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New Year Challenges

We are grateful that during Christmas and New Year there were no major violent events in Jos, Nigeria. There have been continued attacks by radical religious groups in various parts of the country and a few in Jos but the casualties in Jos have been minimal. We are taking every reasonable precaution and have increased our security measures at the hospital and Hillcrest School. Thank you for your prayers as we seek God's wisdom and discernment in our decisions and activities.

The New Year brought a new crisis with the removal of a fuel subsidy by the federal government. This caused a 100% increase in the price of petrol and a subsequent increase in all commodities and services. The labor unions and public reacted with protests and demonstrations. The government backed down and has returned part of the fuel subsidy for now. This upheaval caused the delay in the opening of Hillcrest School for the second semester and delayed many travelers.



PRAYER DATES

FEB 6-17
Kenya
Conference

MAR 15-21
Ghana senior
class trip

MAY 29
Departure from
Nigeria

Hospital and Hillcrest School News

Bill continues to teach the family medicine residents and medical students at Bingham University Teaching Hospital. Because of the unrest in Jos and worsening economy, the number of patients has declined. This has created shortfalls in many supplies and delays in the upkeep of equipment. Bill enjoys working with the Korean surgeon Dr. Lee and is looking forward to the return of Dr. Gidado soon. In February Bill and Dorothy will be going to the Christian Medical and Dental Association meeting in Brackenhurst, Kenya. This is a wonderful time of refreshment and challenge both professionally, emotionally and spiritually.

Dorothy has been busy in her role as elementary school principal. We are grateful for the teachers this year who are returning but still have some staff needs for next year. If you are interested, please contact us (bill.ardill@sim.org).

Family Talk



Marie will be doing a semester abroad in Chile until May when she will return to Nigeria for Heather and Anna's graduation and to help us pack up. On her way back to California she will go to Spain for a month. In both places she will be working in ministries for girls rescued from crisis situations. You can follow her journey on her blog <http://www.marie-escapadeinchile.blogspot.com/>.

Heather is working hard taking four Advanced Placement classes. She also had a lead role in the senior play and continues playing sports, her trumpet and piano. She loves taking on new challenges including her brother's Ripstick skateboard. She is applying to colleges for premed and is looking for God's direction for the right school.



Anna is excited about going to Seattle Pacific University to study clothing design and fashion. She has been busy designing for a Nigerian fashion show, costumes for the senior play and learning to sew at the Gidan Bege widows' ministry. Heather and Anna will be going to Ghana in March with their senior class. Dorothy and Bill have been invited to go as chaperones so it will almost be a family trip.



David amazes us with his diverse interests. He has a pet chameleon, four rabbits with babies on the way, mastered a Ripstick skateboard in two days, makes a new invention every weekend, draws humorous cartoons and is the class clown.



✧ The Last Lap ✧ *Finishing well*

Because Heather and Anna will be graduating from high school this May and then we will have the three girls in college and the needs of Bill's elderly parents, we believe the Lord is leading us to leave Nigeria this year and settle in California for an extended period of time. Bill will return to work in the Veterans Hospital in San Diego and we are praying that a teaching job will open up for Dorothy. We are also planning to drive across the United States to visit our supporting churches and friends. We will let you know those details in the days to come. Thank you for your faithfulness in supporting us with your prayers and gifts over the twenty five years we have served with SIM in Liberia and Nigeria. We ask for your prayers in the coming weeks that we will finish well.

In Christ,

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

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