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Dear Friends and Supporting Churches,

PRAYER LETTER FOR JUNE 2017

"Faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it." – 1 Thessalonians 5:24

I greet you all in the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! To Him be all glory, honor and praise! We are thanking God for His grace and sustainability on our lives and ministries.

I will like to start by sharing with you all the updates on the container of goods sent to us from the States. I am sorry to inform you all that we were unable to get the container cleared. We had in this container, among many other things, school desks for our village Christian school. But, as it turns out, furnitures are contraband in Nigeria and we had to get Import Duty Exemption Certificate to get the whole container cleared from the customs. We did all that we could to get this document but all our efforts failed as the Muslim beaurucrat in charge refused to give us the necessary papers to clear the container. This has brought a great disappointment to us and has truly got me depressed! I want to take a moment to say thank you to everyone who worked and gave for this container to be sent to us. I am sorry that we could not get it but we are assured by the Word of God that "...all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose." (Romans 8:28). Though we still don't know why the Lord allowed this to happen but we are trusting Him for He knows the best. However, I have somewhat let it go, howbeit painfully. Please continue to pray for us that the Lord will continue to encourage us and help us to keep on serving Him faithfully.

As we move on, I am glad to share with you how the Lord has blessed His works in our hands.

FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH

We were able to get a lot done on our church building expansion project. Our church auditorium is now longer and higher and can now seat 400 people comfortably. We will be doing more works on the building in July when we will put in the windows and doors, do the ceiling and part of the electrical works. Please continue to pray for this ongoing project.

Meanwhile, the Lord is helping us to reach lost souls of our communities and we recorded hundreds of souls saved during these past several months as we went out on soul winning every week and also through our Drive-in outreaches. Many of these souls are being disciplined and added to our church family. Praise the Lord!



Our Church building ready to be roofed.



Our Church building as it was being roofed.



We held one of our mid-week prayer meeting outside while our Church building was under constrution.



Our Church building after it was roofed.

Our 2017 Homecoming service held in our longer and higher church auditorium.



SAFE HARBOR BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

We thank God for His care upon our children. They are all growing well and healthy. They are also doing well in their education. Three of them – James Nenge, Enoch Olatunji and Rebecca Samson together with our daughter Janice Ojo – just finished their Junior High school final exams and should be promoted to Senior High school this coming September. It is exciting to see these children growing well! Furthermore, two of them – Paul Nenge and John Nenge – will also be promoted from Primary school into Junior High school this coming September as well. Please continue to pray for our orphans and all our house parents families!

We started a new approach, about 4 years ago, of reaching more orphans, especially those who lost their fathers, and we named this, "Widows and Fatherless Relief Initiative". Through this, we allow the children to stay with their widowed mothers as we supply them food, assist in their educations, health care and empowerment of these widows in small businesses. Since then, this program has grown and we are now taking care of 6 widows and their 22 children! This means that all together, our orphanage is now taking care of 34 orphans and 6 widows. Words cannot fully described the notable joy and relief on the faces of these widows and their children. And these are being possible through your financial support and faithful prayers. To this, we say thank you! Meanwhile, please continue to pray that God will increase our support to be able to keep this program up.

Safe Harbor Permanent Site Construction Projects – As you well know, our orphanage is housed on rented properties of which we have been paying huge rents every two years. God has burdened our hearts to seek ways and means of building our own properties and hence when we came to the U.S. in 2015, we campaigned on this and God helped us to raise \$26,000! Since our arrival back on the field in September of 2015, we started looking for a good location very close to our town as our previous land is way off in the village and we intend on using that for farming for the orphanage. So sometimes last year, God gave us 3 acres of land which is very well located and just half mile from our children's high school. We have been doing preparations since then getting all necessary approvals like survey plan, layout plan, buildings plans etc. We started clearing the land in April and to the glory of God we were able to start the constructions of our first building this month. We held the foundation laying ceremony on June 20th, 2017. Praise the Lord! Each proposed building is estimated to cost about \$60,000 and we are trusting the Lord to help us to build at least five buildings. So continue to pray with us that God will provide for this project!



Bole Hole being dug for water at our Orphanage Permanent Site.



Foundation works continues on the first building of our Orphanage site project.

Concrete blocks being produced for the building project of our Orphanage permanent site.



Foundation concrete being poured for the first building of our Orphanage permanent site project.



FAMILY PLANS

As missionaries, we have not had the opportunity to raise our full supports as we have only done about 17 months of deputation. Meanwhile, our ministries continue to grow every year and hence our constant need to raise more support. We agreed with our missions' director and my mentor, Rev. Jimmy Ammons that we should be using 2 years on the field and then about 6 months for deputation. This is also necessary because our visas circle are only for 2 years and we can only be allowed to visit the States for maximum of 6 months. Since we arrived back in Nigeria at the end of August, 2015, we are due to come again to the States by September of this year. Therefore, we will be coming to the States on September 15th, 2017 and we will return on March 7th, 2018 (a period of 5 months and 3 weeks). Our focus is to raise more monthly support for our ministries – the orphanage and the widows program, the village school, the church works and also some personal support. We hope and pray to be able to visit some of our supporting churches so as to give reports of the works and also enjoy good fellowship with them. Furthermore, we are praying to be able to get new meetings where we will be able to share our ministries with them. So, we are asking our churches to let us know when we can come during the period stated above. This will help us to plan our calendar very well. We are also asking all our friends and supporting churches to help us by recommending us to new churches for meetings.

As you continue to pray for us, please find below our prayer requests in summary...

- *Pray for the provisions for our ongoing orphanage permanent site project!*
- *Pray for our Church and for the completion of our building extension project!*
- *Pray for our family needs as we travel to the States for deputation/furlough!*
- *Pray for our orphans and widows!*

As we conclude, we are thanking you all once again for your partnership with us in reaching Nigeria with the gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and thank you also for your faithful prayers and financial support. May God count this to your account at the presence of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

- ❖ **KINDLY SEND YOUR SUPPORT FOR OUR FAMILY, THE OPRHANAGE, THE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL AND/OR ANY OF THE NEEDS SHARED ABOVE BY WRITING A CHECK TO SAFE HARBOR BAPTIST MINISTRIES INC. DESIGNATED APPROPRIATELY AND MAIL IT TO SAFE HARBOR BAPTIST MINISTRIES INC., P.O. BOX 1610, RINGGOLD, GA 30736.**

Yours in Christ Service,

Bro. Timothy Ojo,

For The Ojo's Family (Timothy, 'Ronke, Janice, Isaiah and Nicole).