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Last week I mentioned that we had burned the elements of the new autoclave we just got because the electricity here was too high. When we ordered new ones, we found out they cost \$300 and because we needed four I asked if you would be willing to help. We were amazed at the response and I am delighted to tell you we got what was needed to purchase the elements and pay for the shipping here. Thank you so much for being willing to help and for giving so generously. We asked a team coming from Texas on the 13th to bring them so we will let you know when we get them installed and operational.

There have been a few other "ministry" needs that we wanted to let you know about if you are interested in helping.

- *Several years ago we started the artificial leg program and have been helping provide the supplies and PVC pipe to make the legs. The staff need to get more of the PVC pipe. Since the clients do not pay for their prostheses, we would like to help meet this need so this ministry to the handicapped can continue.*
- *Salle H. is a Moslem convert and now is an evangelist living in a northern city in Nigeria reaching out to the Moslems in his community. He also has a tremendous ministry training evangelists in Moslem evangelism and encouraging those working in very difficult circumstances. Because he is on a Nigerian missionary's salary, he cannot afford to send his children to a good Christian school. We have been helping provide a scholarship for his daughter and the school fees of \$500 are due this month.*
- *Timothy is one of the leaders in the missionary movement in Nigeria. He has been a great encouragement to us and we have been privileged to also help his daughter through secondary school. Her school fees are \$2500 for this year and we would like to help Deborah again.*
- *Pastor Marcus is an evangelist working in a tough Moslem area in the north. Dorothy met him through the Gidan Bege ministry a few years ago. He wanted to help a village in which he is ministering so arranged for a group to dig a borehole so the village could have a constant supply of water. He needed \$200 for the borehole.*
- *Every week there are patients who come to Evangel and are so desperately poor they cannot pay for their hospital care. Some have used all the family money at other hospitals before coming to Evangel and some just don't have the resources. This week an 8 year old boy was brought in severely burned and the family was unable to pay for his ICU burn care. They were going to take him home and finally were convinced to keep the boy at Evangel to help him through this painful and difficult recovery. We face tough decisions on who we can and should help and appreciate having some funds to help in some of these situations.*

We would love for you to help us with these needs. Gifts sent into our "Ministry account" allow us to help in situations like these. Here are the options for ways to support us financially. You can send your gift either directly to SIM-USA, Box 7900, Charlotte, NC 28241 or use their online donation program <https://apps.easydraft.com/Payment/SIM/SIMinUS.asp>. Designate your gift for "William Ardill Ministry Account" and it will get to us. Thanks so much.

This morning I did a thoracotomy on a woman with an esophagus problem and am thankful the procedure went well and Angelina is doing well. She had been vomiting for a long time and was losing weight so we hope and pray the procedure today will solve her problem. I also operated on a paralyzed man with a bad ulcer and tomorrow we will do a shunt on a child with hydrocephalus, fix scarred fingers on a little boy, set the broken bones of a man in a bad car accident and create a flap of skin from the abdomen of a man to cover a deep wound on his hand. If you are getting bored watching the economic catastrophes going on around the world, come join me for a diversion for some fun!

Dorothy will be helping her third graders draw life size whales with chalk on the basketball courts tomorrow as part of their science lesson on sea life. This is an exciting project for the kids as they see the enormity of these amazing animals. Just hope they don't get a rainstorm!

Last week the end of the Moslem holiday Ramadan was celebrated on Monday and Tuesday so although the work at the hospital continued, Dorothy and the kids had off school. Then on Wednesday Nigeria celebrated Independence Day so it was as short school week. Marie, Heather and Anna had their high school end-of-the-season volleyball tournament this last weekend. Although the Hillcrest teams did not win, they had a good

time and showed great improvement over the season. Yesterday they started basketball and this week they will do their best in the tryouts to make the varsity or junior varsity teams.

The missionary men on the Evangel compound decided last week to get together on Tuesday mornings for a prayer time and accountability group. It has been a great encouragement to me to meet with these men and commit to praying for them and learning more about their joys and struggles. Because of our common struggles, we understand the battles and it is a joy to be able to intercede on the behalf of my brothers.

Mike Blyth, the SIM Nigeria computer support manager in the SIM office sent me the coordinates for Evangel hospital and Hillcrest school on Google earth. He also sent a file that has the labels for a number of places in Jos. If you would like to receive this file to use with Goggle earth and actually see the hospital, our house and Hillcrest School from the satellite images, let me know and I can send you the file.

The rains are almost over now. Last Thursday evening we had an amazing storm in the early hours of the morning with terrific sheet lightening for hours, heavy winds, then heavy rain followed by rolling thunder. This afternoon we had a small shower again but soon the rains will stop and we will be back in our water conserving mode with short showers and recycling the shower water for the toilets.

Thanks again for your interest in our family, your prayers and support.

In Christ,
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