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Pastors, family, and friends,

We were thrilled to host our Africa field director, Eric Bohman, this month. We thank God that he arrived here safely and without much difficulty. Getting a visa for Nigeria is a little complicated, so we are thankful it worked out smoothly. He was our first official visitor. We enjoyed a great time of fellowship and of serving with him throughout the week, and we received some great counsel regarding church-planting in Africa.

If you remember the Bible club that was started near our house, we have been having a lot of progression with the club. For the past two to three weeks, we have had over 50 children attend the Bible club. Two weeks ago, one of the teenagers in the youth group taught a Bible story centered on salvation. We gave the opportunity for the children to receive Christ and my wife was able to share the gospel with one of the girls. With tears in her eyes and asking God to forgive her of her sins, she received Jesus Christ as her personal Saviour. Please continue to pray for the Bible club that we would be able to reach more children and their parents.

I have been praying for God's leading and direction on where to start our first church here in Abuja. We feel burdened for the area of Lugbe, located about 20 minutes outside the capital city. Lugbe is also home to the Dunamis Glory Dome, which is the second largest church auditorium in the world, and seats 100,000 people. The only church larger than it is in another part of Nigeria. The Glory Dome, like almost every church in Nigeria, is what I would call a "Prosperity Gospel" church (think Benny Hinn). A church deacon--who lives in Lugbe--and I thought about starting a Bible study in his home. Our church helped us hand out flyers about the Bible Study in the area. We hosted the first Bible Study this month and saw two men attend. Both of these men asked a lot of questions and were hungry for the Word. One of these men had been praying for a Bible study to attend in his area. Please pray that this Bible Study would be fruitful and that these two men would continue to grow. It is evident that God is working here.

My wife and I are planning a couples retreat for Grace and Glory Baptist Church that will take place at the end of the year. This is our first time coordinating an event like this, so we are both excited and nervous. It will also be the first time the church has held an event like this. Please pray that it will be very profitable for the married couples in our church.

We praise the Lord for everything He is doing here in Abuja, Nigeria. God is blessing and we are honored that He would use us to reach the Nigerian people. Thank you all for your love, support, and prayers. We appreciate your prayers more than anything. God bless.

Your ambassadors to Nigeria,

Garan and Anneliese Patrick

