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# Ardill's News

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## Buckets, Legs and Growing Kids

**T**his was a big election year in Nigeria. After much speculation about violence and unrest, we are grateful for peaceful elections which took place over several weekends this spring. The President is an outspoken Christian and we are grateful for his reelection and the freedom to continue our church and mission activities.

**D**orothy has been busy cultivating interest in local church Women's Fellowship groups for ways to help the widows and orphans. With the oncoming AIDS epidemic, we anticipate 1/2 million orphans in our state and 10 million in Nigeria

in the next 7 years. She has been challenging the women to set aside a small amount of grain each time they prepare a meal. Each woman is given a bucket for the grain collection. At the end of the month the

buckets are collected at the Women's Fellowship meeting and later the grains are distributed to the widows in the church. Dorothy has given out 1,000 buckets already and hopes to distribute 50,000 buckets in the next year. Each bucket costs \$0.50. We are asking American churches to come along side the African church and help Dorothy continue this grain collection for the widows and



**B**ill has been enjoying being busy in surgery. Although there have been a number of disappointing cases, there have been many who have been helped through the surgery program at Evangel.

**T**he prosthetics workshop is also going well. Victor and Daniel were sent for additional training and are now capable of making above-knee and below-knee artificial limbs. We look forward to this project growing and opening more doors for witness.



**B**ill continues to teach at the Nigeria Evangelical Missionary Institute.

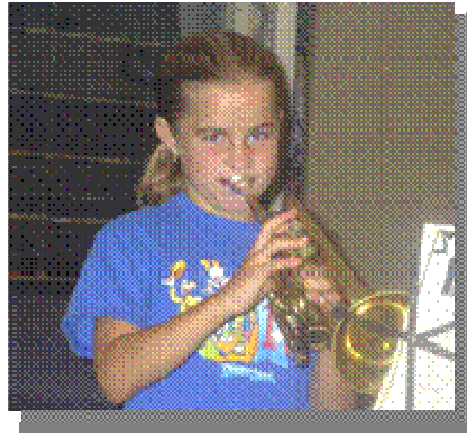
This exciting Bible school is providing training and practical experience for lay men and women committed to serve in unreached areas of Nigeria and other West African countries. We are thankful they have moved to a permanent site and are praying with them for funds to complete the building





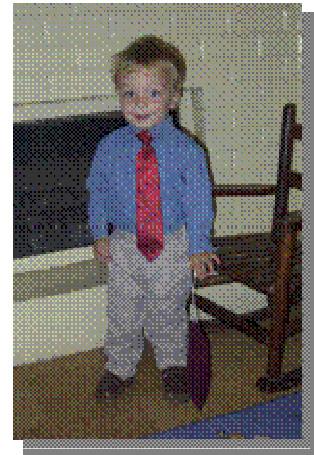
**M**arie has just completed 6th grade at Hillcrest School and had a great year. She enjoyed being active in a discipleship group and a sign language class. She is taking piano and clarinet lessons. She is a creative young lady and is helpful taking

**H**eather has just finished 3rd grade and is the bookworm in the family. She has an insatiable curiosity for science and still enjoys coming with her father on surgery rounds at the hospital. She has a knack for making her brother both laugh and cry. She is taking piano and trumpet lessons and played a great duet with her trumpet teacher at the recital this month.



**A**нна has finished 3rd grade and will miss her teacher. She enjoys having her friends over for sleepovers and playing in the treehouse. She is taking piano and flute lessons and enjoys our outings to the swimming pool on the weekends. Anna loves math and is usually at the top of her class in math quizzes.

**D**avid surprises us every day with the new words he learns. He loves playing ball with his Daddy, helping our gardener, walking around in his red boots, reading bedtime stories with his Daddy, eating his sisters' candy and dancing in circles with them to lively music.



**T**hank you for your prayers for our family this year. We are grateful for good health, safety and God's provision for our every need. Bill suffered with a kidney stone in March and was grateful a visiting surgeon was able to remove it after 6 days of pain. Bill's diabetes has been well controlled with exercise, a careful diet and medicine. We covet your prayers and support and enjoy hearing from you by mail, email and phone. We have enjoyed visits from a number of friends and extend the invitation to all who are brave and interested in a life changing experience in Africa.

Sincerely in Christ,

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