## Praise and Prayer points for the Nigeria Christian University Project (Imala, Ogun State) and CDF

I so appreciate every one of you that prays for our project. The evil one does not want God to transform the nation of Nigeria, to "heal the land"; your prayers are vital. I appreciate those that have faithfully stood with us financially over the years, and particularly this last year. God is answering our prayers. Some recent highlights are shown below:

• As mentioned last month, Dr Godfred has joined us in Imala. Shown below are pictures of him helping at the Imala Government clinic (previously patients have only had access to a nurse practitioner, now they can see a doctor).



• Pictured on the far right above shows our first Providence International University Executive Board meeting.

<u>Prayer request regarding funding</u>: As discussed in my previous letter, support received this year has been significantly below expectations. Wherein we expected to see significant funding growth, based on funding commitments, many of our major funding sources have not been able to meet their commitments (funding we expected to be more than \$300k). As such, I ask you to join us in asking God to:

- 1. Bless the four families that want to meet their commitments but need some of their "fortune restored".
- 2. To bring a harvest from new contacts, seeds planted by Professor Maxey.
- 3. Enlarge our base of regular supporters: individuals, churches, and organizations.
- 4. Show each one reading this letter whether they should provide financial support, no matter how small.

## Nigeria – Helping the least-of-these.

Nigeria is a country with 40 million people living in poverty, the largest number of any country in the world. Recent inflation and currency devaluation have increased the number of people living on less than \$1/day. This is the life for

many living in Imala, the community that is giving our project land. Most have no utilities, no toilet access, and cook the little food they have on an open fire. Thanks to fertile soil (outside the dry season) they can survive off the land, but malnourishment and poor health conditions are normal; many cannot afford to send their children to school. Our least-of-these programs, including the medical care shown above, are designed to help. Shown to the right is a widow receiving food, and vocational and academic scholarship recipients attending classes.



• We are currently asking God to fund 1) an expansion of our least-of-these programs \$1000 / month), 2) equipment and supplies for our clinic (\$7500), 3) a well and public toilet for a remote village near our operations that has neither, and 4) a Christian secondary school addition (\$5,000).

## Why should you personally consider providing regular support to these Imala ministries?

Most of us don't have the resources to play a significant part in the God-sized elements of our project (e.g., the university). However, please ask God whether He wants you to share some of your loaves and fishes with the least of these? Our least-of-these programs are our priority (including support for fulltime and parttime missionaries, including Dr Godfred). Currently our budget is \$2500/month. A gift of just \$10/month allows us to help feed four families or support a primary school student. [For my American friends, are you aware that only 3% of church income in the US is used outside the walls of the church. How will God see these churches and church members as it relates to Jesus' message regarding the "least of these"? Willing to invite your church, or others, to consider supporting us?]

Thank you for joining us in prayer, for standing with us!

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