

BRADFORD EXCHANGE

ON MISSION WITH GOD IN NIGERIA

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I cant help but repeat a quote from the National director of EMS of ECWA in the conditons of many of the new national missionaries serving in Nigeria remote areas.

“Insurgent are all around.

Kidnappings are more rampant and almost a daily occurrence

Living remotely is even more dangerous as there is no security. “

Quote from EMS National Director, Mac Phillips

Martha and I have been back in Canada for a short time this summer as we catch our breath and consider the next steps the Lord is taking us through as we follow his leading. We are so grateful for the time spent with family in various life aspects in Canada. Martha was able to speak at a couple of engagements while I also had the opportunity in a number of situations and events.

I was able to be a “camp” counselor for the junior and junior-high camp age at OCA (Ontario Christian Assembly) which was a place that I myself was a camper for so many years, as well as counselor and Assistant dean, camp manager and board member. (alin telling the story of what God is doing in Nigeria, (well at least our area we have been placed) most 50 years ago.) It was good to have my grandchildren there as campers.

I also was able to spend a week at Elim Lodge as a missionary speaker and also for some rest time.

Such a blessing. Martha and I spent some time in the country before we came back to the city life.

Spending time with my son Aaron while he also went to the country home for the month of August and able to even sand and stain the deck.

Speaking at various places During the time was good as we shared the story of many things that the Lord is doing in our part of Nigeria.

A “men’s corn roast and pulled pork dinner brough many to come and hear as well as their wives this time.

There were many opportunities to visit a number of our supporters and being encouraged by them. We are certainly grateful for all of this and as usual the time is too short.

HEADING BACK TO NIGERIA

I reveal Myself to those who did not ask for me

Isaiah 65:1

We are already well on our way back to Nigeria as Marth is there already while teaching and training music educators in Nigeria in the capitol city. I will be there very soon and we will journey on together to our village.

While I take a small step back to consider all that is happening and what the Lord has been doing, I still consider the difficulties for the missionaries who have come from the North to serve in this area. We have some issues to deal with and so do they as they adjust to the different region and climate. Having electricity is still a major concern for many, as this doesn't happen often. So having some sort of solar type of system works well for them. When I was about to leave Nigeria for the break, I was able to locate a solar system for a local family. The problem is the cost is beyond reach for the typical family. For the cost of \$150.00 Canadian I would be able to get a solar lighting system for a family that would light three rooms. Just to think that each missionary and each teacher could use such a system as well as some of the local pastors for study and doing prep work at night.

This is one of the things I hope to bring back with me for them. God has certainly blessed the wish so far.

As we begin to head back, I thought about this verse in Isaiah 65:1 in that it talks about God revealing himself to those who did not ask for him.

I think about this as we go to reach the Hausa and the Fulani. They are not asking for Him, but he is revealing himself to them. We certainly thank the Lord in this act.

Insurgents are causing havoc as we have left and a number of Fulani groups are finding that they need to leave as it is too dangerous for them. Interesting, Fulani attacking Fulani? Who ever thought?

As we go back, please pray for this situation.

God is good,

All the time,

We do see changes and we anticipate a big work the Lord is doing among the people.

Thank you for your support and especially for your prayers,

Not sure of our return to Canada but anticipating next April if the Lord wills.

As we continuing,

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My Canadian ride...

Pray for the message of hope that many will come to believe. Many more are yet to hear the message. We both are so thankful for so many that continue to support the work of reaching many for the Good News of Jesus. Thank you.

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In Jesus Name,

Rick and Martha Bradford

Together, we see God in this place and we have been blessed to join Him in this work.

Here is the SIM contact information to support us in our work:

<https://www.sim.ca/rick-and-martha-bradford/> missionary number – #031457

www.sim.ca/projects/FulaniOutreachCenter project - #096310

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If you sense the Lord's call to help with the ministry and receive a tax receipt, please designate the funds to our "**ministry**" account. If you want to help with our daily living expenses, and receive a tax receipt, please designate the funds to our "**support**" account. Please note: "Personal support" is just a personal gift and does not get a tax receipt but we are still very much grateful for your support.

Prayerfully yours,

Rick and Martha Bradford, SIM missionaries in Nigeria



If all things come together, we are hoping to build another bush style school and hire two more teachers. Pray with us as we make these steps in prayer and faith to have the funding to build this next school to bring the Fulani children to an understanding.