

On Mission with God in Nigeria

Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. — Isaiah 40:30-31

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,

That all we do and what we say may bring the love of Christ to anyone and everyone we meet.

As we continue to serve in Nigeria, we thank you for your continued prayers. As much as we long to be back in our own country and comfort, we know that the Lord has the reason and purpose for our time, as limited as it may seem, to fulfill the work of bringing hope to those who may not have the chance to know Him or to those who struggle to know Him, and to those who need the encouragement to continue in knowing Him.

Martha and the Music Academy continue with learning theory and learning to play instruments. The Youth building is always a bustle of activity as the internet café has many who come and go to register for educational applications and payments to institutions around as well as many are in need of documents and papers printed and sent to the destinations required. Programs continue as students are offered chances that they would not have had before. Computer training classes and STEM programs. But still the favorite is the youth band development. Martha just came back from an opportunity to be a Judge for a music contest in the capital city of Abuja.

We had a wonderful opportunity to be a part of the first Samaritans purse, shoe box program, “Operation Christmas Child”. One container of 7,500 shoe boxes came and were distributed into the immediate community in cooperation of the various churches around. It certainly wasn’t enough but what it did was give a special gift to so many children and also the message of Christ to so many. I was able to witness so many happy faces. While not all the children could be apart of the program, it was a wonderful start to a continuing opportunity for the future. One of the request was that there would be an opportunity for some UPG (unreached people group) to received some of the shoe boxes as well as hear the story of Christ and have the opportunity for a 6 week follow-up program.



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While working with two particular unreached UPGs here in this region, that is the Hausa and Fulani people. (Joshua project) we were able to select some of the camps to participate in the program. Having been visiting and building relationships with many of the Fulani and many of the camps, it was not easy to pick one particular group to work with yet the Lord gave us one site to request that they come and hear the message as well as receive the shoe box. We had started an English schools in some camps and over 50 children from one Fulani camp came. Over 100 Hausa children also came for the program. While gathering the first group, children were sitting so well and listening to every word spoken.



When the call to accept the message all the children raised their hands. What a wonderful day. Praise the Lord.

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As we give thanks to all the people who prepared every shoe box around the world. This gift puts so many smiles on each and every face.



As we are able we look at more ways to bring hope to the people. We are not sure how long we will have this opportunity to share the Love of Christ to people who do not know. But while the day is light we will do what we can do.

Continue to pray with us as we support the local Christian teachers in bringing hope to these people.

Here is the SIM contact information to support us in our work:

<https://www.sim.ca/rick-and-martha-bradford/> missionary number – #031457

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