

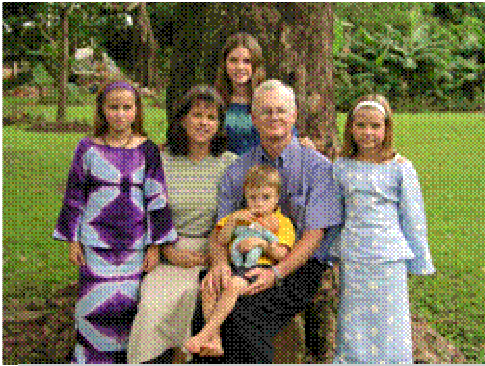
# Ardill's News

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## Summer Break

For five weeks this summer we had a wonderful trip to visit our families on the East Coast and California. We had two weeks with Dorothy's family at a Christian family camp in upstate New York and two weeks with Bill's family in Carlsbad, California. We also had a great weekend en route to California visiting friends and supporters in Salem, Oregon. It was a time of refreshment with family, an opportunity to present the various ministries in Nigeria, a fun time with the children and, of

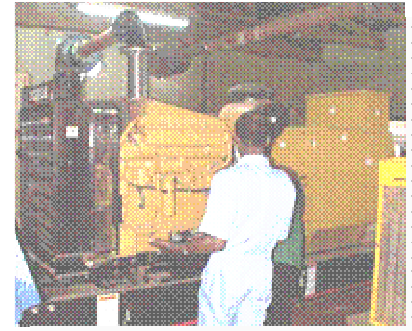


course, a time to shop for clothes and shoes for the balance of our term in Nigeria. We are grateful for safety as we traveled thousands of miles, good

health along the way, the hospitality of many and the Lord's provision for our needs.

Although abortion is illegal in Nigeria, there are as many abortions performed per adult woman in Nigeria as in the U.S. where it is legal. Unfortunately, many Christian parents and pastors encourage abortion for unwed teenage mothers because of the stigma and shame. Adoption is also not easy, so many who would like to adopt have a difficult time. There are a few places in southern Nigeria doing crisis pregnancy counseling but no one in our region has a formal counseling program. We would like to start a pregnancy resource center for girls and women in crisis or unwanted pregnancy situations. We believe there are many interested in getting help and many in the local churches interested in helping provide counseling and resources. We covet your prayers as we launch this new outreach. This is true spiritual warfare as we enter the territory of the enemy's stronghold.

Over the past five years there has been a marked growth in the size of the physical plant at Evangel Hospital. With decreasing city power availability, four years ago we bought a larger generator to meet the increasing power demands. Our smaller "backup" generator which was purchased thirty years ago is far too small.



We are asking the Lord to help us purchase a new 365 KVA Caterpillar generator to meet the current needs and have enough power for future expansion of the hospital ministries. This will cost \$65,000. We praise the Lord that \$32,500 has been promised in a matching grant. If you are interested in this project, please let us know by email and we will give you further details.

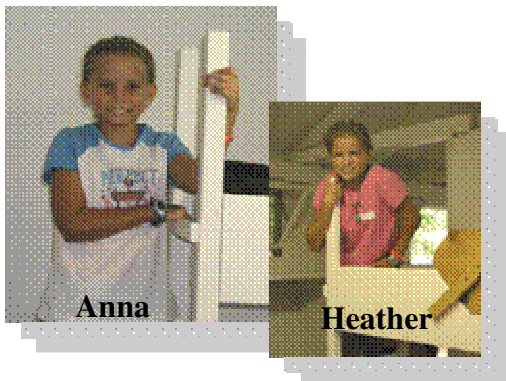
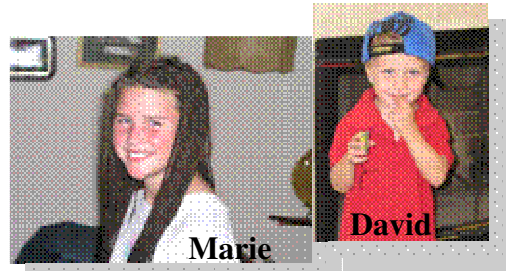


In addition to his surgical responsibilities at Evangel hospital, Bill will be teaching at NEMI and Hillcrest again in the fall. He is also helping as the Acting SIM Supervisor for the Gidan Bege ministry while Peter Fretheim is on furlough for 6 months. We are grateful Bill's health has been good as he faces these challenges.

This summer Dorothy asked a Nigerian woman to visit the churches that had received the buckets during last January's conferences. Based on the feedback she received, Dorothy is planning to visit four new Women's Fellowship conferences in January 2005 to distribute more buckets for the widow-orphan bucket grain project and to provide AIDS education and literature to the many who attend these meetings. Dorothy is again looking for women in our supporting churches in the U.S. to come in January 2005 to help her distribute the buckets at these meetings. If you are interested, please contact Dorothy as soon as possible so she can help make your visit possible. The women who came last year survived and had many great experiences in Nigeria.

Dorothy is looking forward to leading more training workshops for the Women's Fellowship home visitation caretakers in the local churches. More and more of our friends are telling us stories of their family members who are dying of AIDS and leaving many orphans. This epidemic is on the rise and we are grateful for an opportunity to help. She is also beginning a program to provide AIDS drugs for HIV orphans and parents. The drugs for AIDS for the orphans cost \$60 a month. If you are interested in sponsoring an AIDS orphan or parent, let Dorothy know and she will send you the details.

Marie is now in eighth grade and will become a teenager in September. We are enjoying watching her mature in her walk with the Lord and in her relationships. She loves playing clarinet and piano and has a wonderful creative and playful spirit.



Heather and Anna will be in fifth grade and will be one of three sets of twins in their class!. They enjoy playing their instruments and piano and keep us all entertained.

David is starting kindergarten and is a delightful little boy. He loves to color, read books, sing and play with his trucks and toys. He is at the "why" stage and sometimes drives us all crazy.

Thank you for your faithful prayers and gifts. One lady spoke to me this summer and said she was praying for us every day. What a great encouragement! Many have also been faithful in supporting us financially and it has allowed us to continue the many ministries we are involved in and look for new opportunities and needs. Thank you as well.  
In Christ,

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