

August 4<sup>th</sup> 2021

Dear Prayer Partners,

Quite a lot of things have happened this month so let's share some of them with you:

1. I had my birthday and the folks in Mark's household came and we had a meal together and once again Bethany made a lovely cake. Thanks to those who sent emails or e cards. All very much appreciated. I wish I could answer them all but time is limited !!
  2. When I went to the Hospital Prof was very pleased that things were improving and gave me tablets for 4 months and then he wants to Xray the heart again.
  3. Yesterday we had the funeral of one of the IDP'S. When the family came from the Gwoza area they were in the Camp that Mark had set up and then they moved to a place 20 mins from us. We have helped them from time to time but now that Maryamu is a widow she will come under our widows project. Some one is paying the school fees for the younger children and some of the older ones are married. Pray that they will be comforted and adjust. Their neighbours have been very good to them.
  4. Karl Kumm University There are still problems so continue to pray as they should be opening it in September.
  5. For those of you who knew Bitrus Pam, who was COCIN's 1st General Secretary, his dear wife was called home last month. Bitrus Pam died a few years ago. Pray for the family please.
  6. The Bible study with the young people is going well and once a month they play games in our sitting room. When Grace came she brought a few building games which are popular as well as the Lego and Brunchum (which they have called Covid 19 as it looks like the virus pictures.!!) Pray for these young lives as there are so many temptations.
- The 2 girls with us Hannatu and Blessing are gems and work really well in the house when not at Secondary School. Asabe, our driver's wife does the mid day meal and goes to the market for us. Without this help I could not cope so God knows our needs and sends the right people at the right time.
7. The rains are good for which we praise God and we have started to eat potatoes from the farms. The IDP's are good to us and bring potatoes so we don't have to buy . The corn on the cob is doing well too.
  8. Continue to pray for Vom. There was a terrible attack over the weekend, about an hour from here. All of the houses, more than 200, were burnt and the families were running to Jos. We don't know what will happen to them but we can pray. We just carry on and see what God will do.
  9. We hope to send out updates of the children early September. They are really doing well and are so grateful for those who are sponsors.
  10. Thank you so much for the gifts, we are always so appreciative as needs increase.
  11. COVID 19 is spreading in Nigeria and the Drs are on strike. The Senior Drs will have more responsibility as well as the nurses. Thank God VCH Drs don't strike.

The country is in a mess and getting worse. Islam is increasing but we praise God that Christians are increasing too, in spite of the many killings. Much prayer goes up for Nigeria here and in UK too and we thank you that you do pray.

May God encourage you and bless you as we work together for the Lord.  
Daniel and Kathleen