January 2023

Praise and Prayer points for the Nigeria Christian University Project in Imala, Ogun State

I am currently in Nigeria for two weeks, helping to kick off the year. Earlier this month I joined my church in a time of prayer and fasting. I spent three days in isolation; it was a refreshing time. God reminded me this is His project; He has it in His hands. Nothing surprises Him; there is no storm He cannot calm; no mountain he can’t move. I was also reminded that we are to be thankful when we pray (Phil 4:6-7); as such, to help us be thankful, I have attached a summary of last year’s highlights. Shown below are our plans and prayer requests for 2023:

Key Projects and Activities planned for 2023
- Multi-purpose building at Providence Center
- Additional Missionary / Staff Housing
- Research Farm expansion: Second greenhouse and 125 acre pilot Ranch
- Academy Expansion to facilitate World Bank Program (ongoing)
- Providence University Registration
- Land possession and land title progress – Consortium Farm and Consortium Ranch started

Key Prayer Requests
- Continue recovery of Kabiyesi (King of Imala)
- Key leaders and advisors for university and medical ministry
- Resolution of land issues (encroachment, land grabbers) and start of Family Home Program.
- Peace in Nigeria, specifically during elections in February. For safety and security in Imala and for those involved in the project
- For our Leadership, Staff and Volunteers (Spirit led and protection for families)
  - Board / Committee Members (US and Nigeria), Staff / Missionaries, Volunteers
- Funding and Staffing in His time.

Pray for Nigeria
- the church continues growing rapidly (estimated to double in size by 2060). Churches need ministry training and help in addressing all the needs in Nigeria.
- there are more poor in Nigeria than any other country in the world (over 40 percent of people (83 million) live in poverty (Nigeria is the most populous nation in Africa).
- terrorism against Christians since June 2015 has resulted in four to five million Christians displaced, 11,500 Christians murdered, and 2000 churches have been destroyed.
- corruption in the country is assessed to be one of the worst in the world.

Thank you for joining us in prayer this year; we recognize we are in a spiritual battle (Eph 6:12), a battle that can only be won through prayer! Thank you for standing with us!

Thank you for your support,

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2022 Highlights – We are grateful to God!

MidAmerica Nazarene University Mission Team in Action – Mission teams welcome!

Providence Vocational Academy graduates 2nd Cohort and Launches Academy IT hub.

Our greenhouse program testing crops and beehives providing interim opportunities for Academy students.

The launching of Providence International University was celebrated in Lagos and Ibadan.

Dr Sofola visits Imala to begin planning the specialty surgical hospital.

Three new duplexes completed, providing missionary housing and offices.