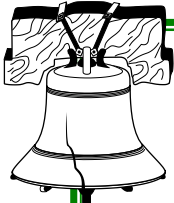


# The Rupprecht Email Update and Prayer Letter

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## Happy Memorial Day

On this Memorial Day we thank God for the many of our brothers and sisters who gave their lives so that this country, and so many around the world, can have a measure of Freedom and self respect. I guess what amazes us so very much is how much abuse and how little appreciation there is in the US (and in other places around the world) for these hard won values.

## AND Happy Birthday Kim

It amazes me how we figured this out ?? years ago that we would be with Kim (and her family) on her birthday this year. We wish her many more happy years on this her ?? birthday. *May God be with Kim and bless her today and for many more years to come.*

## We are Counting the Days—again

This time the count is for our return to Nigeria. Our doctors have been visited, supplies have been bought (except a few meds have not caught up

with us yet) and the bags are already packed (having a super-organized wife helps – says Ed). We will be leaving June 9, arriving on the 10<sup>th</sup>—assuming that a certain volcano keeps its cool. We were able to 'get around' it on our trip to the US, we are praying that it will also cooperate this time. *We pray for good final preparations for travel, for fond and caring 'good-byes' and for safe travel back to Nigeria.*

## Hey, partner

Rachael Nielsen, Moody Bible Institute-Chicago, student and LBT missionary applicant, will be traveling with us and will be spending an internship with us this summer. We hope to provide a broad range of translation, literacy and Scripture Engagement experiences. AND keep her pretty busy. It will be rainy season, so I am sure she will get the FULL range of living, traveling and work experiences. We are saving a couple 'roads we've been up' experiences, just for her . . . *We give thanks for Rachael's appointment to work with us in Nigeria. We pray for a rewarding and growing time of learning and experiencing mission for her.*



## NY Hugs and where in the world is Saipan?

Our quick spin through New York and with Paul's family went waaaay too fast. Of course we had a great time, especially with all the flowering trees in bloom. We were able to catch up on a couple birthdays, including Paul's 40<sup>th</sup> (we can't be that old to have a son THAT old, can we?).



A BIG change coming for them is that Paul has been reposted to Saipan with his US Customs position. OK, except for us WWII buffs who know what happened there and where it is, for the rest of us, it is way out toward the other end of the Pacific Ocean (time for a geography lesson). *Thanksgiving for a wonderful time of hugs and stuff with Paul, Noel, Brittany and Bekah. Prayer for Paul's family for a safe transition and a blessed time of Good Byes.*



## Family Wisconsin Style

The two weeks with Kim's family has whizzed by. Again we are able to enjoy end of school year concerts and activities AND then there are the hugs!!!! And the birthdays, Kim's (??) and Aaron's (14). With

the warm weather they have been able to open their pool early, while we are basking in the warmth (we FROZE in NY) THEN wouldn't you know it,

just as we were enjoying the warmth, these Wisconsinites turned on the AC. Oh, well. (Aaron, Kim, Holly, Paul & Nathan, in pic) *We thank God for their faithfulness and we pray for God's blessings on the Klomhaus family as they seek God's direction at this time.*



## I.D.I.O.M (In Depth Investigation of Mission)

We are so excited and blessed to partake in LBT's recruitment workshop this next week. We understand that 17 future missionaries (hopefully), will be participating. *We pray for safety in travel for those coming and we pray for God's guidance as these participants consider their future vocation hopefully as missionaries with LBT or where God takes them.*

## The Passing of a President

So what have you been hearing about Nigeria? I guess I have been surprised as to how little we are hearing while we have been home. It is true that President Yaradua has died and that the Vice President Goodluck Jonathon has stepped up and taken over as Head of State. For quite a while there was a political vacuum but we are so thankful that the situation was resolved peacefully. *We thank God that this transition has taken place peacefully. We also pray that as Nigeria goes into a new season of elections and electioneering that this be done peacefully and in good order.*

## We Still have a Phone (borrowed)

The number is 630-770-2802. We apologize to those who were trying to reach us while we were in NY. No network service was available (so Nigerian!). We will return the phone to the original owner on the 9<sup>th</sup>. So unless you want to make some new relationships. . . please contact us in Nigeria after that. *Thanksgiving for the generosity of friends who loaned us a car while we were here and also a mobile phone.*

## Continued Concerns for Ministry in Nigeria

1. Give thanks for specific progress in the language committees: Yala to support the writing and typing of the rewritten literacy materials and for the LCN (Lutheran Church of Nigeria) to financially support the translation work; Mbe to finalize their orthography (alphabet) by June; Bokyi to actually conduct new literacy classes; and Ukele to do translation even without a promise of funding assistance. Pray that God uses these small decisions to move the work of translation and literacy ahead.
2. We pray that as new surveys are planned in Ogoja for the Obudu, Obanliku and E. Bokyi areas, that God would direct the process.
3. We pray that our praying and financially supporting partners are able to provide for the resources necessary to accomplish the work here in Nigeria.

4. Pray for peace and calm during the transition to a new Head of State in Nigeria. We pray for peace and reconciliation throughout the land, in the oil producing regions and between the Muslim and Christian Communities in Northern Nigeria.
5. Pray for safety in all our travels over the coming weeks.
6. Pray for an effective internship for Rachael Nielsen, who will be working with us for the next two months.
7. Pray for total recovery for Millie, Wilma's sister who is suffering from "Transient Global Amnesia." It came on suddenly and not sure what caused it.

Blessings in Christ,

*Ed & Wilma*

Please TALK to us!!

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