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*Daniel & Anibe (Ah-nee-bay) Edeh*



The 2019 Nigeria Mission Team would like to express our deepest gratitude for your gifts and prayers that made our trip possible.

God's blessing was evident as we embarked on our trip. Our visas were granted at the last possible moment for us to be able to use them, delayed but granted. British Air granted us three free pieces of luggage each and then bumped all eight of us up to business class for the first leg of our trip. Those business class boarding passes entitled us to wait in a very comfortable lounge during the hour and a half our flight was delayed.

We spent most of our 12-hour layover **in London visiting the sights** and avoiding anti-Trump demonstrations. Arriving in Nigeria at 5 AM the next morning, we were processed through the brand-new terminal. The customs

officers did not open any of our 24 pieces of luggage (which all arrived safely). Dr. Odiba from the MoM Medical Center escorted us to a convenient waiting area until the two vehicles from MoM and Justice Ibrahim arrived to take us to Otutulu, stopping briefly in Lokoja for lunch.

Once in Otutulu, we received the **three infants** we were to care for during our stay, unpacked and settled in. **Michael, Ezekiel and Yaya** were outfitted with clothing, blankets, diapers and bottles that we brought with us. In the morning we set up for the VBS program and had a tour of the facility led by some secondary school kids who also served as translators and companions for the week.



Pauline began unpacking the clothing we brought and organized it by size. Esther Edeh and some of her helpers later made bundles for each family group making sure that each family member got something. Each Auntie also got a **Ziploc bag full of personal items**.



The VBS program for two groups of primary school children highlighted the fruit of the Spirit with lessons on love, kindness, self-control and patience. There was singing and crafts, games and treats besides the Bible lesson. We challenged the children to learn

Galatians 5:22-23 by the end of the week and many of them did, choosing to recite in English rather than Igala.

When the primary children were in school, we played with the toddlers, sharing balloons and bubbles and treats with them. We also passed out treats to the secondary students when we visited the school. Our 3 babies went with us everywhere.

One adventure for the young and fit among us was to climb the steep hill behind the orphanage. From that elevated vantage point, one can get an **aerial view of the orphanage** and Otutulu village and see for miles around the lush green rolling hills. Some of us also trekked down to the stream and were grateful that the Otutulu wells were producing enough water that we didn't have to carry buckets of water back with us!

After our time in Otutulu, we visited the mission station in Anyigba where Pauline's parents and grandparents had lived. While there, we were able to deliver a suitcase of medical supplies to Paul Shaibu, an evangelist who supports his family by serving the health needs of his large community.







We also delivered Sunday School supplies and a teaching series by Alistair Begg, on flash drive, called “The Pastor’s Study”. A number of these were given to Trinity Bible College and to faithful pastors who could be counted on to share them with their colleagues.

At MoM Lokoja we repeated the Fruit of the Spirit lessons with the primary school children there. Again we shared **balloons and bubbles** and David played a lot of soccer, putting to use the new ball we had brought along.

Baby Ezekiel came with us to Lokoja because his Auntie’s brother died in a car accident while we were at Otutulu and she needed to attend to funeral arrangements.

Once again we were able to give donated medical supplies to the Medical Center for which they were very grateful. The storerooms however were cluttered with boxes stacked on one another, so we designated some of the money we raised for building shelves. They have sent pictures of the new **pharmacy storage** and work surfaces they built.



Renee, who is pursuing a career in nursing, got to see part of a C-section and made rounds with Dr. Odiba. The staff warmly received her and urged her to return when her training is complete.

On Sunday we attended church with our host family. Renee, Tanaya and Michaela were cajoled into singing for the congregation including a chorus they had learned in Igala. People started singing along and applauded enthusiastically when they were done. After church and dinner we returned to the orphanage to play with the kids one more time before we had to leave.



On Monday, our last full day in Nigeria, we traveled to Abuja, stopping along the way to have lunch and a visit with Crystal and Raphael. Their new home is not far from Abuja airport although it is off the “beaten track”.

Once in Abuja, we went shopping with our gracious host **Joy Idris** who got a lot of satisfaction from making sure we were not overcharged by local merchants for the **souvenirs** we purchased. She also seemed to get satisfaction from feeding us well, including a full breakfast at 4:30 AM the day of our departure.

We are so grateful to Joy and the others who hosted us at their own expense, not accepting

any money from us to help defray their costs. The generosity of God’s people and hard work of our fundraising team enabled us to give practical support to MoM, the storage shelves at the hospital, hundreds of Pampers, and the personal care items that we gave to both the hospital staff and the orphanage staff.

We are thankful to God for his protection and to all our friends who prayed for us and supported us financially.

*Blessings!*

*The 2019 Nigeria Mission Team*



Back row: David, Rene, Jason  
Front: Madeline, Tanaya, Michaela, Elizabeth, Pauline