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Happy Easter & Happy Resurrection Day to you and your family.

When we set out in late February for our 30-day trip to Nigeria, we had 2 goals in mind. The first is to establish Ife Global Outreach as a legal entity in Nigeria and operate a bank account for donors who wish



Bose, having a conversation with teenage boys & girls after Bible Study.

to donate in the local currency (Naira) to our organization. Achieving that goal was more challenging than we anticipated. It was not because we didn't try enough, but the way things work in Nigeria – especially when you need to get government approval for anything – is far more complicated compared to what we experience in the Western world. We praise God that we received the news of government (SCUML) approval on our way back to the US during our stop-over at Frankfurt, Germany. We can now continue to work with our reps in Nigeria to conclude the bank process.

Our second goal was to see the progress of mission work in the rural communities that we support, and to deliver donated relief items that we brought from the US. For this, we thank you for your prayers and support – it was mission accomplished! We showed up unannounced at the weekly Bible Club meetings held on Saturday afternoons for primary and high school kids. We were thrilled to see how teenagers were eager to

learn the scriptures. We also noticed how some of them displayed leadership skills by stepping up to teach the younger primary school age kids and helping to organize the serving of Jollof rice & fish after the Bible Study. Ife Global Outreach has sent funds to feed these kids every Saturday after we learned that some of the kids come from homes where their parents struggle to find food to feed their families. The food program gave a boost to attendance, but it also produced desired spiritual gains in the lives of many attendees. Here are some examples.

Emmanuel is a 14-year-old son of a pastor from a neighboring town. One of his friends invited him to come to the Bible Club meetings, and he eventually decided to give it a try. After attending for about 3 consecutive weeks, his parents – who are pastors and have been trying to reach him with the Gospel – noticed a change in him. Emmanuel then gave a public testimony to his teenage group at the next Bible Study – telling how he has come to understand the message of salvation and giving his life to Christ at the Bible Club. Thank you for your gifts which help us to support the food program at the Saturday Bible Club meetings.



A teenager sharing her testimony with a group of younger kids at the Saturday Bible Club.

We also had the privilege of meeting another teenager at the Bible Club meeting. Abosede is a 15-year-old high school girl who has accepted the Lord and is eager to serve God. She lives with her stepmom who is a faithful believer and serves in different roles at the local church. On Saturday Nov 30, 2024, while Abosede was at the Bible Study, she received news that electrical malfunction caused fire at her house, and her room suffered the greatest damage. She lost much of the little possession that she had including clothing and her school text-books. Her pastor reached out to Ife Global Outreach to help this young lady, and we responded immediately with funds to help her recover from the loss. Bose and I had an opportunity to meet Abosede on our visit, and to see her joyfully leading and serving during the Saturday Bible Study, and the following day at the Sunday morning church service. There are many more stories from these kids that we cannot share everything here. It was a real blessing to see how the teenage kids received Bose (see the first picture above) and listened attentively to her as she conversed with them after their Bible Study.



15-year-old Abosede with remnants of her belongings after the fire on Nov 30, 2024.



Bose (center) met with some of the pastors' wives who volunteer for outreach programs at Iperu & Ishara.

Finally, we cannot end this report without mentioning the wives of pastors from Iperu, Ilishan, Ishara and other surrounding towns who have played key roles in our outreach programs. Prior to our visit, we were not aware that the King of Iperu had died, and there was an announcement that traditional rituals will be performed for 30 days, so people should stay at home from dusk to dawn – especially women. The 7th day Adventist University in the nearby town of Ilishan had issued a warning to all their students and faculty to stay on campus and limit their activities in town. Some of our friends in Lagos were worried for our safety because we insisted on going to the area, trusting that God's will be done about our safety. Fear of the ongoing traditional rituals and the curfew prevented some pastors' wives who could have come to meet with Bose during our visit to Iperu. A handful still showed up

and had a good discussion with Bose. She (Bose) thanked them for their sacrifice in helping with outreach programs that we sponsored in their communities. She also encouraged them to share their personal experience and ways that we can help them with their own personal needs so they can be freed to focus on serving the Lord. Ife Global Outreach setup a pastoral fund from your gifts to help these women of God and their families. Before we left Nigeria, one of the pastors' wives requested for small assistance to help her poultry business which was the main source of income for her family. Her husband (like so many other pastors in the area) was barely making any income from his pastoral duties, and they do not belong to a major church denomination that could support them.

Our prayer request: Please pray for Nigeria as the Holy Spirit directs you. We can't put out everything that we saw or experienced during this trip, but we trust the Lord will guide you to know how to pray.

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