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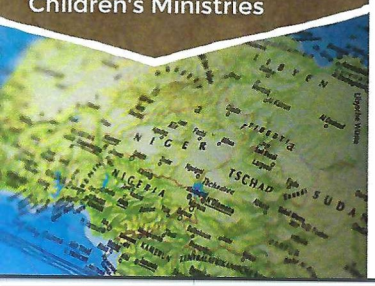

Greetings in the name of the Lord,

I am sorry it took a bit to get this letter out; the last one was in the beginning of January.

Deborah and the boys are doing well. Joseph is 19 now, and we are getting ready to come to the US for furlough. On this furlough, we will have to help both Joseph and Joshua get their drivers' licenses. At the end of this furlough, Joseph will stay in the US, and we will come back with Joshua as he won't be 18 until next November. He will stay with us until the following year, and we will bring him back to start his new life in the US; so we will be transitioning as a family over the next 2 years.

We have seen some new children coming to the Saturday morning Bible study. That has been a good thing as some of our old ones have left. We have 3 that have been faithful to try to learn the piano. We now have them playing; Joshua is one of them along with a young lady that was saved last year. We have also seen some sad times as most of our young men, that had great promise, have gone into the world. The high school atmosphere and the world have drawn them away. Pray for them as I am greatly concerned for them.

I want to thank the Lord after years of praying and waiting we finally have the paperwork for our church land. We are about to sit with an architect and get the drawings in order that we might submit them for another wait. It is always difficult to do things legally here, but in order to preach against corruption, I have to avoid it. We will try to build a 30ft. by 40ft., two story building that will give us a church on the bottom and a parsonage on the top with offices, a room for recording, and a meeting room for discipleship. This will also make it so we can fit everything on our land as the plot isn't very big. I will build it in phases as the money and need permits. Even though our numbers are down, we build and go forth by faith.

We were able to preach on the television from November last year until February. I was hoping this would resume, but as of now, the station is shut down for remodeling. We have been preaching on the radio for almost 11 years. This has been a great way to get the gospel around our region with many people in our village telling me they have heard me preach on the radio, but they still haven't come to our church. The charismatic style churches have deceived many for so long that it has become a mere tradition based on culture and not on truth and salvation.

Please pray for me as I am trying to work on someone to be able to cover my furlough, and I don't have anyone qualified in our church. I will have to reach out to someone in our area. I have been hoping for some time that one of our young men would mature in the faith, but until now, he isn't ready to go forward for the Lord.

I will be traveling some on this furlough, but the main objective is to get a vehicle, teach the boys how to drive, get them licenses, set up bank accounts, and get them transitioned as much as possible. Joshua will come back with us; then we will take a short 3 month furlough a year later to get Joshua stable before we return. Joseph was born on the field, and our kids know Africa more than the US. This will be a very difficult transition period for our family. I will try to personally contact each of you that I can when I get back to the US and get the phones, etc. set up. I will need to go to South Dakota at some point as well as some places I missed last time.

Thank you for your patience, support, and prayers. God has been good and opened many doors to give the gospel. We will continue to go forward because we know God is faithful.

In Christ,
The Harrison Family