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

Last month our letter focused on letting you know how you could help us with the "least of these" in Imala. I am pleased to report we had a good response. We now have sufficient commitments that we will be drilling a well (borehole) and putting in a public toilet in the village we mentioned. In addition, we have just partnered with the Imala International church (IIC) and implemented one of our food delivery days. This program works with area pastors to identify families with the most significant needs and take them food packets. In this case, IIC members joined CDF to help with the distribution. You can see some of the smiling recipients below.



Denise and I are preparing for our next trip. I leave at the end of the month and stay for about two months. Denise will join me in two weeks. Please join us as we pray for a good trip, and specifically, that God helps us with the following:

<u>PIU Organization and Plans</u>: As mentioned in the recent letters, our University Board has now been established. As you might imagine, there are many items that we are considering. We are praying for God's leadership as we consider how to organize the board, our budget and plan, early staffing and organization, and key associations.

<u>Land Issues – Community Relations</u>: We have recently had some issues regarding progressing the land. Please pray that God helps us deal with delays in land registration and false ownership claims. Fortunately, we have recently established a Community Leaders Group to help with these issues. Pray that with the help of these leaders we can get timely resolution to the encroachment issues and get land registration back on track. Also, that the community will recognize we are delayed by these challenges and not grow impatient.

<u>New and Existing Partners</u>: As you are likely aware, the Imala Project covers a broad spectrum of areas as we work to build a world-class city around the University. The project requires us to work with many partners. Pray that we are wise in our interface management and that God would make it clear with whom we should be working. We want our partners to share our heartfelt conviction and help us be salt and light, whether they are university or commercial partners.

Key Prayer Items:

- <u>Trip Items discussed above:</u> 1) PIU Organization and Plans 2) Land Issues and Community Relationships, and 3) New Partnerships.
- <u>Team</u>: Staff, volunteers and leadership and their family members.

We encourage everyone to consider joining us in the monthly 24-hour prayer chain. You can sign-up on the prayer challenge signup site and receive a reminder: https://signup.24-7prayer.com/signup/a63d0c. Find prayer guides at: https://trello.com/b/aHJwGNpS/24x7-prayer-challenge-1. The site includes praise items and various prayer requests.

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

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