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We had a much quieter night and only a little "noise" this morning. We had an encouraging worship and prayer time at the Niger Creek compound this morning and then a potluck lunch. After lunch we got word things were much quieter and safer at Evangel so this afternoon we all returned to our homes at Evangel. Although things are not "normal", the community appeared safer and we felt it was the right time to return.

This afternoon after we got back to our house David wanted to go out and play. You know you are on the mission field when your mother replies, "That's fine, David, but if you hear gunshots, please come inside!"

I went in to see the injured patients who were admitted and found a few more that had been admitted since I left yesterday. We will be busy in the next few days getting everyone attended to. With the situation unclear, we will not be doing elective cases and will focus on the freshly injured patients.

Hillcrest School will be closed until at least Wednesday until the situation becomes clearer. The kids of course are delighted but the teachers are rethinking what to do in light of the nearness of the end of the semester and exams. Most of the children in hostels on the Hillcrest compound were taken to Abuja today for safety.

There is still a dusk to dawn curfew and we pray things continue to cool down this week. Next Monday and Tuesday were scheduled Moslem holidays so there are some uncertain days ahead.

To lighten our mood and get our minds off the current situation, for family therapy this evening we set up our artificial Christmas tree and decorations with Christmas music in the background. The weather is not quite a Christmas chill and there is little chance of snow but we will have a go at it. Just need a little apple cider to complete the evening.

Thank you so much to the many who have written encouraging words. We are grateful for your concern and prayers. We will do our best to keep you informed so you can continue to pray specifically for us and the many Nigerians who have suffered loss of family members and property in this unrest. We are grateful none of the SIM compounds were attacked and none of the SIM missionaries were harmed.

In Christ,
 Bill Ardill

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