

*"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*



October Update

*"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen" Ephesians 3:20-21*

## Angelic Hair and Beauty Salon

We are now in the hair and beauty business at the girl's Transition House! Ruth, our oldest girl in the ministry, finished her seven month apprenticeship at a salon and then did a one month training in manicures and pedicures. We decided to build a salon at the girl's center that Ruth will manage and then she will train many of our other girls at the center in hair and nails. This will be a service to the community, as there is no salon in the area.



November 1st was the grand opening of the salon. Our opening promotion was a free wash and set for the morning. The pastor of the church and the women's fellowship were there as we prayed and dedicated the salon. The church and the community have been so supportive of our ministry. The salon was packed with ladies who came for their free wash and set. I never knew you could fit so many people in such a small space. Ruth was very confident and did a good job that first day.

Ruth will be training Elizabeth, one of our other girls in the ministry. The salon will help raise money for the ministry and also will be a training center for other girls in the ministry. Pray for us as we work through the beginning stages of the business and that the salon will be a way to witness to people in the surrounding community.

## Greetings to Jenny

I have mentioned before that I am now the manager of Challenge compound. The compound is where our single short-term missionaries stay although we do have three long-term missionaries



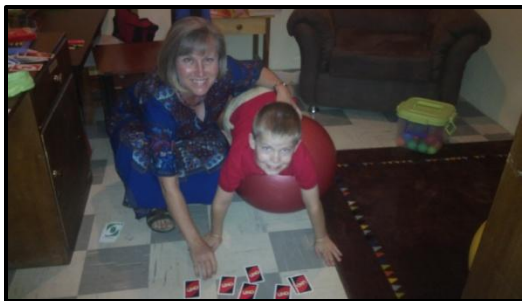
on the compound right now. My job is to get the apartments ready for new short-term missionaries and help them as they transition into life and ministry in Nigeria.

Jenny is from Indiana and she arrived in Nigeria the end of September. She is interested in trauma healing and came to work alongside one missionary couple here who are involved in trauma healing in Nigeria as well as other West African countries.

She has a degree in exercise science and we are excited that she is willing to lead some aerobic exercise classes for us. We are happy that she has come and we look forward to getting to know her better. Pray for her as she learns the Hausa language and transitions into ministry in Nigeria. One of the blessings of my role is getting to spend time with the short-termers who come from all different places, with all different types of gifts and seeing how God uses them in extraordinary ways to minister in Nigeria.

## Back into Therapy

"Let's do that again." Those are the words a therapist loves to hear from her pediatric patient. I want you to meet Caden who is six years old and is the son of one of our missionary couples here in Nigeria. He went for testing in the USA and was diagnosed with sensory processing disorder.



It was recommended that he receive Occupational Therapy and Speech Therapy and his parents were so happy to find both an OT and a Speech Therapist working in Nigeria. I have missed doing therapy with kids, so here is my chance to get a little taste of that again. We have been doing lots of fun activities that will help improve his attention span, eye-hand coordination, upper body strengthening and sensory

processing. We even had group therapy one day where we were doing relay races with other kids on the compound. Every therapy session is a new adventure. One thing about therapy with kids did come back to me as I was working with Caden; you get just as much of a workout as the child. Whew! Pray for strength and wisdom for me as I plan therapy activities and work at pace that is the most beneficial for him.

# Discipleship Girls

Discipleship class has started again and I have a new group of girls. We moved seven girls from our village care center to the girl's Transition House. Four of the girls I was disciplining are now



doing apprenticeships and one is doing computer training. We have a youth core volunteer working at the center so we decided to split the discipleship class into two groups. I have four new girls that I am getting to know and I am looking forward to helping them grow in their relationship with Christ.

We are focusing on issues and struggles that youth face during this phase of their life. We are discussing what God tells us to do and not to do through his word regarding these issues. We are also looking at

examples of people in the Bible who went through similar struggles and how God helped them and used them to minister to the world. Pray that I will develop good relationships with the girls and that they would understand the teachings and grow in their knowledge and relationship with God.

## Praise:

1. The opening of the salon at the girl's Transition House.
2. Praise God for Jenny and the other short-term missionaries who have come to serve in Nigeria.
3. Praise God that we have found apprenticeships for five of our Transition House girls.
4. Praise God for the people who sent special donations for the ministry these past few months.
5. Praise God that I have remained healthy through the change in climate and various viruses that have been going around.

## Prayer Requests:

1. Pray for wisdom and patience for Ruth as she manages the salon and trains Elizabeth.
2. Pray that I will develop some good relationships with my discipleship girls.
3. Pray that I will provide good encouragement and a listening ear to the short-termers on the compound.
4. Pray that Caden will improve in his attention span, eye-hand coordination and sensory processing skills through Occupational Therapy and home therapy activities.
5. Pray for peace in Nigeria as there is continuous fighting in the North resulting in loss of life and many fleeing from their homes.

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