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# Ardill's News

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**W**e had a wonderful summer and are well into the fall school season. This summer we had unusually heavy rains which have continued farther into the dry season than usual. We appreciated the rain since our city water supply continues to be erratic at best. We also had some more electrical work done on the house to correct the ongoing electrical shorts.

We noticed termites were digging their way into our house a few months ago. Despite our best efforts we did not dig up the queen. We recently put a new poison around the house in stakes and are praying this will avoid having to dig up the floors of several rooms to get the queen.



Dorothy, David, Bill and our friend David Dettoni

**B**ill continues to enjoy teaching the book of Acts at the Nigerian Evangelical Missionary Institute, Biblical Ethics to the seniors at Hillcrest School and surgery to the family practice residents at Evangel Hospital. He has also been teaching three Nigerian men a study on the life of Christ and has begun a mentoring relationship with a new SIM missionary. The prosthetics clinic is up and running well. Victor and Daniel are enthusiastic and getting busier as word gets around about the free artificial legs at the Mobility Clinic at Gidan Bege. Bill has also been invited to participate in a Task Force to strategize on ways to reach the Moslem far north of Nigeria with the Gospel through indigenous mission agencies and personnel. This is an exciting challenge facing the Nigerian church and we pray God will raise new missionaries to reach many unreached in the north of this great country.

**T**he statistics on the AIDS pandemic around Africa are very depressing. The impact in Nigeria will be enormous if the church does not wake up and begin more awareness and prevention of this deadly disease. Dorothy continues to challenge church women to become educated about HIV and options for the care of widows and orphans in the church. She has also had opportunity to speak to several classes of pastors at the ECWA seminary in Jos. Many will be involved in AIDS counseling and will need to be prepared for the impact of HIV in their churches.

**D**orothy had a wonderful trip to Kenya to attend the International Conference on AIDS and Sexually Transmitted Infections in Africa. She had many opportunities to share her widows bucket project and enjoyed getting more ideas to improve the care of HIV patients and their families. The bucket project challenges each church member to set aside daily a handful of grains in a small clear plastic bucket for the widows. She has invited a number of women from our supporting churches in the United States to come and help her distribute 20,000 buckets at the Women's Fellowship conferences in January and February. Please pray for a good reception by the women to this idea and a good trip for all who have been invited from abroad.



The ECWA AIDS Counseling Unit where Dorothy works

**M**ark Lovett was an ophthalmology resident in his final year of training who was looking forward to getting involved in medical missions. He died suddenly during an investigation for an illness two years ago. His family wanted to establish an eye work in a mission hospital in his memory. On November 22 we will dedicate the new Mark Elliot Lovett Memorial Eye Clinic at Evangel Hospital. Thank you for your prayers for this exciting expansion of the eye work at Evangel. We pray with Mark's family that the patients who come will "see Jesus."



Marie at 12

**S**halom is a 6 year old girl who was hit by a car and had an open fracture of her leg. Her family took her to a traditional bone setter. The bamboo splint was too tight so her family brought Shalom to Evangel when her leg was dead. We did an amputation and had the joy of seeing her learn to walk with a walker. Soon she will be fitted with an artificial leg. Ibrahim is a 12 year old who had acid splashed on his neck by his uncle. He came to Evangel through Gidan Bege with a thick scar on his neck which was pulling down his chin and mouth. Ibrahim also was involved in demonic activity and was having hallucinations and nightmares when he was admitted to the hospital. We have done several reconstructive procedures and now Ibrahim can move his neck more freely. Through the ministry of Evangel we have been able to introduce these children to Jesus and pray they will grow in their understanding of Him while at Evangel Hospital.



Anna and Heather OR Heather and Anna?\*\*\*

**W**e are thankful for the opportunity to impact the lives of men, women and children in Nigeria through our ministries in health care, education, discipling, AIDS awareness and challenging the church. We also count it a privilege to raise our family here and value your ongoing support financially, through prayer, visits and the encouragement of email correspondence. Thank you for your interest and commitment to pray for us.

**T**he girls are continuing to do well in school. Marie is taking clarinet and piano lessons and seems to enjoy taking a walk with her daddy at 6:00 each morning. Heather is taking trumpet and piano and still likes to watch her daddy doing surgery at the hospital. Anna is taking flute and piano and is our computer and Gameboy expert. David is now putting his head under the water when we go swimming so an Olympic bid is in the works! David loves playing with his friends Hunter, Sarah, Hannah and Abby and keeps us all entertained with his cuteness. Dorothy's parents are planning to visit us this Christmas. We are all very excited and looking forward to seeing 'Nana and Pop



Sarah Fretheim and David

*Bill, Dorothy, Marie, Heather, Anna and David Ardill*