

NEWS FROM NIGERIA

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Greeting friends. Hard to believe I will be back in the states in a little over a month. I know there is still work to do before I leave though, so I will work to stay focused and hope to accomplish all God would have me to before I leave. Here is a little of what has been going on.

The first picture you see is of a conference that was held in the town of Ibadan. Ibadan is the largest town in West Africa, and it was my first time to visit this town. This conference was held to do some training on church planting, small groups, and Muslim evangelism. I actually did the part on Muslim evangelism. There is a series of lessons that were put together called “Bridges, Christians connecting with Muslims,” that I used, and they are an excellent tool to use on how to bridge the gospel. I will actually teach the course again this next month to over a hundred people, so I hope and pray God will continue to use it for this important need.



There were two teams that have come and gone. There were outreaches done in the bush, medical clinics held, Vacation Bible Schools done, eye clinics done with free glasses handed out, and lots of time spent with the boys at the orphanage playing with them and loving on them. These two teams accomplished a lot in the short time they were here. There were also people that gave their lives to Jesus, and we are working on follow-up with them. God used these teams in a mighty way for His glory. Thank you Jesus.

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The second picture you see is of a boy and his mother that some of the funds you gave helped. His name is Temitope Adebayo. The boy was born with Congenital Eye Disease, which from my basic understanding of his case means he was born with cataracts and has been almost completely blind since birth. Someone came to me and told me the boy's story, so I started praying. God kept bringing the boy to my mind, and I just knew it was something He wanted me to help with. Along with donations that were given by others the funds were raised and the boy was able to have surgery on both eyes. Now he can see, and after hanging out with him for just a little while, you could see the new found joy in this little boy's life. Thank you for giving to help with important things like this. I know this boy's life will never be the same, and God used you to be a part of it.



I wanted to ask too, if anyone knows a good dentist I could see when I get back to the states. I had a cap put on some years back, and a little while back the tooth just snapped off. Thank God it has not caused any pain, but I know I need to get it taken care of. Please let me know if you know anyone. Thanks.

That's all for now. Thanks again for your prayers and support. Looking forward to seeing a lot of you soon. May God continue to bless and use you for His glory!

Your Brother In Christ,

Raye

Please pray;

1. That all who attended the conference will use what they learn to serve God more.
2. That the conference that will be held next month will accomplish all God would have it to.
3. That all that the teams accomplished will continue to grow and we will see all the ways we need to follow-up.
4. That all those who came on the teams will learn and grow from their experience here and continue to serve God.
5. That the boy who has a new found vision will grow up in the Lord and God will use him for His glory.
6. That I will finish strong here before my return to the states and accomplish all God would have me to.
7. That everything will fall into place for my return to the states; that I will accomplish all I need to there, and I will get back to the work God has called me to do in Nigeria.