

An Eventful Half-Year!

Alternorm Ministries Update - November 2020

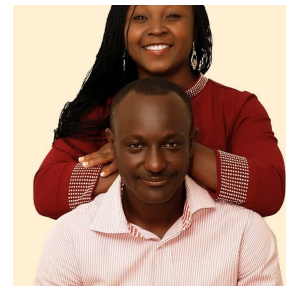
Greetings!

Here's wishing you peace, joy and wellness as you course towards the close of 2020. A few bits of updates from around here!

This second half of the year 2020 has been a rather eventful time for us! In July, one of us here got married; in August, another one of us delivered a baby boy; in September, we got robbed; and in October, Nigeria was in a bit of a turmoil! Let me briefly run through the details, in order!

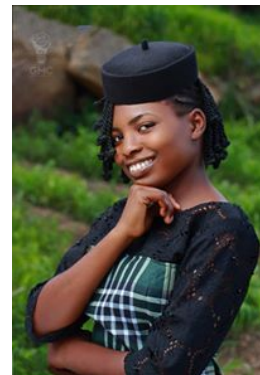
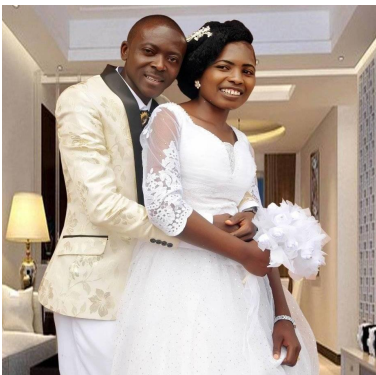
Graciah Got Married!

July 24, 2020 - Graciah, our music minister and Band Leader, got married to her handsome friend Zed Yarnap! COVID-19 restrictions couldn't keep the crowd away. We wish Mr. & Mrs. Yarnap a thoroughly happy married life!



Justina Got a Son!

Justina has worked with us for 7 years. She's our front-desk person, a prayer warrior we're blessed to have on the team. October 5 last year, she got married to Daniel Omede. This last August, they welcomed their first baby, Asahel. We're thankful, and we rejoice with the Omedes!



Bad Boys Came Calling!

On Thursday September 17, a gang of armed young men visited my residence, shook me up a little bit, turned the rooms inside out and went away with a sizeable bunch of stuff including laptops, phones, TV, foodstuff, cameras and other video production equipment - all conveniently ferried away in our beautiful super-useful Toyota van! They emptied my pockets, left me bound hands and feet and with a bleeding swollen lower lip. Of course, I was thankful that they did not carry out their threat to shoot me in the head!



Protests in Nigeria

October saw a spate of nation-wide protests against police brutality, initiated by Nigerian youths. Sustained for about two weeks and interestingly supported by Prayer Walks in major cities around the country, the peaceful protests grew into a general expression of popular discontent, challenging the Government on misgovernance and corruption and demanding an overhaul to the system. Predictably, negative forces found their way into the wonderful tide, and we soon saw violence and looting and killings in a number of cities before things quietened down again. We keep praying for Nigeria, and for other nations of the world!



And We're Still Here!

It's November, and we're still here! And we are thankful for life, and for the opportunities it affords us every day. We are thankful for Friends, and for all the help we have received to date, and especially in the past couple of months. And we are thankful for the privilege to serve Him, as we remain committed to reaching out to our world with the resources and the grace that He continues to provide.

Thank You!

And thank you for being a part of our journey. We appreciate your support. God bless you thoroughly!

Through the generosity of friends and partners, we've been able to 'bounce back' somewhat from the effects of the robbery. We have replaced most of the things stolen, and we're glad that we can continue! While still hoping that our lovely white van will some day be recovered, we have acquired this 1996 Toyota Lexus LX450 (picture below) for a good price. Praise God!



Have a great week, and God bless you with pure joy!

In Him,
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