

RAYE ELERSON'S NEWS FROM NIGERIA

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Wow, here it is that time again and I have almost let the month slip away without writing an update. Sorry for the delay, but know that God has been at work and we have been very busy. And this month is even my birthday. On May 27, 1968 do you think my mom or dad would have ever thought I would end up living in Africa doing the work of the Lord? God is good and here is a little of what has been going on.



We got to go visit two orphanages in a town that is less than an hour away. It was really awesome to be able to spend time with other children that have had horrific things happened in their lives and still find hope each day to make it and be what they can be. We got to play games with them, play some music and dance with them, and then show them some movies that made them think about the way they should try to live their lives. The little girl you see standing next to me was such a huge blessing to me. She could dance better than I can and had such a wonderful spirit about her. She showed me that we should not get so caught up in what has happened in the past, but live now. I know as an adult I hold on to too much, but spending time with her helped me to understand why Jesus said we must become like little children. Thank God for teaching us such lessons as we grow in Christ.

Please pray;

1. That the orphans we got to visit will continue to grow in Christ and not give in to the pressure around them.
2. That their need for clean water will be met and they will not have to spend so much time boiling water before they can use it.

3. That little kids will continue to teach us and we will stop being so foolish as adults. God, please give us a forgiving spirit.

4. Please continue to pray for God to lead us. We have been led towards the Tiv and Kambari people lately and we will continue to go there as God leads. There is already something awesome about to happen towards the Tiv. The Tiv is a huge door and needs lots of prayer.

5. That Pastor James and Joshua and I will continue to learn each other and we will work together to glorify God.

6. That what HELP is doing among the Fulani will opened up again soon and God will drawn more to Him. Email me for more on that.

7. That God will help me with my struggles and that I will continue to live for Him and glorify Him. I am not that strong and I need lots of prayers and strength from God.

The next picture you see is of an outreach that was able to be done with some of the boys from the HELP orphanage. This was done to the Tiv people group. If you want to know more google them or email me. Since I now live half a kilometer from the orphanage I get to spend lots of time with the boys from there. I eat meals with them every day if I have not traveled, and I get to experience and be a part of their lives a lot. When I go jogging some of them go with me. Even though I never thought I would be something like this, I am now a role model for these boys, and they look to me for guidance as they grow up. It is a big responsibility, and it scares me to think that young boys would look to me for advice and as a role model. I am not a parent. I have no clue as to what I am doing, but I am praying to God for strength and guidance as to what God would have me to be for these boys. May God guide me in this.



That's all for now. I miss you all, and look forward to my next time in the states and hope to get to see you all. You are all a blessing to me and I could not be here without you. Thanks again for your prayers and support. Please continue to pray God's will be done. If you would like to hear more, or have a question, or would just like to say hello, please send me an email. I will admit that sometimes when I get an email from one of you it keeps me going. When I have had a bad day, or been rejected, or whatever went wrong, an email can make it all worth it and cheer me up as I continue on. May God continue to bless you and lead you as you run for Him. He is worthy!

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