

There is a light at the end of the tunnel . . .

February 2013

Support Update

We have begun final preparations with tentative plans to depart for Egbe in April. God has provided amazingly over the past few months and we only lack \$488 per month in support. Thanks to all of you who have partnered with us through prayer and/or financial support - your monthly, one-time, etc. gifts are being used by God to glorify His name.

- **One-Time Setup/Transport, etc:** 100%
 - Need \$20,683
 - Received/Promised \$20,683
- **Monthly Support/Ministry:** 91%
 - Need \$5,451
 - Receiving/Promised \$4,963

If you have been thinking about making a commitment, now is the time. Please consider a monthly or annual commitment. Pray about it and let God guide you. Just send us an email if you decide to partner with us. If you'd like to get together, talk by phone, or Skype let us know. We'd be more than happy to share with you and answer any questions you may have.

Egbe Update

Work to revitalize the hospital compound continues. There are teams of volunteers in Egbe on a regular basis and the community is also actively involved. Remember, this work is a joint venture between SIM, Samaritan's Purse, ECWA (Evangelical Churches Winning All), and the Egbe Project. The main hospital building was demolished last fall and rebuilding has begun. Houses are being renovated and the hospital dam is being repaired. The end goal is not only to revitalize the buildings, but also to revitalize the ministry and community. With all this taking place, there is a phrase from *Experiencing God* that comes to mind - "Find out where God is working and join him." We are eager to join God's work in Egbe.

Recently Maureen and I met a taxi driver in New Orleans who turned out to be a Nigerian and a Christian. We talked about politics, the threat of Islam, and about what God has called us to do in Egbe. He shared how he believed Nigeria to be of strategic importance for the spread of Christianity in north Africa. Islam is a very real threat and Nigerian Christians are on the front lines. It is a humbling thought to know that God has called us to aid our fellow believers in the face of this threat.



Christmas 2012

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Upcoming Events

- Feb 24 - Kate's B-Day
- March 14-19—Trip to Annapolis, MD to visit supporting church
- March 24 - Luke's B-Day
- April - Egbe Departure



Things To Do

There is much to do before we depart – sometimes I feel like our To Do Lists have To Do Lists. Pray that we can keep focused and slowly but surely check items off.

Kate received her passport in the mail a few days ago and now we can begin pulling together all the information we need to apply for our Nigerian visas. Once the application process has begun, it should take about four weeks. Since Nigeria is fairly consistent on the four weeks, we can also go ahead and set our departure date once the application process begins.

Maureen is also waiting to hear from SIM Nigeria more about the process of applying for a medical license in Nigeria. A missionary doctor who has been advising us along the way commented by email that every African nation has a different process and that the process often changes from year to year.

Then there is the packing. We've already sent over some items via the Egbe Project that should ship by container on March 1. This container will probably arrive sometime in late May.

There are also a number of practical things as well - selling our last car, lining up our finances here, and cleaning up the mess we've created in Maureen's parents' house. Our storage unit is already pretty full but it will need to hold more!

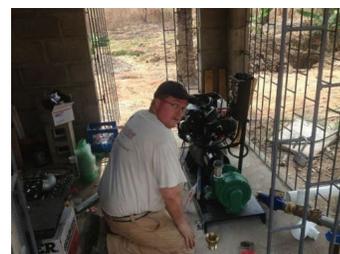
We also hope to meet up with friends and spend time with family - April will be here quickly



Waiting Room Floor



Waiting Room and Medical Records walls going up



New Dam Generator

Praises and Prayer Requests

Please keep us in your prayers and lift up praise to the Father for all that He has and is doing in our lives:

- *Prayer* - That we would grow closer to our Father and allow him to guide us daily in our preparation to serve in Nigeria.
- *Prayer* - For last-minute planning and packing.
- *Prayer* - For Luke and Kate and the transition – Kate will probably not notice much but Luke will be 4 by the time we leave – he'll miss family, school, etc.
- *Prayer* - For physical and spiritual protection/strength.
- *Prayer* - For Egbe and the Hospital Revitalization.
- *Prayer* - For how and where we will fit in when we arrive – for ministry opportunities, etc.
- *Prayer/Praise* - Pray that God will meet our financial support needs. Praise for friends and family who have committed to giving and praying.
- *Praise* - **MedSend** has notified us that the grant to pay Maureen's medical school loans while she is on the mission field is fully funded.
- *Praise* - For the continued support of our church family - MacArthur Blvd Baptist Church - www.mbbcirving.org.

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