THE HOLMES FAMILY

MISSIONARIES IN NIGERIA, WEST AFRICA

July/August 2011

Dear Praying Friends:

Our 2nd Annual Student Missions Institute for Training in Evangelism was a great success in August. In this year's youth camp, 120 teens and young adults were involved, conducting 19 Bible Clubs where over 1300 children heard the Gospel! The mornings were busy with teaching, and the evenings were filled with special music and messages from our three American guests; the remainder of the time was eventful with Bible Clubs, good food, and fun fellowship. I believe this year established the camp as an annual highlight amongst our independent Baptists.

The beginning of July was a "calm" before our guest preacher and youth camp "storm." Our family delighted in welcoming Sabrina's mother (traveling with a friend of our family) for a second visit. Joseph, Brian, and Victoria were thrilled to have their "Nana" around for almost three weeks, and I was more than happy to open my ministry schedule for some needed family time, enjoyable sight-seeing, and relaxing recreation.

The end of July gave me the opportunity to make my first trip to Togo, as I accompanied a guest evangelist to the capital city of the West African nation that is very close in proximity to Nigeria. We preached for a national missionary and held programs for several of his church plants. The week before, the guest evangelist spoke in our church, seminary, and monthly preachers' meeting.

Sabrina and I are happy to publicly announce that we are expecting our 4th child (hopefully by mid-February)! As with Brian and Victoria, we will be in the United States for the birth; our plane tickets have been booked for December 14 through June 18. We should be traveling extensively during our furlough. Please let me know, pastors and other friends, if you want us to visit; you can contact me on our website or by e-mail, or Bro. Scott Kennedy at our sending church is available to take a message for me at 228-863-6993.

Please read the letter below from my pastor, and please pray about investing in our work.

His for souls,

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