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Pastors, family, and friends,

Thank you for your prayers as we continue to serve here in Nigeria. We experienced a lot of new things this month.

My wife has been praying for a couple months now about starting a children's mid-week program at the church we serve at. While we have been here, there hasn't been a class for them during our Tuesday night prayer meeting and Bible study. My wife felt burdened to start a "Kids Club" for them because children need to get something out of His word also. The Kids Club started a couple weeks ago and the program consists of a Bible lesson, verse memory, and games afterwards. We have been receiving positive feedback from the kids and their parents as well. Our goal is to use this Kids ministry to reach other children in the community and their parents. My wife has also started doing a lot of photography for both churches here. She had the opportunity to photograph the seminary graduation, alumni banquet, and Missions Sunday. It has been a blessing to the Pastors and church members.

We just returned last week from a trip to Lagos, the former capital of Nigeria and currently Africa's largest city. In Lagos we visited the waterside village of Makoko where one third of the village is on water. It is sometimes known as "The Venice of Africa." There is a great church that has been started there and a tiny school that has 300-400 children. It was one of the highlights of our trip. Don't be deceived by the looks on our faces... we really are enjoying the boat ride!

Before we left the Lagos area, we attended a regional Soulwinning rally in the area. We met a few pastors from churches in Ogun state. I preached a short challenge before we went out soulwinning. My wife got to witness to a group of children and one of them accepted Christ as Savior.

After we returned from Lagos, I preached at a church in Tungan Maje, which is a village 35 minutes away from our apartment. A good friend of mine pastors the church there and it was great to see how the church is growing. That same pastor and I started a Youtube channel where we will be preaching 10 minute devotionals to reach other Nigerians. If you are interested, the Youtube channel's name is Blessed Hope.

This month we will be starting a new Bible club closer to our apartment and I will be traveling to Kogi state to preach for a pastor. Please pray for safe travels and for fruit from the new Bible club. We appreciate your prayers and are thankful for those who read our prayer letters every month. God bless!

Your ambassadors to Nigeria,

Garan and Anneliese Patrick