



## **Ministry of Mercy Update February 2018**

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### **Urgent Prayer Request**

*In case you've not already heard, here is the urgent prayer request we received February 2 from Daniel Edeh.*

Beloved,

Please be in prayers with us.

There is a serious fight in our neighboring community today that left many injured and there is a strong rumor this evening that two people are killed. We do not know what actually led to the crises.

Please, pray that this fight will not escalate beyond the level it is now.

Pray for our homes in Otutulu and Lokoja.

Pray for our missionary, Miss Crystal Gosnell who has since returned back to Otutulu from US.

Pray for a short term missionary who arrived in Nigeria today. She hopes to serve Him with us for the next six months.

I hope to keep you updated on the crises tomorrow.

The Lord be with you.

In Him,

Daniel.

*On 2/10 we received this update. Please join together in prayer for Daniel, the orphanage, the communities, and the combatants.*

Dear friends,

We appreciate your prayers.

The crises was so bad that two people were killed and many others that were badly wounded are in various hospitals. Many houses were burnt down and vehicles smashed.

There are still threats and destructive deeds. The community and surrounding communities are deserted for fear of being attacked.

I have been deeply involved in trying to quell the crises from escalating beyond the current levels. This is really taking my time and I need a measure of wisdom to handle the situation as much as I can. I need to be as neutral as possible.

The police are doing their best but then they are not always and regularly available hence, anything may happen before they know it.

The two who were killed were buried yesterday and the day before with my pleas to the families to calm down. Every time I go, my people back me up with prayers. Thankfully, the two sides tend to see me as a peace maker. Unfortunately, many younger ones are not calming down.

The Lord bless you all.

Yours in Christ, Daniel.

*Feb 21 update. Please continue to pray.*

The situation is now mostly calm but then once in a while, the police suddenly drive in and make indiscriminate arrests. So people are living in fear.

I continue to visit different families. I don't think it is right time to call a meeting of all the different families yet. People are still agitated and bitter. I am contacting traditional rulers and other individuals whom I think can make meaningful contributions at the meeting whenever it is time to meet. So far most people I am meeting like the idea.

We are sending our little financial help to the families. It helps them a lot but more importantly, it shows them that we care.

In Christ, Daniel