



October 4, 2022

Pastors, family, and friends,

We have been busy planning for upcoming events for Grace and Glory Baptist Church. We are excited for the rest of this year and what is to come. We are praying these things will be a blessing to the church and an outreach to the community.

We have been planning for the youth conference we are holding at the church coming up on October 13th-15th. This is a regional youth conference for teenagers and single young adults. We will be inviting teenagers from nearby churches as well as nearby villages.

We have also been planning Grace and Glory's first Couples Retreat. We were able to secure the venue for the retreat a couple weeks ago. It will take place this December. We are praying that many couples in the church will be able to attend and that it will be a time of equipping and renewal.

We have had the privilege of serving in the teen ministry at Grace and Glory Baptist Church. It started off a few months ago as a small group, but over the past couple of months we have doubled. We have been encouraged by the momentum and growth that God is doing through this ministry. The teenagers named their youth group the "Teen Squad." My wife thought it would be a good idea to make some Teen Squad shirts for them. She designed a logo and we were able to get it printed on a shirt. They were so excited about their new shirts and the Sunday school class that they are a part of. A couple weeks ago, we held another teen activity at our house where they learned different board games and card games. We all enjoyed the fellowship and they especially loved the pizza. By the way, Domino's actually tastes better here than it does in the states.

There are currently five missionary families here in Abuja, Nigeria. (There is also an elderly, single lady everyone respectfully calls "Nana" who has virtually become a member of the Holmes family.) We feel blessed that we have a team of missionaries working together in the same area. My wife and I are reminded of the late missionary, Jim Elliot, who served in Ecuador to evangelize the Auca Indians. Jim Elliot was with four other missionary families in Ecuador. They all had the same goal in mind and that was to reach them with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We have grown close to the other four missionary families and we hope to have the kind of bond that the five couples in Ecuador had. Pastor Mark Holmes has called us: The Naija 5. (Naija is a nickname Nigerians use for the name of their country.)



Your ambassadors to Nigeria,
Garan and Anneliese Patrick

