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Last weekend was the Hillcrest High School production of the musical "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown." They have been practicing and rehearsing for months. Anna played the part of Sally and did a terrific job. Because the cast was small, only 6 parts, they had two different casts perform throughout the weekend production. It was challenging music and they did extremely well. We all enjoyed it and Anna, especially, had a great time performing and being part of the cast. We are very proud of her and it really unmasked what a beautiful voice she has. Marie was the spotlight person in the backstage crew and Heather helped with ushering several nights. After long practice days and hours of memorizing lines and music, all the cast (and their families) can now get back to a more normal routine.

Marie is the Vice President of her senior class. They are in the midst of making all the plans for their graduation and the surrounding events. There is a lot to do and she is trying hard to keep the class focused when everyone is tired and ready to finish high school. They have yet to decide on Baccalaureate and graduation speakers. She is also taking Advanced Placement exams soon for the two courses she took as AP classes. Her life is especially busy and she is beginning to realize she is leaving Nigeria and will not be coming back with us in a year. It is a bittersweet time as she rejoices at finishing this stage in her life and looks forward to college but has to say goodbye to lifelong friends and the country in which she has grown up. Thanks for praying especially for her in the coming days before her May 28 graduation.

Friday night is the Hillcrest Junior/Senior banquet. It is a very special evening for the seniors. The junior class puts on a wonderful evening for the senior class with a dinner complete with decorations based on a theme they have chosen. Marie will be going with her boyfriend Dwight and Heather and Anna will be playing in the orchestra for the evening musical entertainment. Sounds like lots of fun.

Last week I had two tough meetings and this week I will be going to Miango for a two day strategy workshop for the MRH Rest and Conference Center. It has faced a number of challenges recently and I was asked to help with some strategic planning to chart a course for the future. I am not keen on serving on these committees because it takes away valuable time from my hospital work but sometimes committees can be helpful in moving the work forward (not always!).

This Friday is also Dorothy's birthday so we will work on a time this weekend when we can celebrate with her. It is HER custom that I bake her birthday cake since she refuses (for some reason) to make her own birthday cake. So you know what I will probably be doing on Saturday (between saving lives!)

We are pleased that our new prayer card is finished and should be coming to you in our most recent prayer letter. Hopefully you will receive it in the next 10 days. We also updated our video to share with friends, family and supporters while we are in the U.S. We updated the family pictures and changed a few things to reflect changes in our ministries this term.

I am very excited that a surgery resident, Peter Yu, and his nurse girlfriend, Jean, are coming to Jos on Thursday. I met Peter in San Diego on our last furlough while I was working at the VA Hospital. Peter has been interested in coming to help and I am very excited he got his visa and is coming this week. Thanks also for your prayers for a safe journey for them and a good experience with us in Jos.

Well, that's all for this week. Thanks for your faithful prayers and emails.

In Christ,
 Bill Ardill

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