

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

Denise and I are both in Nigeria. Denise joined me last week. The weather has been very pleasant the past few weeks, with the rains cooling things down. This has been great for Denise and me, as it has helped us enjoy some time-off and some much-needed rest. The ministry aspects of the trip are also going well, with some of the key activities highlighted; the letter also continues our series showcasing one of our Nigerian missionary staff.

**Nigerian Missionary Staff – Toyin Adebayo (see photos below):** Toyin joined CDF in January 2021 working at Providence Vocational Academy as Dean of Academics and as Agriculture Advisor to the overall project. His responsibilities expanded the following year with the opening of Providence Agriculture Research; he now leads our research application programs while continuing to manage agricultural programs at the Academy. He has recently joined the Providence International University team working with expert advisors to plan and coordinate development of the university's agricultural program. Toyin is a graduate from the University of Ibadan, with a BSc in Agronomy in 2004, and an MSc in Cropping in 2010. He is married to Winifred Adebayo since 2009 and is blessed with two children, Praise (born 2010) and Oluwadarasimi (born 2013).



### **Key Updates:**

- **Seed Organization Kicked Off:** We thank God for His initial provision of the seed campaign (~20%) and for each of you that have made funding commitments. We have used the initial funding to establish a PIU team of four part-time members. Pray for the team as they begin helping the board make progress on establishing PIU. We are also using the initial community funds to increase the frequency of our feeding program for elderly widows and the poor.
- **Strategic Kingdom Partners:** God is showing us places we can work with strategic kingdom partners. Our initial focus is working with church and ministry leaders to improve our prep school program, specifically in discipleship and “soft skills”. This includes development of a “boot camp” for new students and designing a program that better promotes a Christian worldview, countering ungodly aspects of the culture. We are working to develop a “thinktank” of experts to share ideas, as God leads, and a pilot program as part of a consortium farm.
- **Mowe Land Update:** Pray for our Mowe land efforts. We have two legal cases against “land grabbers” ongoing (one court case starts this month) and are continuing to work with community leaders regarding disputed areas.

### **Key Prayer Requests**

- Award of Certificate of Occupancies for the first set of Imala tracts (6800 acres) at affordable fees.
- God's provision of the remaining commitments needed to fund
  - Initial six staff member PIU team (\$4000/month), \$1000 a month for our least-of-these ministries.
  - \$280,000 for our capital campaign; breakthrough with at least one mega donor
- Continuing a God-directed trip for Denise and me.
- For our staff, volunteers and board members and their families
  - For unity within the project; that the world sees Christ (John 17:23); for protection (Matt 6:13).

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

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

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