



Lives That Were Changed



Ibrahim grew up in a strict Muslim family in a village about three hours from Jos. A group came to his village to show the Jesus film and out of interest he went to go see it. The pastor explained the film and shared the gospel. Ibrahim said, "I was convicted when he said that if I did not have Jesus in my heart, I would go to Hell." He talked to the pastor and accepted Christ as his Savior that night. But now he had to face his father. The pastor went and talked with his father and Ibrahim went home. His father seemed happy to talk with him and hear about his experience, but then he left the room and on returning tied up Ibrahim's hands and feet and pulled out a knife. He went to cut his throat, but the knife would not go in. Ibrahim's uncle came running into the house and told the father not to kill him. His father listened because he respected the uncle. Ibrahim went to

stay with his uncle and then returned home to reconcile with his father, but his father would not listen. His father gave him two weeks to return back to the Islamic faith or he would kill him. Ibrahim left and lived with the pastor who had led him to Christ. Several days later his father came to the pastor's house to get him but he fled out the back and ran to another village. He stayed with a pastor in that village who then brought him to Jos. They learned about the ministry of Gidan Bege and left Ibrahim to stay there. I came to know Ibrahim when he dislocated his ankle and fractured his leg during a soccer game. He nor Gidan Bege had the money to pay for his surgery. I paid for his surgery and then provided therapy after his cast was removed. Ibrahim and I have become close friends and as he continues to grow in his faith he will be a great witness to others through his own experiences. Ibrahim is planning to go to South Africa to the YWAM (Youth With a Mission) training center to study communications.

Donsido is our first graduate from Transition House. Donsido came to Gidan Bege as a result of many difficulties in his family. Donsido's father is involved in the occult and his mother was a Christian, but she was not allowed to practice Christianity. She would sneak away to church services and one day her husband found out. They divorced and the two children were split. Donsido, age four stayed with the father and his sister, age 6 went with the mother. A short period after that the mother died. They say the father killed her. The father later remarried and Donsido knew nothing about his real mother or his sister. When Donsido was fourteen his uncle who is a Christian felt he had to tell him about his real mother. Donsido was shocked and confused. He said that he did not know what to believe. He went to stay with his uncle for some time while he sorted things out. They tried to witness to Donsido's father, but he would not listen. After a year or so, his uncle lost his job and was unable to pay rent for the house. He would have to return to the village where his relatives lived. He did not want Donsido to go to the village because he was afraid he would pick up their pagan traditions. In his process of looking for a place for Donsido he found Gidan Bege. Donsido lived at Gidan Bege for one year and during that time he accepted Christ. He then was taken to Transition House where he has lived for the past two years. Donsido has a very loving heart and has helped care for the Transition House boys. He has been a wonderful role model and many of the boys look up to him. He graduated from secondary school and now is leaving for the six month bible school with YWAM in southern Nigeria.



A Gift of Love



Ladi was a patient of mine who was diagnosed with tuberculosis of the spine. She had difficulty walking due to weakness in her legs and she was incontinent of bowel and bladder. I spent time doing strengthening exercises and activities with her while she was in the hospital. One of the things she loved the most was the baby dolls that I kept in a basket for the children to play with. I let her keep one of the dolls during her stay and she would play with it in her bed and she would back the baby doll on her back just like the mothers would carry their babies. One day I received a gift from a girl named Ashely Ray who lives in North Carolina. She had heard about my ministry with the children and using her own money she bought an African baby doll that talked for me to give to one of the children. I was touched by her act of kindness. The first child that came to mind was Ladi. I knew that she would be so excited to have a baby doll to take home when she left the hospital. I showed Ladi the doll and demonstrated how to make it talk. At first she was scared when I made

the doll talk because she thought it was a real baby.. I laughed and then proceeded to show her it was not real but that it was a battery making it talk. I asked Ladi if would like to take it home with her, she responded with a great big smile. Because of one act of kindness Ladi has a doll she can play with that is her own.

Praise

- Dr. Bill Ardill and Elias Naatz, two missionaries who were shot in the robbery in January, have returned to Nigeria well healed and able to resume their work.
- The mural on the playroom wall was completed this month. I want to give a big thanks to Donna Maxfield who volunteered her artistic talent to help paint the wall. Also, the televisions were bought and placed in all the rooms on the pediatric unit so people can hear the evangelistic programs.
- I have now returned to my house after being displaced for two months from flooding that occurred while the roof was being replaced on our building.

Prayer

- Pray for Ibrahim and Donsido as they begin school at YWAM . Pray that they will grow spiritually and use their life experiences to reach others for Christ.
- Pray for Elisha, a boy at Transition House, who ran away. We are praying he will return soon.
- I have started leading a discipleship class with the younger boys at Transition House. Pray for wisdom for me in my teaching and for the spiritual growth of each boy.
- Pray for me as I finish painting and setting up the playroom at the hospital. May it not only be a place of fun for the children, but also a place to share about Christ.

Gay Lynn

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.”

Jeremiah 29: 11-13

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