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

We so appreciate your prayers. Many of you are aware my parents lost their house to fire last month and have been asking how they are doing. We thank God they are healthy and insured. Please keep praying for them, as the task of rebuilding at their age is a daunting challenge. Our letter this month includes a summary of my recent trip to Nigeria. It also features our Nigerian missionary family.

First trip of the Year: Very encouraging! A key focus was making progress on the land title issue. We have good news, one of the four tracts we are progressing has been priced at 1% of the first tract price; this is better than I expected. We thank God for His favor. Pray as we close on the last two tracts, that we see a significant reduction in all the remaining tracts, as well as the original tract.

Nigerian Missionary Family – Emeka and Faith: CDF has one missionary family from Nigeria on staff, Emeka and Faith Eze (photos below). Emeka joined CDF in January 2015, as part of our WATS scholar program. After graduating, Emeka married his wife Faith, and they moved to Imala (July 2017) to work as missionaries. They had their first child in April 2019. Faith joined CDF in January 2023. Emeka coordinates our least-of-these programs in Imala and works with pastors. Faith teaches school and helps with our ladies ministry.

Seed Funding Campaign: Last month we highlighted our plans for 2024. This month we are kicking off efforts to raise seed funds. We are targeting raising $5000/month to allow us to expand our least-of-these programs and hire six PIU staff members (two administrators and four curriculum advisors). The PIU staff will develop programs for four faculty and associated spiritual formation, secure title for the university tract and progress registration. Our capital campaign totals $280,000; this provides office space and housing for the new PIU staff and funds securing land title for the university tract. Please pray for the success of this campaign; if interested in being one of our partners, please submit the attached sheet to CDF@CDFAfrica.org.

Key Prayer Requests

- Award of Certificate of Occupancies for the first set of Imala tracts (6800 acres) at affordable fees.
- God’s provision of funding commitments for:
  - Hiring six initial PIU staff members (requires $4000/month and $50,000 for housing)
  - the first wing of the multi-purpose center, home of the PIU development organization ($150k).
  - Certificate of Occupancy and land possession cost
- Major breakthrough with one of our potential mega donors
- For our staff, volunteers and board members and their families
- Such unity – that the world knows Christ (John 17:23) and protection (Matt 6:13).

Thank you for joining us in prayer, for standing with us!  CDF Website: http://cdfafrica.org

Video: https://youtu.be/f3OiT3LDwXs.

James Rose (CDF President, PIU Vice Chairman, Project Lead)

Contributions can be made to CDF via direct deposit using Zelle via our email: CDF@CDFAFRICA.org. Alternatively, make checks payable to Christian Development Foundation, mail to 6317 Estates Lane, Fort Worth TX 76137.
CDF is asking our partners to prayerfully consider making a commitment to join our seed fund campaign. We are praying for 100 partners (individuals, groups or churches) that will commit to making periodic gifts over the next two years and/or a one-time contribution towards our seed fund capital campaign. This is an exciting time for the project; is God calling you to help with the seed funds?

Please pray, and let us know how you are led (by ticking all that apply)

__ I will pray for this campaign – that God will provide.

__ I commit to make a regular contribution of

- Monthly ________, or
- Quarterly ________, or
- Annually ________

__ I commit to making a one-time donation:

- For your seed programs: ________, and / or
- For your seed capital campaign: ________

__ Please contact me as I would like additional information regarding:

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Name: _________________________________

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