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**From:** Bill Ardill [bill.ardill@sim.org]  
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I met Dorcas this week and her 9 month old son. Dorcas came to the Evangel Hospital ProLife ministry last year when she was pregnant and wanted to abort her pregnancy. She was counseled and then brought into the Miriam House so she could get help during her pregnancy. She received counseling and encouragement and after delivering her baby, she returned to her village Kagoro. Over the past few months she met a number of other girls with unwanted pregnancies who were seeking counsel and help. So Dorcas began to meet with them and gave them the same counsel she had received at the Miriam House in Jos. Eventually she was meeting with the girls weekly for a Bible study and has begun a crisis pregnancy ministry all on her own. She came to Jos this week to see Justina who had counseled her and to tell her what she was doing in Kagoro. What a wonderful story of God's grace abounding!

We had another neat answer to prayer this week. An ENT surgeon from Vancouver, Washington is coming in July with his family for one year to work at Evangel. We were talking to Michael and Lisa on SKYPE phone over the weekend and Lisa asked if she should bring her trumpet. Dorothy and I almost fell off our chairs when she went on to say she was a trumpet performance major in college. We threatened her that if she did not bring her trumpet we would not allow her in the country. We have been searching for a trumpet teacher for Heather and this is a wonderful answer to prayer.

We were also encouraged that a missionary pianist offered to give the twins piano lessons over the summer break. They are now learning to play hymns by identifying the chords and melody line. This has been a great blessing to us to encourage and motivate them to continue to improve their good piano skills and develop their ability.

This morning the Rettigs arrived from Maryland. They are good friends of Dorothy's brother, Bob, in Maryland and when we challenged them last furlough to consider coming to Nigeria to visit us, much to our surprise they took us up on the offer. It is wonderful to see them and show them our world. They brought their children and a friend and her daughter to see Nigeria. We had fun tonight opening the boxes of goodies they brought for us, complete with squeals of delight from the girls and David.

We are still struggling with very little water even though the rains have started. We are puzzled why we can pump from our well for only 5 minutes even though the rains have started and there should be enough ground water. We are looking into digging the well deeper but will need to break up the lowest cement ring to be able to dig deeper. We have already bought a new pump thinking that would help but it is basically that the water table is still too low.

On Thursday I will go with Marie to Abuja and see her off on the evening Lufthansa flight for New York. Dorothy's parents will meet her at JFK airport and then drive her to Cedarville College for a worldview conference called Summit Ministries. She will then spend a week with her grandparents in Maryland and then go to Camp of the Woods Tapawingo camp for girls for 3 weeks counselor-in-training course. Thanks for praying for a safe trip for us to Abuja and especially for safety for Marie this summer.

We have a busy week ahead so thanks for your prayers.

In Christ,  
 Bill Ardill

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