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THE BARKER FAMILY

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Please Pray for Us

Missionaries usually write about events that took place during the previous month, and for the most part, we have followed that pattern. However, as I write this letter from the intensive care unit of Duke Children's Hospital of Durham, I felt it necessary to step outside that timeline and humbly ask you to pray for our family, especially for our three-year-old son Henry.

In January, Henry began showing signs that something was not right. After multiple hospital visits in Nigeria, doctors believed he may have had salmonella poisoning. While traveling from Nigeria back to the United States, however, we learned the true cause of his condition. During a layover in Greece, Henry awoke blind and unable to speak. We rushed him to the hospital, where he was diagnosed with a brain tumor. The neurosurgeon stabilized him and strongly recommended that his primary surgery be performed in the United States.

Although we were medically cleared to travel and had hospital documentation confirming that Henry was fit to fly and en route for emergency surgery, two separate airlines refused to allow him to board. After much searching, the Lord allowed us to find one final flight with another airline that agreed to transport him that same day.

At this time, the tumor has been surgically removed and confirmed to be cancerous, with spread to both his optic nerve and spinal column. His condition is serious, with a 60% survival rate for 5 years, so we covet your prayers. We are encouraged that, barring complications, the medical team has told us his treatment should not prevent our return to Nigeria once his radiological therapy is completed. I plan to share more details about Henry's condition and treatment plan in next month's letter.

We are also thankful to report answers to prayer in other areas. Doctors discovered that Sandra's complications were primarily caused by a dangerously low Vitamin B-12 level—so low that it appeared her body had not properly absorbed B-12 for over two years. After multiple injections, she has begun feeling much closer to herself again.

Additionally, although our residency permits could not be renewed before leaving Nigeria, we were allowed to depart with only a minimal fine. In another answer to prayer, the car dealer who had been dishonest about the year of the van refunded part of the purchase price, and the matter was resolved. My Nigerian driver's license was issued, the van was painted to identify it as a church vehicle, and the church celebrated its 31st anniversary. The Lord blessed the service with 1,671 in attendance, including 724 first-time visitors and 304 who trusted Christ as Saviour.

Please continue to pray for Henry, for Sandra and the baby, and for our entire family as we navigate the days ahead.

**Working hard to bring fruit to your account,
Jeremy, Sandra, Carina, Barrett, Henry, Alex, & Joanna Barker**



Henry trying to get rest



Preaching for Pastor Horsefall at Ahoda Independent Baptist



One of my walking visitors



A Bus Ministry visitor of mine



Agnes accepted my invitation to church.



The church van is now labeled.



Meyer happy to get saved



Taking a picture after receiving Christ



They wanted to hear about Jesus!



Young people after hearing the Gospel



Traffic after Saturday bus visitation



Joanna at choir practice

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