

The Rupprecht Email Update and Prayer Letter

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Scripture Use Ministry to Nigeria!

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3 . . . 2 . . . 1 . . . Blast Off . . . Safe Arrival in Nigeria

God is good! But then we have known that all along! Our last days before departure were FULL, with some concerns about tickets and luggage, but in the end EVERYTHING worked according to plan. We left almost on schedule from O'Hare Airport, Chicago on the afternoon of Feb 25 and arrived on schedule at the Abuja Airport in Nigeria, on the evening of Feb 26. Our coworkers Karen Tessaro and her cohort Karen Rose met us. Yay! Quick shopping in Abuja on the 27th and on to Jos for more shopping and other prep stuff before we plan to head to our station in Ogoja. *Thanksgiving for safe travel and safe delivery of our luggage (not always a sure thing).*



Now what???

Fairly recently now, Wilma has been experiencing extreme 'dry mouth' and was always thirsty so she had it checked out. To our great surprise, the diagnosis is diabetes. What a shock that was to us. Her U.S. doctor checkups never pointed in this direction. So, she is being asked to stay in Jos for a while longer until the Dr. can get some things regulated.

A huge concern is diet. The Nigerian diet is not very conducive to a diabetic regiment. The food here is very high in carbs, low in vegetables and low in meat protein. The meat deal works out fairly OK, the carbs (sugar) and veggies become problematic. *Pray for a regularization of Wilma's blood sugar and help in figuring out the stuff that surrounds a diabetic diet.*

Our Run to the Village . . .

is being delayed a bit. The plan looks like Ed will travel without Wilma, hopefully by the end of the week, and start getting the home ready for our full habitation.

As happens when things are not often run or used, they deteriorate. So the generator needs work; the kerosene refrigerator needs getting started again; the VSat needs to be set up again (for internet); the water pump and storage tanks, filter, etc. need to be checked; AND the house cleaned (has not had a REAL cleaning in 9 months). We are adding a freezer (YES, a REAL freezer) to our 'systems'. It will be a solar powered unit. [We thank the Green Bay, WI connections and partners for this!! Yay!] *Thanksgiving that the time for returning to our home is near. Pray that travel will be safe and that getting reestablished in the village will go well.*



Digby's excited and blurred reunion!

Looking Forward to Reunions

It will be good to be back with our friends in the village and various language areas. With the 'adventure' of the cell phone, we are already getting bombarded with voice and text greetings. What a blessing these are! *Thanksgiving for beautiful friends who are anticipating a joyful reunion.*

"God is in Charge . . .

. . . His will is perfect" continues to be the theme for the pregnancy of our New York family, Paul and Noel. There is no new news, but the realities are sinking in. The pregnancy is now at 21 weeks and some huge decisions are before them. *Pray that God's perfect will be done in a less than perfect world with less than perfect understanding. We thank God for the huge outpouring of prayer concern! Please continue to pray!*

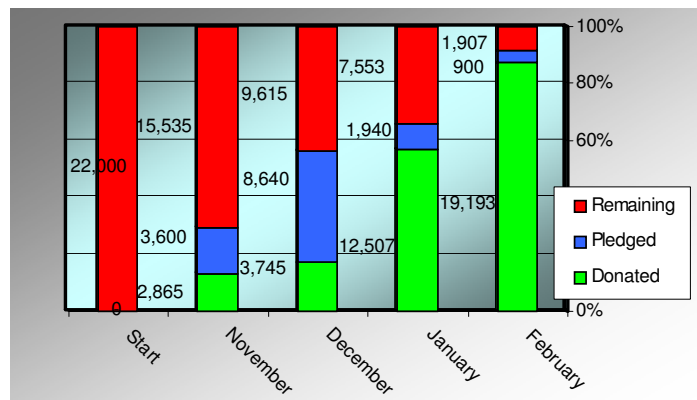
[Note: For those of you who want to read Paul & Noel's *second* letter of faith and hope, I am enclosing it as an attachment.]

Vehicle Replacement Fund--Help put us over the top!

We thank God for the progress for funding of our vehicle. We know that a number of you are committed to the funding of this project. This is the status of funding as we know it. So many of you have joined our ministry team already, a HUGE 'Thank You'. If you still would like to make a one time gift or if you are looking for a worthwhile project, your contribution would be very welcome. *Praise God for His provision and continuing answer to fulfilling this prayer.*



Rupprecht Vehicle Replacement Fund



NOTE: NOTE: NOTE:

Our quarterly prayer letter 'Rupprecht's Run' is going to the printer this next week or so. IF YOU ARE NOT ON THAT LIST, and want to be PLEASE, send your name and address to the LBT address below and get added. Send your name by Email to KBenesh@lbt.org. There will be a LOT more info in that letter.

Wilma has an Email address

This is the way our email address stuff works. ewrupprecht@lbt.org goes to both of us; wrupprecht@lbt.org goes to Wilma; erupprecht@lbt.org goes to Ed. *Thanksgiving that these techie tools are available for quick and easy communication. Pray that they will be used to the Glory of God.*

FACE/BOOK

Yes, Ed is on F/B (Wilma, maybe someday!). Most of you were sure this could never happen. You see, ice does melt... If I were a real techie I would be setting up a link. Well, maybe I will learn how to do that by next time. Watch for us to soon be blogging as well. *Thanksgiving that these techie tools are available for quick and easy communication. Pray that they will be used to the Glory of God.*

Continued Concerns for Ministry in Nigeria

1. Pray for safety in travel.
2. Pray for Wilma's adjustment to the realities of diabetes.
3. Pray for the planning process as additional languages are evaluated in the Ogoja area.
4. Pray for God's perfect will for Paul & Noel and for the twins.
5. Pray for guidance and wisdom for daughter Kim & her husband as they deal with issues that are affecting their work and their lives.
6. Pray for peace in Nigeria

Blessings,

Ed and Wilma



There are two ways to contact us by mail. One is to send it to LBT at the address below. They will forward it to us on a monthly basis. Send to the address below. The other is our Nigerian address. It takes 2 to 3 weeks and seems to be working well:

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Cross River State, NIGERIA

Cell phone in Nigeria: 011-234-802-796-9278

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Rupprecht Ministry, Rupprecht Vehicle or Bako Survey Project and sent to:

Lutheran Bible Translators
PO Box 2050
Aurora, IL 60507-2050

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2. Would like to add another e-mail address to our E-mail List.
3. Are unable to (or would prefer not to) receive attached pictures in the future.
4. Would otherwise like to communicate with us.