

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

This month our prayer letter begins a series highlighting key individuals God has provided to help and bless us as we progress the Nigeria Christian University Project Vision. The letter also includes our list of prayer items.

Dr. Ifepo Sofola, MD: This month we focus on Dr Sofola. Dr Sofola is a US CDF board member and a Providence International University board member (Nigeria). Sofola was born in the United States while his parents completed PhDs. His parents returned to be professors in Ibadan, Nigeria, where Sofola lived until the of age 17. Sofola attended medical school at Emory University in Atlanta, then joined the US Navy. He attended flight school so he could become a flight surgeon and served three years on the U.S.S. Enterprise aircraft carrier. Ultimately, he became the chief of facial plastic and reconstructive surgery at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md. After 20 years of service, Dr Sofola began teaching at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, Bethesda, Maryland and started private practice. His call is to help others, with a focus on Africa. Dr. Sofola Co-founded “Faces of Honor”, an initiative by the American Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery to provide pro bono services in support of the veterans of the war against terrorism. He has also lead teams, in partnership with Face the Future Foundation, providing world-class specialty care in various African cities, performing as many as 30 surgeries in a week (see picture below, caring for one of the patients in a Rwanda Hospital).



The next two pictures are in Nigeria. The center picture shows Solofa meeting with the King and Queen of Imala. The picture on the right shows him with those meeting to discuss plans for an Imala nursing school. Below is a picture of the West Africa Institute of Specialty Surgery (WAISS), recently opened in Ghana. Sofola has committed to bring a similar 40-bed specialty hospital to Imala. Please pray God blesses his efforts and for protection for him and his family.



Nigeria Thanksgiving and Prayer Requests

- We thank God for the safe return of Sharjeel and his wife to Nigeria and good medical progress. We pray for progress in obtaining affordable Certificate of Occupancies for the first Imala tracts (6800 acres); for
- God’s provision of seed funding and additional leaders to allow construction to begin on the first PIU building:
 - We currently have about 20% of the \$280,000 needed for our capital campaign
- For our staff, volunteers and board members and their families
 - For unity within the project, such that the world sees Christ (John 17:23); for protection (Matt 6:13).

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

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CDF Website: <http://cdfafrica.org>

Video: <https://youtu.be/f30iT3LDwXs>.

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