



October 6, 2021

Pastors, family, and friends,

We are so excited to now be in our rental apartment. We received the keys to the apartment last month and are so excited to have a home again after being on the road for a year and a half. We are definitely looking forward to hosting families and friends from the church plant we are serving at in Abuja. We have been adjusting well to the culture here and love serving in the city.

During the month of September, Anneliese and I had the opportunity to travel to two different states in Nigeria: Enugu State and Cross River State. We traveled to Enugu to see a children's home run by other missionaries we met in the states during deputation. Their children's home currently houses 98 children and they each have a unique story about how they came to the home. Almost every night we stayed up and listened to a child's story and where they came from. Each child is a picture of God's grace and hand on their life. We loved the home so much that it was very difficult for us to leave.

A couple days after we traveled to Enugu, we traveled to Calabar, Cross River State for a Youth Conference. Anneliese and I were scheduled to speak at this Conference. My wife had the opportunity to teach the teen girls and I preached every night of the conference and taught a couple seminars to the teen guys and young adults. While we were in Calabar, we also saw the Mary Slessor statue. Mary Slessor is an inspiration and it was a great experience to be able to visit the monument. The next Youth Conference will take place here in the capital city next week. Please pray that teenagers and young adults would make decisions for Jesus and their hearts would be open.

Since we have been in Nigeria, we have been able to have 3 visitors come to church. Our last visitor, Lucky, came this past Sunday and received Christ as His Savior. Praise God! He also wants Grace and Glory Baptist Church to be his church home. He wants to bring his family with him and has already invited his friends to church. Praise the Lord! It was so exciting to hear how thrilled he was about coming to church again.

This weekend I will be preaching an anniversary service for a church in a town called Ogoja. I and three nationals will be driving the 7 hours together. On Sunday morning, I will have the opportunity to preach at a Cameroon refugee camp as well. Please pray for safety, traveling mercies, and God's hand on us as we travel and minister to the church family and refugees.

We wanted to include a short 3 minute update video that some churches have asked us to make recently for their Missions month or Missions Conference. You can view it by clicking the link below:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/racyqurk0ihss23/Patricks%20Missionary%20Recap.mp4?dl=0>

Thank you all again for your love and support for us as we adjust and minister here. We appreciate the prayers and we have seen many prayers answered since we have been here. If there is anything we can pray with you on, please let us know.

Your ambassadors to Nigeria,

Garan and Anneliese Patrick

