

# October Update

*"I will praise you forever for what you have done; in your name I will hope, for your name is good. I will praise you in the presence of your saints. Psalm 52: 9*



Aunty Gay Lynn's Farm



Pressure garment patient



Compound dinner on the deck

Aunty Gay Lynn's Farm: Aunty Gay Lynn had a farm ee i ee i oh, with a oink oink here and a meow there, with a woof woof here and a rrah there....Are my kids (in the picture above) with the animals face masks cute or what ! We have started an after school program for the kids at our village care center in Gyero one afternoon a week. We have seven groups including sewing, choir, art, dance, jewelry making, sports and preschool. I am the leader of the preschool group and I have had loads of fun the past few weeks. We are hoping to teach the kids a skill, as well as giving them a structured activity to do at least one afternoon. As you can see from the picture above, my preschool kids had a great time making animal face masks. They had some great animal sounds to go along with their masks as well. Stay tuned and you will hear about more fun activities with my preschoolers. If you have any fun preschool activities, I am always open for new ideas.

Healing Touch Update: Awareness, promotion, accounting, patient care...you name it and I have done it this month. Whew! Starting a new ministry/business is hard, but with a new product that no one knows about is even harder. I have visited two hospitals and one clinic this month and presented a seminar at one of the hospitals on the pressure garments. I have had good responses from the staff and many of them have sent patients to be fitted for a pressure garment. Yea! This has been so encouraging to me. I am waiting to do two more seminars at two other hospitals. I have set up an accounting system for Healing Touch, but still have some logistics to work out. I am also looking at ways to do awareness/promotion in churches and post brochures on notice boards in the community. The ministry is advancing, but there is still lots of work left

to do. Pray that Healing Touch will be an avenue to minister to peoples physical needs and share about Christ.

The Depravity of Humanity: We have been studying David in our Women's Bible study group. This past week we studied I Samuel 22 where David is running from Saul. Saul has just killed all the priests because he thinks they have turned against him by helping David. David is running for his life, not knowing where to go. He is feeling alone and does not know who to trust. This section of scripture really hit home for me in my present situation in Nigeria. The depravity of humanity is so in your face here every day. With the past crisis and still small attacks occurring, you see the killing and injury of so many innocent people. You see and hear about corrupt practices at all levels of life from politics all the way down to people cheating on exams or taking tests for other people. People come and beg for money, lie to you and at times steal from you. I want to help people and I want to change things for the better, but sometimes I am so overwhelmed that I don't even know where to begin. Some days I feel like David, not knowing who to trust and which way to go. But what touched me the most was David's response when he heard about the slaughter of innocent people. David responded by: 1. He placed the blame where it should have been: on Saul, on evil. God is not the author of destruction. 2. He reminded himself that God will repay evil. 3. He placed his hope solely on God. 4. He reminded himself that no matter how bad the situation, God is good. This has been such an encouragement to me and I hope it is to you as well. We can so easily be overwhelmed by what is happening around us that we become paralyzed. I keep reminding myself that God did not send me to Nigeria to change everything. He sent me here to minister to the needs of those precious preschoolers, the patients at the hospital and the burn victims at Healing Touch. Even when things get difficult and I feel helpless, I put my trust in God, who is always in control and will guide me in the right direction. I want to thank all of you for your prayers and for the many encouraging emails you have sent during these difficult times in Nigeria.

### Prayer Request:

- Pray for me, as I develop fun and meaningful activities for the preschoolers in my after school program. Pray that I will develop some good relationships with the kids.
- Pray for the Healing Touch seminars at the two remaining hospitals.
- Pray for strength and wisdom for me, as I continue to work out all the logistics for Healing Touch.
- Pray for Fiona, Physical Therapist from England and I, as we manage the Physical Therapy Department at the hospital since the Nigerian therapist has left. Pray that we can find another Nigerian therapist for the department.

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