

# NEWS FROM NIGERIA

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Greetings once again from Nigeria. It has been a busy month and now I am looking forward to getting a little rest. Still lots to do but at least I don't have to travel too much over the next week, so it will give me time to get caught up, and send you this update.



We had a team come and go recently. One of the things I did when coming to work with HELP was challenge the regular team leaders who come here to identify a specific area to be involved in for outreach. By doing this we can get very focused and do follow-up on a more regular basis. The team leader for this last team identified a group of Fulani around a town called Ejiba, so the picture you see is in one of the Fulani camps. We went and spent the night there, showed films, and hung out with them for a while. Something that got everybody a little excited is when some of the Fulani watching the film noticed the chickens close by were acting up, and it was discovered that a cobra was about twenty feet from the screen we were showing the film on. Of course the Fulani had no problem dealing with it, but the experience made me think a lot more about what these people go through that live in the bush. I know I have seen it a lot since I have lived in Nigeria, but I guess I got a little too used to living here and forgot some of the dangers they face each day. Even though our lives may be so different, there is one thing that is the same. We all need Jesus and I am just so thankful that this group seems so interested in learning more. I know it will take time, but with God's help hopefully this village will meet the Savior.

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The next picture you see is of the newest person God has blessed me to be able to work with here in Nigeria. His name is Joshua Thomas and he is a Fulani Christian. His father was a Christian, but when he was twelve years old his father died and he was sent to live with his uncle who was a Muslim. When he was twenty-five years old someone told him about Jesus and he accepted Christ as his Savior. He had to leave the area he was in because of persecution. His brother has put poison in his food before and tried to kill him using charms, but God protected him and let no harm come to him. To this day he still cannot go around his brothers. In 2003 he started attending Bible school and five years later graduated with a diploma in theology of missions. He married last year and is expecting his first child later this month. I thank God for blessing me with such a wonderful servant of the Lord to partner with in the work. God is good!!!



That's all for now. If you have any questions or would just like to say hello please send me an email. Thanks again for all your prayers and support. I would not be here without you. To God be the glory!!!

And a side note, to all that have tried to contact me on facebook, I apologize for not getting back to you. I am not good at keeping up with it, so I went to my account and deactivated it. Email is the best way to contact me. Thanks again for everything and may God bless you in all you do.

In Christ,

Raye Elerson

**Please pray;**

1. That the Fulani camp we visited will see their need for the Savior.
2. That the other camps in the area will be open to our visits and meet Jesus too.
3. That the Fulani leader over that area will continue to be open to us. We are planning to visit his camp very soon.
4. That Joshua will continue to grow in the Lord and serve Him faithfully.
5. That his wife will have a safe delivery of their first child, and the child will grow up knowing Jesus.
6. That God will continue to guide us in where we go to reach people for Jesus.
7. That God will continue to work on me, help me with my struggles, and use me for His glory.