner together. I am excited to hear that she really feels like God is calling her to return to Nigeria. She is not sure right now what her ministry will be here in Nigeria, but knows that God will reveal that in His time. Susan has one more year at Moody and then will begin the process to return as a long-term missionary. It will be such a blessing to have her back in Nigeria.

Attack of the Mango: One Saturday, I was picking mangoes and avocados off the trees in



Yikes! I have a disease.

our compound with the guard. He was up in the tree picking them and then he would throw them down to me to put in a bag. It was not until the next day that I noticed a rash developing on my arms. I went to see the doctor and she said that I was allergic to mango sap. I had never heard of any reaction to mango sap since I had been here, but I did get sap on me picking the mangoes. I started taking antihistamine and using lots of hydrocortisone cream for the itching. After several days, the rash had not gotten better and it was spreading up my arms and to my neck and a

small bit on my face. I was definitely being attacked by one severe rash. I was afraid I would wake up with my eyes all swollen. I went back to the doctor and said I needed some stronger medicine. I started on a course of steroids and lathered my skin with anti-itch cream three times a day. It has taken several weeks for the rash to finally go away. There will be no more picking mangoes for me. I am definitely avoiding the mango tree!

### Prayer Requests:

- Pray for the staff and boys of the King's Kids Ministry as we prepare for the transition in September of moving the younger boys to Gyero and the older boys to Jos.
- Pray for the salvation of Jerry and Shadrack as they continue to grow in their understanding of God.
- Pray for Susan as she completes her last year at Moody Bible Institute and as she prepares to return to Nigeria as a long-term missionary.
- Pray for the carpenter as he is finishing constructing the playground equipment and that we can begin assembling it at the hospital soon.
- Pray for Erin who is the nurse working with the King's Kids Ministry. She had to return to the USA for medical reasons. While home, her lung collapsed three times and she had to have some major surgery to repair her lung. Pray for her recovery and that she will not have any further problems with her lungs.

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