

October/November Update

"Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe." Hebrews 12: 28



Transition House girls



British Night



Gyero dance class



Yumanli's garment

Trunk or Treat: This Halloween I volunteered to help with the Trunk or Treat party planned for



Hey Scooby, thanks for the Scooby snack.

the little children. There were some really creative car decorations and lots of fun games for the kids. We had a visit from the yellow submarine and the Mystery Machine showed up with Daphne and Scooby. Wow! We even had a sighting of Indians in Nigeria. I had a great time seeing all the kids dressed up and having fun playing games and getting prizes. We finished off with hot dogs, chips and some great tasting brownies. Did you see Scooby or Indians during your Halloween Party?



British Night: Have you ever played croquet? Have you eaten trifle? Well, I got the experience of doing both along with many other activities, as my British friends threw a British Night Party. We had some good laughs as we learned how to play croquet in the backyard. I was the winner, but I think it was because the experienced ones were nice and did not knock me out at times. We then retired to the house which was fully decorated with union jack flags and all kinds of British attire. We enjoyed a lovely meal together with Yorkshire Pudding (a batter mix baked in a muffin tin), baked chicken and vegetables. The meal ended with a trifle (sponge, fruit and jelly with custard then whipped cream on top and chilled) and apple crumble. Of course we had a variety of teas to go along with the desserts.

We then had an evening full of laughs as we watched a video about all the accents of the UK. We then watched one episode of a British series with the well loved characters Wallace and

Gromit. The characters are made from modeling clay and filmed with stop motion clay animation. I feel that I have been further educated on the British culture. It is always good to get a better understanding of your colleague's culture and we find that many times it brings about some good laughter.

Three Countries for One Cause: At Healing Touch, we have improved greatly in our ability to sew the pressure garments for our patients and get a good fit, but this month we were met with a new challenge. Deborah, a friend of mine who is a missionary Occupational Therapist in Niger emailed me about a patient. She said there was a teenage girl who had sustained burns to her face, back, arms and chest. She wanted to know if I could make pressure garments for her. At first I thought whoa, make a garment for a patient we cannot see nor have present for fitting the garment. Maybe that was a bit above our ability, but I decided to give it a shot. Then we came upon another challenge. Deborah had traveled to the USA for a few months so the only person in Niger was Joy, a nurse she worked alongside with at the hospital. Joy does not have much experience with burns and has never seen pressure garments before. I emailed the measuring sheets for the pressure garments to Deborah in the USA and she communicated with Joy in Niger. Joy then visited the patient and took pictures and the needed measurements as best she could. Deborah sent the measurements and pictures to me and together with Iyabo and Austin, my two seamstresses, we began sewing the garments. I felt we had a good chance of being able to make a shirt that would fit fairly well, but I was concerned about the face mask. Those are hard to make even when the patient is present for measuring and fitting.

We were able to send the garments to Niger with a person who was traveling back to Niger after a visit to Jos. Joy went out to the village to take the garments and see how they fit on the patient. She reported that the shirt fit well, but the face mask needed adjustments. She sent pictures of the patient wearing the garments and will send detailed information on the needed adjustments for the face mask before we make a second set. It has been amazing to see all the people from three different countries working together to help this one patient. The patient and her family are not Christian and we pray that through this one act of love they might come to know Christ.

I am at three weeks and counting till I leave Nigeria for the USA! I am getting the house in order and it looks less cluttered than it has in a long time. Packing for home assignment is the time to throw away or give away all those things that have been sitting around never being used or worn. Healing Touch clinic is all set up with people to take care of the finances and Iyabo and Austin to see the patients and sew the pressure garments. So, these next few weeks my house will be filled with people coming for goodbye dinners or to just greet and say goodbye. The last task of all is packing the remainder of my household items I want to store away while I am gone. Then I will pack my two bags, after deciding what things to bring home and what things to leave. I am starting to feel the excitement and look forward to seeing all of you soon.

Praise:

- A wonderful time getting to know the girls at the Transition House better.
- The opportunity to make pressure garments for Yumanli, which will help reduce scarring as she heals from her burn.

- Seeing fruit from all the awareness I have done as more patients are coming to the Healing Touch Clinic.

Prayer Request:

- Pray for continued healing for Yumanli and that she and her family would come to know Christ.
- Pray for Iyabo and Austin as they run the Healing Touch clinic in my absence.
- Pray for the nine girls at the girl's Transition House as they grow in Christ through discipleship classes and learn new skills that will help support them for the future.
- Pray for me as I teach a class on relationships with the Transition House girls.
- Pray for a Nigerian Physical Therapist for the hospital.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

“He has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their season; he provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy.” Acts 14:17

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