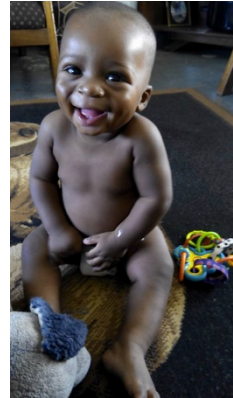


His Word, Their Voices

How is it December already?! This year has just flown by! We are excited to have spent 10 months back in Nigeria. We are thankful for all of you who are enabling us to continue to be here!

Israel is still living here with us. His father was so excited to see him at visiting day in October. He even brought Israel's older brother Emmanuel who is 4 to meet Israel. It was nice to see the family together, even if they are missing a vital member, the mother. The love that man has for his children was so touching to see. I have, however, had people here at Ika tell me I should tell the father that we want to keep him. I have even been told that if Israel leaves, they will be sad, sick or even die from missing him! Israel has a pretty big fan club! We are just blessed to have in our lives for a little while. He is still a happy boy. The only times he is grumpy or unmanageable is when he is sick (not too frequently) or teething. Bringing out 2 teeth at a time would make anyone grouchy!



Benjie has been hard at work on many different projects here on the compound. He has been trying to redo the bathroom at the guest house, work on cleaning up the compound, cutting grasses and the like, and working on fixing up the bathroom for a missionary friend (my cousin). Their shower stall area was a metal basin (standard for over here) but it was split and rusting. He pulled it out, fixed the foundation area and then made a nice tiled area for them to shower. Benjie is also working on getting the printing press running for our translation work here but is slowed because of all the other maintenance items he has to deal with. He has not really been able to focus on any one project over the past few months as he has been pulled in many different directions!



Our director from Liebenzell USA, Bill Schuitt came out for a visit in October. We had a group meeting in Abuja and then he spent a few days each in Lokoja, Otutulu, and Ika where there are Liebenzell missionaries working. It was nice to have him here and talk over some issues with him. Also he was a hit with the kids when he brought out balloons and made flowers for the kids.



As it comes to the end of the year, we have a few prayer requests for you to keep in mind for us.

- First is security. We always are praying for safety, but the threat of armed robbery increases towards Christmas. Robbery is a quick way to get Christmas money

for your family and who couldn't use extra money at Christmas? ☺ We have also recently had an increase in people stealing from the house and the compound. We are trying to save up money to be able to purchase security cameras to monitor who comes on the compound and also to be able to record incase of an attack.

- Second is for energy and health. We have a lot of building projects that Benjie needs to be involved in. This includes working on the school building, the renovation of the guest house and also re-roofing our own house. It is very difficult to work when you are exhausted and sick from malaria, stomach issues or infections.
- Thirdly, please pray for our witness here. There are several areas of discontent between the villagers and the Mission here. Some of it is related to land that was given to the mission years ago, and other is people wanting to destroy our ministry here. Pray we can come to a fair agreement regarding land and also that we can stand against the attacks that are from an adversary not of this world but very much a force in this world and area.
- Lastly, our funding. Our support level is enough that we are not suffering living and working in Nigeria, however, we do not have an abundance of funds to work consistently on projects. Our school building rebuild is on hold due to lack of funds and there are several things around the compound that we need additional money for. These include rebuilding a tractor that is used for work around the compound and village, building new buildings for the Bible School as more people want to attend than we have room for, and re-roofing our house as if we get a large wind during the next rainy season, we are likely to lose our roof! We are also still working on rebuilding the school building. Benjie has been working on repairing the roof and walls but things are worse shape than we expected. But we know our God is a big God and He will provide partners who will step to help us finance the school repairs and our other needs.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers. We are here in God's will because of your faith and generosity.

Chelsea and Benjie Wheeler

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