



# The CHRISTIANSENS to Nigeria



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Dear Praying Friends,

I hope that everyone has had a great Christmas and New Year's. The past few months have had lots of ups, downs, and roadblocks, particularly with our visas.

Those of you who follow our Facebook page will already know that we had quite a roller-coaster ride with our visas to return to Nigeria. In November, we discovered that while we were on furlough, the Nigerian Immigration Service changed its entire system when it comes to renewing and approving visas. These changes made it practically impossible to renew our current visas while on furlough. These changes also affected getting a new visa for Ryan, mostly because no one with Nigerian immigration in the US could agree on what the proper steps were to move forward.

So all through December and January, our plans regarding our visas would change every couple of days. It was definitely a roller coaster of failed plans and emotions. Every time we thought we had a path forward, the door would slam shut on it. To spare you all the details, we had to change our flights twice, and I had to go in person twice from Maine to the Nigerian Embassy in Washington DC, before we got approval to enter Nigeria. But praise God through every up and down, I am finally writing this letter to you from Nigeria!

The whole family is so glad to be back at our home and ministry in Nigeria. As soon as Lydia walked into our house from the airport, she said, "Wow! It's so pretty!" The climate has definitely been an adjustment for Ryan. When we flew out of Boston, it was less than 20 degrees, and when we arrived in Abuja, the high was in the 90s. He had never experienced temperatures like that before, but he is getting used to it.

One blessing that we did not know if it would happen because of all the flight changes was arriving in time for the Bible college graduation. We arrived on Thursday, and the graduation was on Saturday. It was extra special to me because this graduating class was the first that I had been a part of their training from start to finish. The time has certainly flown, but I was so glad that I could be there for the culmination of so much hard work and prayer.

Please continue to pray as we jump back into the various ministry opportunities that God has already opened for us. Please also pray as Emily is beginning to homeschool Emma, and the extra work that brings her.

Thank you so much for your faithful support and prayers.

That all the world may know,

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