



Newsletter

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Dear Supporter

Since our last newsletter, I have spent 3 months in Nigeria putting down roots and what an exciting time it has been! On 6th February 2018, Aanu finally cleared the hurdles of the Nigerian Corporate Affairs Commission and was registered as a Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO). We have also since concluded all other formalities including registering with the Economic and Financial Fraud Commission (EFCC) for money laundry clearance. With these out of the way, Aanu officially opened the doors of The Gathering Place, our centre for Senior Citizens on Wednesday 4th April. At the official launch, we had some 15 people in attendance including 6 Senior Citizens 3 of which have been very regular since then.

To enable us to learn as we move forward, we have deliberately limited the opening days of The Gathering Place initially to Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; 10am to 4pm. We have taken the view that it is easier to add days later than to be overwhelmed and be forced to scale down. Indeed many in Nigeria have marvelled at the valuable and unique 'service' we provide. And though the Aanu team is the face of it, we would not have been able to provide this 'service' without your help. Our sincere appreciation goes particularly to ECC our local and sending church and to Elim our movement.



Since we last communicated with you, Toro and I have completed the Elim's Missions' Academy and were commissioned along with other great people on Saturday 2nd June 2018. We feel privileged that we are able to go out as missionaries with the support and accreditation of Elim to be a blessing to others and grateful to you as supporters who are willing to make sacrifices to send us!



The 3 months in Nigeria have not gone without challenges. These include incessant power outage, temperature constantly in the 30s, (we are aware that some may call that a blessing, but it really does get too hot), cross-cultural issues and the need to relearn the local culture, the ease (or lack of it) of doing business, the loneliness of being away from home and from one's comfort zone, the expectations of some locals (some unreasonable, some just consequences of the needs of the people), etc, etc, etc. Of course, we cannot meet all the needs we encounter, we have therefore had to be disciplined in remaining focussed on the mission that God has called us to.

We may not be running a church in the way that church is understood by many, but our work is a clear expression of church. Our ultimate aim thus remains to point the aged we encounter towards God and to facilitate them to have an encounter with Christ.

Our needs are great, we need a vehicle, the rent of the property we are renting here will be due soon and of course we have costs of operation. If God lays it on your heart to support us therefore you may give through any of the following means:

- Through ECC (Standing Order, Offering envelopes, website and PDO machines)
- Elim Missions Website
https://www.elim.org.uk/Articles/516035/Toro_and_Akin.aspx



In all cases, please do clearly mark what your gift is for, if you are given for a specific need.

Above all we require your prayers:

PRAYER POINTS

We continue to covet your prayers. Please pray:

1. That God will continue to provide resources for this work
2. More importantly that we will witness a harvest of souls for Christ as we minister to the Senior Citizens.
3. That the work will spread across Nigeria and West Africa in a way that God's name will be glorified.
4. For our physical safety as we strive to reach this age group for Christ.

We wish you every blessing and thank you for your prayers, love and support.

Akin & Toro