



Students creating the school farm

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Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world. James 1:27

This month focuses on the primary school at MoM, administered by Crystal Gosnell. You can read more from her at facebook.com/Otutulu/

FEBRUARY 2017 Matthew 5:44b “Pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you.”

Nefisetu is our newest student at MoM Nursery/Primary School. Until about a year ago, she was a normal, healthy 10-year-old. Then she suffered multiple gun-shot wounds to her right leg during an attack that left 16 people dead in her village near Otutulu. Today, after multiple surgeries, she uses a crutch. She lost so much muscle and tissue that she will never be able to walk normally again.

Nefisetu is just one of the victims of the Fulani crisis plaguing communities all over Nigeria. Please pray for the many families affected by these attacks. Please pray that the hearts of the Fulani will be turned to the Prince of Peace, that they may make war no more.

MARCH 2017 Psalm 146:5-9 “...Happy is he who has the God of Jacob for his help...who gives food to the hungry ...”

We've been planning a school farm for some time now, but due to the failing Nigerian economy, it became urgent for us to start it this term. With prices on almost everything at least doubled (a basin of cassava that used to sell for N1,000 now sells for N5,000!) over the past 6 months and the value of the naira dropping, we want to start growing some of our own food for the school kitchen.

Please pray for the many families across Nigeria who are struggling for daily bread in this economy. Pray for the orphanage that God will continue to provide for our needs. Local donations have also decreased, since everyone is feeling the pinch.

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Unfortunately, due to under-staffing in their schools, our secondary school students are hardly receiving any lessons at all. Though it costs us a lot to send our children to boarding schools, we would not spare any cost on their education. However, to pay so much while the children are not receiving an education feels like throwing money away.

Using the money we would have spent on school fees, we will be buying textbooks and materials, hopefully hiring new teachers, and offering additional stipends to our current teachers to try and meet the needs of our older students. With more than fifty 7th-12th graders and a staff that is already stretched thin, this is a HUGE undertaking! I have been helping to teach some of the English classes and am really enjoying it! Your prayers are appreciated!

“This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.” ~ 1 John 5:14-15 NIV



Nefisetu