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Last Thursday the National Honor Society at Hillcrest arranged with the school administration to let the high school students have a half day so they could go out and help in a variety of ministries in the community. Most of the places they went were ministries to Nigerian children including Gidan Bege (City Ministries) and a ministry to AIDS widows and their children. As a member of the National Honor Society, Marie played a big part in planning and organizing the afternoon activities. She also has been the initiator and main organizer of an outreach to the Middle school kids at Hillcrest. The senior girls' discipleship group saw a need to mentor and be godly role models to the middle school girls so started a program twice a month to show them how to really have clean fun. The middle school kids love the program filled with fun games, music and worship and a short devotional. We are proud of Marie for her leadership role in these outreaches.

This last weekend was another basketball tournament at Hillcrest. Although our girls did not play until the evening, Dorothy and Heather and Anna were at the school all day helping oversee the freshmen class fund raising selling drinks and snacks at the games. This week Marie is beginning to send in applications for scholarship aid. We have found a few websites that have been helpful and others have given us some ideas. We are praying the college or university she attends will have a generous financial aid package for her.

This is the week of the senior play so again Marie is busy going over her lines and attending the almost nightly practices. I have been chosen by the family to go to all three nights of the play so I can take David the first night and then the twins the next two nights. Marie has a lead part and I am sure will not know what to do with all her time when it is over next weekend.

On Saturday the girls will also be participating in an AIDS Walk-a-thon at Hillcrest to raise funds for local AIDS ministries. Never a dull moment and never a free weekend!

I wanted to let you know that a generous friend sent in a gift to cover the cost of the surgery for the two children I mentioned a week or so ago. I know the parents will be elated to find out. Today I was asked to see two newborns with distended abdomens. We are still trying to determine if they will need surgery. With limited diagnostic tools we need wisdom to sort out these tough cases.

Last weekend was the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ECWA Egbe Hospital. Several families came from Canada and the U.S. for the celebrations. We are looking forward to seeing them in Jos this week. Some are the children of missionaries who worked at Egbe when I was growing up in Jos. We are also expecting a team of young people from Camp of the Woods in New York this week. We are looking forward to seeing them and engaging them in several of the ministries here in Nigeria.

Dorothy has had a fun week teaching her class about the planets. She cut out a giant 100 inch "sun" and then had the kids in her third grade class trace it in chalk on the basketball court. They then mapped out each of the planets on the courts and had to go at least a hundred feet away to get "dwarf" planet Pluto in the project. They had lots of fun and it illustrated for them the grandeur of our solar system and how small we are in comparison.

Thanks again for your emails, gifts and prayers.

In Christ,  
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