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

Denise and I have returned to the US. We thank God for a good trip. The rainy season has started and gave some relatively cooler weather, making some much-needed rest more enjoyable. Some highlights from the trip are discussed below.

Imala Feeding Program: Thanks to your generosity, our least-of-these programs have increased; we are now providing food to the elderly (primarily widows) and disabled in Imala monthly. Photos below show smiles of appreciation!



Providence Vocational Academy (PVA) Board Meeting and Youth Development Think-Tank:

On June 11 we held the first 2024 PVA board meeting (participants shown in photo to the right). This was followed by a kick-off meeting of our Youth Development Think-Tank. Participants included the board members plus others with experience in youth ministry. The think tank group includes representatives from a variety of Nigerian churches. The group began its work by sharing experiences and challenges and will be helping identify best practices, and providing feedback on our planned programs, for example, our boot camp for new students.



Other Highlights:

- The group above includes Bishop Charles and wife Carol (to the right of James) from the Holy Spirit Missions church (HSM). HSM has agreed to help us develop a pilot training program for youth in Mowe. We are hoping to test a concept where youth can be trained in various agricultural skills in a self-funding manner.
- Biblical world view training: A key priority of the University is spiritual formation, including biblical worldview. Development of this training is ongoing. We are pleased that our program will be utilized in a biblical worldview program at West Africa Theological Seminary during their summer break, helping build awareness regarding the need for this training.

Key Prayer Requests

- Continued progress in obtaining Certificate of Occupancies for the first set of Imala tracts (6800 acres), at affordable fees.
- God's provision of the remaining seed funding:
 - o Additional PIU team members and expanded least-of-these ministries (additional \$3000/month).
 - \$280,000 for our capital campaign enough to allow us to start construction of our first PIU building
- 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!

CDF Website: <u>http://cdfafrica.org</u> Video: <u>https://youtu.be/f30iT3LDwXs.</u>

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