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As many have of you may have heard, there has been trouble again in the Jos area of Nigeria. Villagers were attacked in a village south of Jos a few miles in the early morning hours and hundreds of defenseless men, women and children were killed. We are sad to hear once again of the senseless violence and because of the certain retaliation and revenge, there is heightened tension in the Jos area. Thanks for your ongoing prayer for peace and safety for our missionaries and fellow Nigerian workers.

We still believe the Lord wants us to return to Nigeria the first week of August so are making plans in that direction. As you would expect there is a lot to do so we would appreciate your prayers in that regard as well. ("moving out" is about as complicated as "moving in"). My parents are looking into options for them since we believe it is better for them to be somewhere they can feel help is more readily available if there is a problem. We are planning to rent our house so will be looking for suitable renters.

I was in Tampa last week attending a conference on the use of simulation manikins in medical education. The weekend prior to the conference Dorothy and I enjoyed visiting the SIM retirement village in Sebring. It was wonderful to see a number of people I have know since growing up as a child in Nigeria and who have followed my life and career for a long time. They know things about me I don't even know! We also had a great visit with Don Campion and his wife in Ft. Lauderdale and then crossed "Alligator Alley" (Yes, there are really hundreds of alligators along that highway drying in the sun on the edge of the swamp) to visit Reid and Vina Sterret in Naples. On Sunday afternoon I took Dorothy to the airport in Ft. Meyers and she headed back to San Diego while I went on up to Tampa for the medical conference.

Another bad news item in our area of San Diego was the murder of a high school girl in our neighborhood. It has been very upsetting to all in our community, especially those involved in the high school. We are certainly being more cautious and realizing evil things can happen anywhere in the world. Heather and Anna are on the high school junior varsity girls' swim team and are having a great time. They are also in a play being performed by the church high school group.

My mother had her re-do hip surgery last week and is recovering (although she thinks she is slow) in the rehabilitation hospital. Being 90 her bones are weaker than they used to be even though her spirit is strong and ready to get up and go. We are looking forward to her coming home on Saturday.

On Saturday Dorothy and I will be flying to Dallas for the missions conference of Grace Bible Church. I will speaking twice on Sunday morning and would appreciate your prayers. I started going to Grace during my residency in 1980 and they have faithfully supported me since I went to Africa in 1986. We look forward to seeing many good friends and sharing what the Lord has been doing in building His church in Nigeria.

Thanks for your ongoing interest and prayers especially for the situation in Jos.

In Him,
Bill Ardill