

Kent & Ruth December Update

Thank you for those who have prayed and given towards the end of year needs of the ministry. This is a critical period for the ministry and we thank you for your continued prayer. We had local elections in Jos a few days ago, followed by religious riots. Some churches have been burnt and some people died. The army has moved in. Our staff and students are safe, protected by the Lord and in a safe part of Jos.

We are rearranging things for January. We need to separate our first and second year students for better teaching. We must also expand our facilities for the new students who are coming. We are working on printing teaching materials for the New Year. We must also rent a flat for Kent to stay in. He has been shuffled around guest houses and it has worn on his health. He also had malaria.



The economy has been hit hard. The value of the dollar has fallen sharply in Nigeria but prices have increased. Some of you may be experiencing similar conditions. We are encouraged that the Lord shall be faithful.



Kent prays with pastors who welcomed our team to Wukari for a missions/pastors seminar. Over the years there has been much killing here, but it is more peaceful now.



Kent visiting with Nigerian missionaries in their flour mill. These plant churches in completely “uncivilized” areas.

Opposite – Kent teaching the word at Yola. All these places we go to teach pastors are troubled areas, but many people are hungry for the word.



We drive a lot between cities. The country is now turning completely dry and dusty as the rains have stopped for about the next seven months. The Sahara winds dry it out in a few weeks.



Suya – barbequed meat on a stick – and barbequed corn, our diet as we travel on the road. It is nice and peppery.



Emmanuel teaching pastors in an Anglican church during our Wukari visit. He drives, videos the programme for TV, is on the phone to Jos to the college to ensure food is ordered in for the students and library book shelves have been ordered...and teaches the pastors. Currently he is encouraging the students that the Lord shall look after them during the trouble in Jos and looking for an honest money changer among the Moslems in the area who control that side of things...



Paul and his wife Catherine. We really have good staff. Paul is a fine brother, a hard worker, a good teacher, the academic dean, the chief purchaser, the college van driver and pastor of one of our church branches. He is a good friend. Another staff and good friend and his wife lost their new born baby this semester. We encouraged them and they are strong in faith. Their faith is amazing.

Next February we have pastors' seminars planned for Kogi and Calabar States. We are expecting many students from all over the northern sub-Saharan region.

We thank you for those who have helped. We still need about \$20,000 to get us through the end of this year. We understand that many of you have your own needs. We ask you to pray please. We are looking to the Lord. God bless you and thank you. We really appreciate your love and support. The Lord has been so good this year. We trust Him for a great 2009 spreading the gospel all over the north. If you can give please use the enclosure or our ministry account. Have a blessed Christmas. **Ac: Kent & Ruth Hodge Ministries, Commonwealth Bank. BSB: 062533 Acc No: 28001475** For financial accountability enquiries please contact Pastor Bill & Helen Driessen +61 (03) 62663589, David Loxley +61 (0)2 99187008 or Pastor Pat Antcliff +61 (0)2 99728688. *Kent & Ruth Hodge and Christian Faith Institute, Jos Nigeria* www.cfaithministries.org