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Tuesday morning we made history at Evangel when we did the first laparoscopic cholecystectomy. As you remember while we were in California, equipment was donated to do laparoscopic procedures and although we have done several diagnostic cases, this was the first gall bladder removed laparoscopically. The patient was a staff member and I am so thankful the case, albeit very long, went well and the patient went home in 2 days. This is a real answer to our prayers to be able to do these procedures and use this wonderful equipment. Thank you Dr. Yu.

I am also pleased to let you know that there was tangible progress in the operating room preparing the new addition for the new autoclave. The maintenance staff worked furiously for several days knocking down walls, making holes in walls for new doors and setting up for the new wiring. It is looking good so far so we hope they continue at this pace to get the job done and the unit working soon.

On Friday I attended the SIM Area Council meeting and was pleased to see the progress of the work of SIM and ECWA in expanding the church in Nigeria. Dorothy had parent-teacher conferences before the spring break. So the Dorothy and the children have a week off. I am also taking some time off. On Tuesday we will go to a game park called Yankari which is in Bauchi state about 3 hours to the east of Jos. The park has a wonderful warm springs that flows from a rock in a crystal clear stream about 20 feet wide and about 4 feet deep. The park has elephants, deer, monkeys, crocodiles and a variety of other animals. We are going with several other families and are looking forward to the break and some rest and relaxation.

On Saturday there was an election in Jos for local government officials. The government enforced a "no movement" law forbidding travel on the roads. This made for a quiet day at home and a chance to catch up on some chores around the house. It also made for a quiet day at the hospital. It was also my birthday so we had a nice party after super and I was delighted with gifts from my children (most were edible except for the books) and wonderful home made cards. A great day and another milestone passed quietly.

Wednesday the 19th will be our 20th wedding anniversary so Dorothy and I will be going to Abuja for the weekend. We are farming out the children to various homes they have chosen and are looking forward to a few days to relax and have some fun together.

Thanks for praying for us as we travel to Bauchi and Abuja this week. Till next weekend.

In Christ,
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