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PRAYER REQUESTS

- Give thanks to God for faithful partners to move this ministry forward.
- Pray for God's guidance as students develop their skills so that they can contribute meaningfully to language projects.
- Pray for wisdom and strength for Karen as she juggles many responsibilities.
- Give thanks for John David's confirmation. May he and Rina always stay close to God.
- Give thanks for a good visit with our daughter, Karla.

Dear Friends in Christ,

Easter greetings from Jos. It must be getting close to springtime in your area. Here we recently had the first rain of the year. The last one was in October! It didn't rain for very long but it was a welcome sight in the middle of our dry season. An advantage of the dry season is that it is easier to keep schedules on time, as heavy rain can disrupt traveling and make it difficult to have meetings. And a rainstorm on a metal roof can make it hard to hear things in the building. Thanks to you, our partners, we are able to be here in all seasons.

TRAINING

Most of our work involves either working directly with language projects or working on training other people to do the same. For a few months we have been concentrating heavily on the training aspect. During this semester in the Linguistics and Bible Translation Department at the Theological College of Northern Nigeria the fourth-year students are working on a project known as "practicum." This project allows them to put all that they have learned during their four years into practice as they translate part of the Bible. From understanding the text of the Bible to learning writing systems and how words and sentences function within both Scripture and their own language, the practicum provides students with a valuable opportunity for supervised practice.



The staff and students of the Linguistics and Bible Translation Department on its 20th anniversary

This semester Chuck is overseeing the students who are specializing in the Old Testament. Students are allowed to choose which book of the Bible they would like to work on. Some of the students are working on the account of how God created the world, how God rescued the children of Israel from Egypt, or how God used Ruth to bring hope to Naomi and the entire nation of Israel. Other students are studying events during the difficult time of the Judges, how God brought about the birth of Samuel, and the messages of the prophets Hosea, Micah, Jonah, and Jeremiah. Some are working on how God used Daniel and Esther to help and save his people. One student is working on the book of Job and the issue of God's people suffering. The students are working hard, and Chuck is trying to keep up with them.



With a friend on Confirmation Day

JOHN DAVID

John David and his classmates are busy getting ready for an exam called Junior WAEC (West African Examinations Council). While schools here give students grades, more weight is given to standardized examinations which students take near the end of their 9th and 12th grade years. Classes are divided a bit differently here — John David has 16 subjects this year! .

When John David isn't studying, he enjoys playing soccer. He was also recently confirmed.



ON THE HOME FRONT

Karen has been busy overseeing John David and the rest of the house. And she also enjoys tending to some beautiful flowers. Karen often "talks" with Rina on video calls. Rina is picking up more words and activities.

KARLA

Our daughter Karla was able to visit last month. She went to school here in Jos from 1st to 12th grade. This was her first time back since 1999! We were thrilled to see her and have her around for a little more than a week. On the right is a picture of the four of us.



Rina



THANKS!

We always appreciate your kindness and support. May God continue to bless you!

God's blessings,

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