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Pastors, family, and friends,

Happy New Year! We are thankful for another year that God has given us to serve Him. We are praying that this year will bring us more opportunities here in Nigeria.

The month of December was encouraging. Another missionary family arrived in December, which makes three new missionary families (including us) that now serve in Nigeria. An additional missionary family will be arriving this summer as well. It is amazing to see that more missionaries are coming to serve in our country.

We mentioned in our last letter that we have established a relationship with a Muslim man, Muhammad, who came to church and heard the Gospel. We got to visit him at his home where he asked me why Christians call Jesus the Son of God. On New Years Day he came to our church barbecue. He spoke to me about how he has more questions about Christianity. Please continue to pray for him. His heart is open and he is curious about how Christianity is different from Islam. Below we have attached a picture of him so you can attach a name to a face when you pray for him. If you look closely, you can see a dark mark on the top of his forehead. Most of the Muslims here have that callous on their foreheads from when they bow their heads to the ground during their five daily prayers.



We also got to host the seminary students at our house before they went on their Christmas break. It was a great time of fellowship and an opportunity for us to get to know them better. They are a great group of young men who have a heart and desire to serve the Lord and start churches in Nigeria. We also hosted the church family of Grace and Glory Baptist Church at our house for Boxing Day, which we've found is a holiday that they actually celebrate here.

Every other Friday I preach in chapel at the seminary. Before I preach the students usually sing a hymn or two. The last time I preached there this month, I asked them to sing an extra song because I love the passion with which they sing. You would have thought they won a million dollars. They jumped in excitement as one of them marched up to the pulpit and shouted "455!", their favorite hymn. What happened next was a moment I will not soon forget. We have attached the video in a dropbox link if you would like to listen or share with your church family.

https://www.dropbox.com/s/kxmrxr42z8xubvxs/IMG_0374.mov?dl=0

Thank you all for your support and prayers. We are excited for a new year of ministry and the new opportunities we will be taking on this year. Stay tuned!

Your ambassadors to Nigeria,

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