



A Time of Celebration

Auntie, Auntie, we're having a Christmas party! This is what I heard over and over from many of the boys as they were all excited about the Christmas party at Transition House. We have opened a new Transition House this year in a small village called Gyero about 30 minutes from Jos. So, this year we had two Christmas parties. We spent many hours putting together the gifts for the 100 boys. Each boy received a bag with a pair of pants, a shirt, and a jacket or sweater. Estimating the right size clothing for each of the boys was a challenge so two of the leaders were gracious enough to come and help us. It took us about half a day to package the gifts after all the clothing was bought. We worked by candlelight throughout the evening as the electricity went off. What an experience! But it was all worth it to see the smiles on the boy's faces when they opened their gift. Many went and put on their new clothes to model them for us. Some just put them over the clothes that they had on.



During the party the boys performed special numbers including singing and a drama. There was a lot of dancing also as that is their favorite thing to do. The boys were given special awards also for things such as best dancer, most studious, funniest boy, best singer, etc... The boys were so funny I could not stop laughing. But it was not just the boys who gave everyone a good laugh. The missionaries did a special number as well. We sang one Christmas song and one of the verses we sang in Hausa. Then I wrote a song called "The Twelve



Days at Transition House" that included experiences at TH, activities the boys do, and sayings we hear all the time. We sang the song and acted out the parts and everyone was laughing the whole time. We then ate a meal of rice and red stew and had cake for dessert. Then the music started and it was time to get out and dance. I love dancing with the boys and they never cease to amaze me with their different styles of dancing. I spent the rest of the time talking with the boys and looking at their new clothes. I have to say that the party was definitely a wonderful time of celebration.

Top Photo: Boys displaying their new clothes.
Bottom Photo: Missionaries performing "The Twelve Days at Transition House."

A Time for Rest and Reflection



Ghana here I come! Chuck and Tracey Eddy (missionaries in Nigeria), their two children and I took a vacation to Ghana Dec.26-Jan.4. It was a wonderful time of rest and relaxation for all of us. The resort we stayed at had access to the beach and we were in the water everyday getting pounded by the waves. The view of the palm trees, beach, and ocean was breath taking. I spent much of my time reading, journaling, swimming, and just sitting and enjoying the view. It was a great time of rest, but it was more than that; it also was a time of spiritual reflection. I was able to reflect on the progress of the past year and see areas in my life and ministry that needed changes. One area of change involves me being more passionate about the spiritual life of my patients and their families. I help to heal their bodies physically, but what is more important is that their heart is healed so that they may know Christ and spend eternity

with Him in heaven. The other area involves my relationship with the boys at Transition House. My goal is to spend more one-on-one time with the boys in my family group. I want to know them on a deeper level so that I can really be a part in leading them to Christ and /or disciplining them in their spiritual walk.

It was also a time to set new goals for the year. I have many projects I will be working on and I want to be a good steward of the money that has been given for the ministry. There are two projects for the hospital. One is purchasing equipment such as an exercise bike and kid's bike for the therapy department as well as televisions for the pediatric unit so that evangelistic programs can reach each patient in the hospital. The second project is buying supplies for the mural that will be painted on the wall in the play area. There are two projects for the Gidan Bege ministry which will be on a more long-term basis. The first is writing an exercise program for amputees for strengthening and preventing contractures while they are waiting for their prosthesis. The second is developing a scholarship program for the boys at Transition House who want to continue on to university or a trade school. The trip to Ghana is one I will never forget for the restoration of my body as well as the restoration of my heart in preparation for another year of ministry for the Lord.

Praise

- Praise God that Faruk's leg is healing well and he is walking normally.
- Praise God for safe travel to and from Ghana. It was a wonderfully relaxing time.

Prayer

- Pray for Dr. Bill Ardill and Elias Naatz, two of our missionaries who were both shot in the arm during an armed robbery at the Naatz's house. Elias is recovering here in Jos. Dr. Ardill was evacuated to the UK for treatment and is now in the U.S recovering. Pray for a good recovery and also for the emotional needs of their families.
- Boldness to witness to my patients and their families and for God's guidance in the projects set up for this year.
- Continue to pray for my language study. It is my fervent prayer that God will touch my mouth and ears that I may speak and understand Hausa.

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He has preserved our lives and kept our feet from slipping. For you, O God, tested us: you refined us like silver.
Psalms 66: 9-10

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