

“THEY ARE NEW EVERY MORNING; GREAT IS YOUR FAITHFULNESS.”

Lamentations 3:23

The rain continues at night but just as the morning brings us a new ray of hope with the sunshine breaking through to begin a new day. We are reminded that He is faithful, His love endures forever.

1 Chronicles 16:34 O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his faithful love endures forever!

Both Martha and I are very grateful for your continued prayers as we “come along side” this community to see God at work in changing lives to know Him and to be more like Him.

To change is not easy, as what we think we know is only a fuzzy reality to what we can know if we are willing to change. Many times, we are satisfied then become comfortable with what we have come to understand to be the only reality we know. There are times we think we can not do anything to change our reality that we have come to know, so we live within it and are bound by it. Then again there are times that we might know that we could change, but because of our former ways and understanding as well as our customs, we wont change, so our hope becomes hopeless.

Here we are seeing many of these kinds of realities, and unless there is someone willing to speak, live and come along side, those to see that it is possible to change, how can they change? Living the truth of the Gospel is a tough road and not for the weak, Yet God uses the weak to bring Glory to him. It is by His strength and by His mercy, and His grace that we can stand firm, that we can stand strong.

In Canada I know that the change of seasons is upon you, from your summer, to the fall season and soon heading into the winter. We are also into a season change here in Nigeria as the rainy season is about to be completed and soon the air will become dry and the grasses turn brown, It will become very hot, dry and dusty. But those of us who have seen this before, know that it doesn't stay that way, and then a new thing happens as the climate changes again, rains begin and the freshness of a new season brings so much Joy with it. I actually like season changes. Something I enjoy much about our home in Canada.

Both Martha and I are taking this opportunity to come back to Canada for a short visit. We have been waiting for when is a good time to refresh ourselves with familiar faces and family. Lock downs in airports have held us back, limited flights and situations in ministry have needed us here. We have booked our tickets to fly back to Ontario and process our volunteer isolation for 14 days. Our hope is to be in Canada for November and December.

Internet access will be much better when we get back to Canada so we will be able to connect via email or phone call.

As we are hopeful and excited to have an opportunity to be with our families and our grandchildren for a time, we also look forward to the break.

Ministries will still continue as we travel, and we are so grateful for those who carry on the work.

Please pray with us as we journey,

Our prayer list is as follows,

- Our community in Egbe and surrounding area- The music school, the computer training classes, “the Stem” program and the café.
- The Fulani schools, particularly in Omi and Okuran, that the teachers will stay strong with the right focus and passion
- The different bush camps which our team will continue to be visiting the camps.
- The fishing villages that are visited once a week, that they continue to learn to read the Bible as their school book.
- The Oyi-River Theological College, teachers and students, as well as since this is the time for voting a new Rector (principal) that the right man is elected.
- Fulani outreach project
- Egbe Hospital revitalization project
- We are facing some unprecedented times as there are country wide protest concerning the police who are to protect the people of this land, but there is corruption. Pray for the resolution and appropriate solutions.
- Our time back in Canada will be refreshing and energizing
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As we take this time, we are still in need of support for the ministries.

We are so grateful ourselves, as we say, just how is it possible that we are still here in Nigeria? It is by God! Working for the one who created everything, just how is that possible? Only God can.

Yet you are able to help us make this possible.

Thank you again for your prayers and your support in making this all possible.

We still hope to be back in Canada soon, as international flights are just starting again. We need wisdom about the right time to book and leave.

If you would like to join us in this work, please do, as you consider supporting the ministry and the work. Here is a way that you can help us below,

Don't forget to pray...

NOTE: WE DID IT AND WE ARE FLYING THIS WEEK. Canada requires us to isolate for 14 days. We will be doing this. We are praying for a smooth transition and a safe one.

Looking forward to hearing from many of you.

Rick and Martha Bradford

Together, we see God in this place and we have been blessed to join Him in this work.

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

www.sim.ca/missionaries/bradford missionary number – #031457

www.sim.ca/projects/FulaniOutreachCenter_project - #096310

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If you sense the Lord's call to help with the ministry and receive a tax receipt, please designate the funds to our "**ministry**" account. If you want to help with our daily living expenses, and receive a tax receipt, please designate the funds to our "**support**" account.

Prayerfully yours,

Rick and Martha Bradford, SIM missionaries in Nigeria