

April Update

The ground is full of cracks from the heat, my plants look like they may die, and I wonder if I am going to crack myself before the rain comes. As the end of the month came and I thought I could not handle the heat any longer, it rained. Praise the Lord! But surprising to us all it did not just rain, but it hailed. How can you have such heat and then when it rains it hails also. That is Nigeria for you. There is always something new and surprising. Well, we are all happy that the rain has come and my flowers will do well now along with the many crops on the farms.

Nicky Brand was a short-termer that was here for one year working with Transition House. She lived here in my compound and we were good friends. She left on April 24 to return to England. We had a good-bye party for her. *(picture included)* We were all sad to see her go especially the boys. The good news is that she plans to return to Nigeria long-term. Yea! She will get some Bible training and then start support raising and preparations needed for long-term service.

Evangel Hospital: The two therapists from the UK, Julie and Kate, arrived on April 12. I am so happy that they have come since I am the only therapist in the dept. right now. They have done well though it is a big adjustment as therapy here in Nigeria is very different than what they did in the UK. They have been busy and have really enjoyed their time so far.

It has been a very busy month for me with all the hand patients that I am following and other injuries as well. I seem to spend most of my mornings in the operating room area where they do dressing changes for the inpatients. Once the dressings are removed then I do therapy with the patient and then assist with dressing the wounds when needed. I have made more hand splints this month than I made all of last year. I will give you an update on the patients I mentioned last month. Victor, who fractured his arm and then had a splint applied to tight, did well through the surgery. He had gained some small movement back in his hand. He left to travel back to his home two hours away and he was going to return in two weeks, but has not returned yet. Ali, the young boy who fractured his arm, he has improved to where he has good movement in his arm and I discharged him from therapy. Praise the Lord! Danladi, the boy bitten by a snake three years ago, he has had a long journey towards recovery after surgery. He has had to endure dressing changes everyday because of wounds from skin breakdown on his arm and hand. He just had skin graft surgery to close all the wounds so we pray for good recovery. I got a new patient who got his hand caught in a bread-mixing machine in the bakery where he was working. We praise God that there was no injury to the tendons in his hand, but he developed severe wounds on the palm and back of his hand. He has had dressing change everyday along with therapy. He just had skin graft surgery to close the wounds on his hand. We pray for a good recovery for him also. *(pictures included)*

We have had several blessings this month with organizations wanting to help supply needs for the hospital. One organization is planning to ship a container here with any medical supplies that the hospital needs. This was great as we were able to ask for large equipment, which can only be brought here in a big container. There are several other organizations and individual people who have sent supplies or are interested in

sending needed supplies for the rehabilitation dept. I thank God everyday as he always supplies for our needs no matter how big or how small.

Gidan Bege/Transition House: The boys are doing well. My discipleship class is learning all the books of the Bible right now. Most have said the New Testament books and about half have said the Old Testament. They have worked really hard. I will reward each child with a Bible when they have completed memorizing all the books of the Bible. They are excited because most of them do not have their own Bible.

I mentioned that we are opening a women and girls center and it is in the beginning stages right now. We had a woman named Elizabeth who was going to be in charge of the center. Elizabeth is having some marital problems and the ministry has decided she cannot be in a leadership position until she can get everything in her family worked out. Please be in prayer for Elizabeth as she works out her problems.

John is one of the boys at Transition House who has had some major medical problems for the last few months and on top of that has had his mother and sister both die at the beginning of this year. The doctors have been unable to figure out what is causing his medical problems since all the test came back normal. Pray for wisdom for the doctors and that God would be able to heal him physically and emotionally.

The education committee, which I serve on, is finishing up the project of educational options for the boys for secondary school and post secondary school. We have researched universities, trade schools, technical schools, Bible colleges and apprenticeships. Pray that this will be beneficial to help provide options for the boys as they plan for their future. Continue to pray for the ministry as we continue to try to provide food, clothing, and education for 200 boys. We are continuing to find sponsors for the boys, but we don't have sponsors for all of them yet.

Praises

- The many patients that were able to get treatment from Dr. Carter and the continued healing that they are experiencing.
- The many organizations and individuals that have donated money and supplies for the hospital.
- My continued improvement with Hausa.

Prayer Requests

- Pray for Victor, Danladi, and Emmanuel as they continue to recover from their injuries.
- Pray for Julie and Kate as they continue to adjust to the Nigerian culture and as they treat patients at the hospital.
- Pray for wisdom and strength as I treat all the hand injuries, burns and developmental problems of my patients.
- Pray for Elizabeth as she works out her marital problems. Pray for the ministry as we seek a new leader for the women and girls center.
- Pray for healing for John's medical condition. Pray that he would feel God's love and that God would give the doctors wisdom as to how to deal with his condition.

Thanks for your prayer and support,
Gay Lynn



Susan, Erin, Nicky, Ritmwa, and I



Danladi



Kate, Julie and I



Hand splint for Emma



TH boys playing in the rain