

# NEWS FROM NIGERIA

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Well, my last newsletter from Nigeria this year. Even though I am writing it now I will wait until I get back to the states to have it sent out so I can include my stateside phone number for anyone who wants to get in touch with me. I will get a phone quick after I get back.

This stay in Nigeria has been a little over fifteen months since I was in the states. It has been an incredible time and it has flown by. I look forward to sharing with as many as possible after I get back, but I will share a little of what has been going on recently below.

Another team has come and gone. This team had an awesome plan coming in so it was very busy. There was a weeklong conference that went on and most of the team members taught at it. There was everything taught from building bridges with Muslims, principles of teaching, using your job as your mission, using sports as your ministry, and many others. With everything that was going on with the team I didn't get to attend the whole program, but I got in on parts of it. There were close to one hundred people in attendance, and it was a huge blessing to all who came. It was awesome to see a group come from almost halfway around the world and share with people here how to reach others for Jesus in different ways. May all who attended use what they learned to share the love of Jesus with others.



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Something else this team did that is the start of something new for this ministry is Sports Ministry. We have played around before in sports, but never has there been a focus on using sports to reach people for Jesus. I was involved in some things when working with another ministry in another part of Nigeria, but as the HELP ministry continues to grow we look for new ways to reach the lost. A seed was planted when a team came here back in March, and we visited a bush church, showed films, and played soccer with the people. At the end, one of the team members asked if he could give the ball to the kids. When he did, the reaction he received was something he could not get out of his mind. Even after he returned to America he kept thinking about it. We started to have conversations on the phone and through emails, and he decided he wanted to raise up a group to bring to do Sports Ministry. So he returned again on this team and they held three sports camps. From this, more plans are being made, and when I am back in the states we will meet and continue to work on a game plan. There has already been identified a good Christian Nigerian young man that I got to know in Jos, and he has agreed to start working with us when I return to Nigeria next year. This is going to be awesome!



That's all for now. I will be back in the States soon. If you would like to talk or get together feel free to call (214-907-7336) or send me an email me at [raye@helpwestafrica.org](mailto:raye@helpwestafrica.org). I look forward to sharing with as many as I can about what God has been doing, and it has been because of your help, prayers and support. May God continue to bless you in all you do.

Your Brother In Christ,

Raye

### **Please pray:**

1. That all who attended the conference will take what they learned, apply it, and be able to reach more with the love of Jesus.
2. That all who were impacted by the sports camps will see Jesus more clearly.
3. That the team that came will continue to see what God would have them see from their trip here, and see how God would like to use them in the future.
4. That the sports ministry of the Evangelism Department that is being started will be planned well and we will do it with God leading for His glory.
5. That everything will go well in the Evangelism Department while I am away and that they will continue to do God's will and lead people to the Savior.
6. That my time back in the States will go well, that I will accomplish all God would have me to, and that the support needed to get me back to Nigeria will come in.
7. That I will continue to allow God to lead me, see His plan for me and how I will work and partner with the HELP Ministry, and continue to grow in my relationship with the Lord.