



## A Second Chance at Life

My name is David Ayuba and I am twenty-six years old. I was born in Kaduna State. My mother died when I was seven months old. My father remarried and had seven sons and one daughter. My grandmother took care of me until I graduated from Primary School at age fifteen at which time she died. I had always thought that my grandmother was my mother. But when my grandmother died, my father told me that my mother had died when I was young. At the age of 16 I left Kaduna and went down south to Port Harcourt. I met a man there who offered me a place to stay and a job cleaning the church offices. After nine months I returned home and was welcomed by my father as the Prodigal son in the Bible. I joined a group of youth that were Christians and one day the pastor asked me if I had accepted Christ as my Savior. After we talked, I prayed to ask Christ into my life. I was baptized at the age of seventeen. A month later I attended Boy's Brigade Camp which lasted one week. On our journey back, the bus had an accident and I was left paralyzed from the waist down. I had fractures on my arms and leg and a chest contusion. I did not understand what had happened; I just knew that my body was not functioning right. I could not urinate normally and needed a catheter. I was taken to the

Orthopedic Hospital in and stayed for three transferred to Ahmadu Teaching Hospital in Zaria treatment there for seven the hospital, an American able to get medicine that American. I worked hard how to sit up by myself, dressed, and do all my wondered if I would ever condition improved with Therapy. At the time of walk with a cane and do were so many people who and I praise God because I who healed me. I was of the hospital and I left



David and his new bicycle

Jos in Plateau State. I stayed with a West Africa (ECWA) Theological

seven months from a man in the area. The manager of the Gidan Bege Ministry was a friend of the man I stayed with and he told me about the ministry. He said there is a shoe-making shop there and that the ministry helps handicapped people. I came to Gidan Bege in 1999 and worked in the shoe-making shop. The ministry sponsored me to Secondary School in 2000 for my first year. My second year in Secondary School I was given a two-year scholarship by an organization that helps handicapped students. After the two years I was at a crossroad with nowhere to turn for further help. Then Gay Lynn, a missionary serving with City Ministries offered to sponsor me in order to make my dream of finishing school a reality. I want to be an accountant some day in order to render such help as I have received. I am so grateful to all the people who have contributed to my wellbeing.

I was amazed when I heard David's story. Most spinal-cord injury patients don't make such a great recovery. David is really blessed as the medical resources in Nigeria are limited so most spinal-cord injury patients don't live long. We thank God for his healing power and for giving David a second chance at Life. David is attending school, but it takes him two hours to walk to school due to his disability. I decided to buy him a bicycle so he can travel to school and other places at a faster pace. It is a privilege to provide therapy, equipment and encouragement to people like David, who have a physical disability and help them fulfill their goals for a brighter future.

Kaduna for treatment months. I was then Bello University and I received months. While I was in doctor visited and I was was imported from in therapy to re-learn stand, walk, get daily hygiene. I walk again. My medicine and Physical discharge I was able to all my self-care. There were praying for me know that it was him nineteen when I got out Kaduna and moved to

lecturer at Jos Evangelical Church of Seminary. I learned shoe making for

# A Guide Book for Life



“Aunty, I can say the books of the Bible.” “Aunty, are we getting our Bibles this week?” Those are the greetings I got many times as I arrived at Transition House on Thursdays for discipleship class. The boys have worked so hard to learn the books of the Old and New Testament. They were all so excited when the day came to get their Bibles. Very few of the boys have their own Bibles that they can use during class. I handed out the Bibles to the boys and it brought tears to my eyes to see their responses. Some were on their knees saying, “thank you” and others were jumping up and down saying, “thank you Aunty!” There were two boys who said, “Aunty I can’t open my bible, my hands are dirty.” It was such a blessing to see them all huddled together looking

through the Bible and excitedly talking to each other. I really want the boys to become familiar with the Bible because it is our guide to how we are to live our lives. They now know all the books of the Bible and we are doing Bible drills periodically to help them improve in locating Bible references. The majority of the boys know the stories in the Bible so we are digging deeper to make sure they have a good understanding of the basic beliefs in the Christian faith. These boys are great to work with and it is such a privilege to teach them and to help them increase in their knowledge and understanding of the Bible. I want to thank First Baptist Church of Waxahachie for donating the money to buy the Bibles.



## Praise

- We have a leader for the girl’s center and construction of the building is in progress.
- Miriam, my M friend had a successful surgery on her fractured leg and is walking with crutches now.

## Prayer

- Pray for the summer camp for the TH boys. It will be held Aug. 11-16.
- Pray for Yasir. He is a Sickle Cell patient and he has severe wounds on his left leg that cause him great pain and limit his ability to walk. Pray that his wounds will heal. Pray also that he and his family will come to know Christ.
- Pray for me as I work with a team that is coming July 22-Aug 12. There is a Physical Therapy professor and two students who are coming to look at opportunities to do PT internships in a mission setting.
- Pray that we will continue to find sponsors for all the boys in the ministry. If you would be interested in sponsoring a needy child for \$25 a month, contact me by e-mail or mail and I will give you the information you need.

Gay Lynn

“In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.” I Peter 1:6-7

I will be going on furlough in October so I would ask that no one send me any more packages from now through October because they will probably not reach me before I leave. Thanks.

### **Change of information:**

If at some time your address or e-mail address changes, the person to contact is Heidi DeDiego at (214) 448-4168 or HDeDiego@DeDiego.com

**Permanent Address:** 323 Aspen Glorieta, NM 87535

**E-mail:** [gaylynn.mccrady@sim.org](mailto:gaylynn.mccrady@sim.org)

**SIM Mission Address:** P.O. Box 7900 Charlotte NC 28241-7900; (704) 588-4300

**Nigeria Address:** SIM Jos, Nigeria, C/- SIM Nigeria Courier, Box 7900, Charlotte, NC, 28241-7900