

## Prayer points for the Nigeria ACU (Africa Christian University) Project

Thank you for your prayer support for the ACU Project in Imala. This month we want to start our letter asking you to join us in thanking God for our partner ministries and celebrate several key milestones.

- **Star University** held an online graduation ceremony for their distance learning African students (see first picture on left); the ceremony included several of our Providence Academy media students.
- **Schools for Africa (SFA)** has been assigned an area for their Imala compound at a beautiful place along the river (see 2<sup>nd</sup> picture: Professor Maxey, James and Phyllis Sorter). SFA immediately began construction of their school facilities, facilities focused on helping Fulani children. SFA also teaches a proven sustainable grazing approach to the Fulani herdsman; our research ranch personnel are looking forward to joining this training.
- **Beautiful Gate** (two pictures on the right) gave out 120 hand-powered wheelchairs to crippled polio survivors; this is another program God is using to show his love for the people of Imala.



Thank you for praying for James during his recent trip to Nigeria (after being away for six months due to Cov19 restrictions). During his short trip James had the privilege of witnessing what God is doing on many fronts:

- The first picture on the left below shows a meeting with the high chiefs as James briefs them on project progress. During the meeting one of the chiefs asked to join the Academy farm management program!
- We continue advancing the Family Home Program, a government program providing homes for low-income families. The picture below shows our model home which can be delivered at affordable prices; we recently started our three-bedroom model home. Please pray for favor and speed as we progress through the government approval process. This program should help in many areas: we recently were approached by some families wanting to buy homes for their parents, something we can start in the near term.
- Thanks to God answering our prayers through the generosity of supporters work has begun on our first missionary guest house. We also kicked off the research farm team; we are hoping to have our greenhouse started in the near term.
- Our farming activities continue. We have expanded our pig farm to a second location. The Fulani issue has delayed some planting, but we have planted cassava and yams (yam mounds are shown at far right).
- Although James' meeting with the state governor had to be postponed, the governor was briefed by phone on and subsequently received our request for what is called a "Certificate of Occupancy" (the government's permission to develop the first phase of the project, ~12,500 acres). The governor committed to a meeting next month. Please continue to pray for favor as this request begins the long process.



## **KEY PRAYER REQUESTS**

- Favor with the government regarding land title and the Family Home Program.
- New partnerships with Nigerian churches, specifically discussions regarding establishing the Providence Farming consortium. The consortium will grow food for the rapidly expanding student population where feeding is about 75pct of our cost.
- Ongoing planning for ACU and additional members added to the Committee of 1000.
- That peace overcomes significant unrest in Nigeria ... safety for our staff; resolution of the Fulani issues.

Note that we have developed some new tools to help those praying:

- a general prayer guide: <https://cdfafrica.org/prayer-points/>
- a listing of projects and campaigns <https://cdfafrica.org/campaigns/>
- you can also follow us on a new feed called "Christian Development Foundation" on the Echo prayer app; send us an email at [CDF@CDFAFRICA.org](mailto:CDF@CDFAFRICA.org) for more information.

We are thankful for those joining us in prayer; we recognize, pursuant Ephesians 6:12, we are in a spiritual battle, a battle that can only be won through prayer! We ask that you especially pray on the 20th of the month.

Thanks for your support,



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