

Ardill's News

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Pro-Life Evangel is born!

In November we held the inaugural Crisis Pregnancy Center meeting and 70 Nigerians came to learn about how to be involved in rescuing babies from the abortion industry in Nigeria. Since then, we have formed a Planning Committee for "Pro-Life Evangel" and are planning a counselor training workshop in February. Our goal is to open the doors in March to help women with unwanted pregnancies or those who have had an abortion. A sister center in Texas has donated a sonogram unit to our ministry since 85% of women who intend to have an abortion change their mind after seeing a sonogram image of their baby. Please pray along with us as we begin this exciting ministry to help desperate women and rescue unwanted babies in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Once again Dorothy will be attending the Women's Fellowship conferences in March and hopes to distribute 20,000 buckets to help them begin the grain collection monthly for the widows and orphans in their churches. In addition to the bucket, each woman will receive several pieces of AIDS literature and a booklet to help them discuss



Bill with Nigerian doctor at Pro-Life Inaugural meeting

sexuality from a biblical perspective with their teenage children. Each piece of literature is usually read by at least six other people so the impact of this project is enormous.

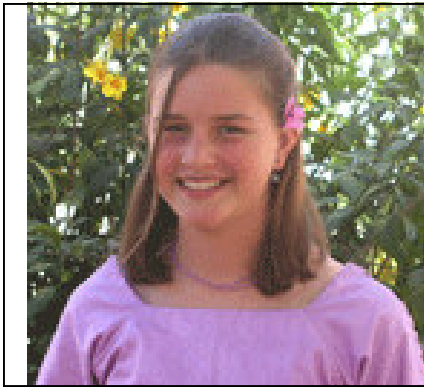
Dorothy has had a great year training women in home-based care for people living with HIV/AIDS. The response in churches has been exciting as some are making plans to train other churches and expand the impact of the love of Christ in the local community.

Bill has been very busy in surgery at Evangel Hospital with one of the family practice surgeons away for several months and the government hospitals on strike for the past 3 months. Recently a man came from Taraba State, several hundred miles away, because he had been attacked and had two arrows stuck in his chest! Bill was able to open his chest and remove one that had lodged in his heart and the other in his right chest. Another missionary who spoke his language and an evangelist shared the Gospel with him and he prayed to receive Christ. We praise the Lord for the opportunities to practice "exciting" medicine and presenting the exciting truth about the God we serve.



Bill also had the opportunity to attend a pediatric neurosurgical conference in Mbale, Uganda. He took a Nigerian doctor and nurse with him and it proved a valuable conference.

He is also teaching Apologetics this semester at Hillcrest School and the book of ACTS at the Nigerian Evangelical Missionary Institute. Bill has had the wonderful privilege to challenge many Nigerian missionaries to consider taking the Gospel "Back to Jerusalem" to the 250 million Moslems living in North Africa without the Gospel.



Marie (13) is definitely a teenager now and continues to love playing piano and clarinet. She has a love for Jesus and enjoys good friends at school. She keeps her classmates giggling and is the queen of social events as the Vice President of her class.



At 4 1/2, **David** is at the wonderful age of questions. He has a wonderful sense of humor and loves playing practical jokes on us. He loves Kindergarten and has lots of friends his age in the community. With a love for trucks, "weapons", Spiderman, balls and even computer games, he is all boy and the center of attention in our house.

Anna (11) is becoming a great flute player but isn't so keen on public performances. She did well in her part as a cat in the Christmas musical and continues to be a charmer with lots of friends at school



Heather (11) did a terrific job as the lead actress in the Christmas musical at Hillcrest. She loves soccer and is always on the move. She also loves to read. She is still playing piano and trumpet and has played the Nigerian national anthem for flag-raising several times at school. She also enjoys watching her Dad do surgery.

We had a wonderful Christmas vacation at the Yankari Game Park in Nigeria and Miango Conference Center. We drove into a herd of 100 elephants and could almost reach and touch them. We are grateful for God's mercies and blessings in 2004 and look forward to his protection and provision in 2005. Thank you for your prayers, support and encouragement. In Christ,

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

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NEWS FLASH

The following events happened after the newsletter was written.

On Monday evening January 3, 2005 at 7:30 pm, our neighbor's on the Evangel Hospital compound were attacked by armed robbers. Bill ran to help and sustained a shotgun wound in his left upper arm which caused a fracture and muscle damage. After a difficult week at Evangel Hospital, Bill and Dorothy were evacuated to a London hospital by a jet ambulance via Algeria and Germany. Bill underwent surgery to clean the wound and stabilize his fracture. Bill and Dorothy then flew to California for further medical care. Bill underwent two additional surgeries on his arm over the next week.

An SIM nurse working with the Gidan Bege ministry brought the four children to California from Nigeria so the family could be together. Erin Rigsby did a wonderful job as "surrogate Mom" and delivered her little ones to their grateful parents.

The week after Bill's arm surgery he developed a stress ulcer which required another trip to the hospital emergency room. The following week Bill felt excruciating back pain and had to be taken to the emergency room again for treatment for a kidney stone. After several days of agony, the urologist intervened and surgically removed the stone.

Needless-to-say Bill's recovery has been slow. He has begun physical therapy to restore the use of his left arm. We are also going as a family to a Christian counseling center for the next several weeks. We are so grateful for the many in Nigeria, London and California who have helped us in innumerable ways. We are also indebted to those in Nigeria who have filled in to keep the many ministries in which we are involved afloat. We have also been deluged with emails, cards and phone calls assuring us of hundreds who have been praying fervently for us. Through the dark valley we have been grateful for God's faithfulness in providing for our needs physically, emotionally and spiritually.

We covet your ongoing prayers in the coming days. We would like to return to Nigeria at the end of March. We can be best contacted via email <bill.ardill@sim.org>. Thank you for helping hold up our arms in this battle.