

Mashiah Foundation News

Mary Beth & Bayo Oyebade—Missionaries in Jos, Nigeria

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Dear Friends,



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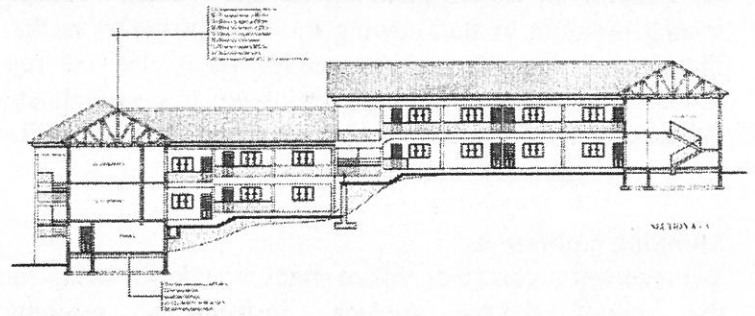
It's been awhile since you have heard from us, and you may have wondered what we're doing. Well, we've been 'keeping on keeping on'. The past year has been a time of transition from salaried work with the Lutheran church to becoming support-raising missionaries. That in itself has been a lot to process. We have poured ourselves into our work more than ever. We find great joy in doing ministry in Nigeria in spite of the challenges we face.

Ephesians 3:20 is a Bible verse that has come to mean a great deal to us as we have seen God's hand at work in our lives:

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Foundations Academy

Our school has continued to grow by leaps and bounds. I find great joy working in the field of education in Nigeria, and in particular in teacher professional development. We have been planning to build a secondary school for a number of years. The space we are currently using is far too small for us and really needs to be turned over to the Mashiah Foundation Hospital for their own work. I'm thrilled to report that we have just received a very generous donation which will cover one-quarter of the projected cost of the new building. We plan to break ground this November. This is an incredible answer to prayer. We are praying that God will provide for the remainder of this building project. If you would like more information about it, please let me know. Here is an architectural drawing of the proposed building.



Foundations Academy is ministering to hundreds of children every day. Many of these children are orphans and vulnerable children. **Mashiah Foundation has 86 children at the school who do not pay school fees. We are currently looking for sponsors for these 86 children. This would be a wonderful way to give a meaningful gift this Christmas.** Another organization sponsors about 100 orphans and vulnerable children. Then we have a number of foreign missionaries in Jos who sponsor 38 more children. The rest of the children in the school are staff children and those whose parents are able to pay for them. Recently one of the foreign missionaries said to me, "Thank you so much for making good education available to these children." It brings us great joy to invest in the lives of these children.

Mashiah Hospital

More patients are coming to the hospital with each passing month; in fact 31 babies have been delivered in the hospital so far this year. They are even starting to do minor surgeries. The secondary school currently occupies one of the three wings of the hospital. The medical staff is so anxious for us to move out so they can use all of their space. We are believing that by September 2019 we will give them their wish.

Days for Girls

Over the summer holidays one of my staff said she wished we could provide sanitary pads for our girls because she has seen so many of them with stained clothes over the years. Many of our girls don't have money to buy pads. I have a number of sewing friends in the U.S. who make washable sanitary pads for girls around the world. I contacted one, and she immediately made various contacts, and within a few weeks we had a shipment of enough Days for Girls packs for all of our girls in secondary school. We planned a special afternoon off campus for the girls where we had some good 'girl talk' before we gave the packs to the girls. The girls were so pleased. One of them hugged a leader, and said, "I really needed this. Thank you."