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November—December 2020 Ministry Update

Dear Pastors, Church Members, and Supporters,

Thank you for your continued prayers and support as I serve on the mission field. Even through the difficult times here, we persist in seeing souls saved and baptized. Ministries at Truth Baptist Church have not failed to increase with new converts being added to the church. Please continue to pray for the Deaf Ministry and the new church plant at Azunu. In my last update, I mentioned that the City of Refuge was seeking to win a bid that was offered through the British Government. We were not successful. There will be other opportunities; and, if the Lord allows, we will succeed. Additionally, we are trusting the Lord to provide funds to purchase property and reach the children at the four IDP camps in Benue State.

The most exciting news is the new school in Luvu. Candidates are interviewing for headmaster and primary class teacher positions. Our vision is to reach the next generation of citizens for God's glory. On January 11, 2021, the school will celebrate its Opening Day, as the children will begin classes in Primary 1-3 classes. Please pray for the school, as this undertaking is different than any we have taken on in the past. We are enrolling children who have never gone to school. These parents do not believe in educating their daughters, so we will reach out to the parents to persuade them of the importance of education. As I am writing today, Pastor Justin and others are canvassing the surrounding areas, talking to the parents of prospective children.

We also ask for prayer, as we have several other converts to Christianity that need help; it is hard to believe that they come to us with just the clothes on their backs. Clothing, feeding, and housing them, as well as schooling their children, are enormous tasks. We need any financial support that you're able to provide for their daily/monthly upkeep. Right now, our seminary students are on holiday and will be returning during the second week in January. Pray for them as they travel. Travel here has become more dangerous than in the past. Armed robbers and kidnappers commit their crimes, unchecked by the local police. It's only through God's grace that we are kept.

At the end of January, Tree of Life Missions will be headed to Niger State to visit a new church that is struggling in that area of Minna. Again, I covet your prayers as we travel there. January may also see a trip to Katsina to visit a Fulani Christian Church. Again, the roads are dangerous, but we feel the Lord wants us to go there. February leads us to Benue State once again to minister at villages in Vandykia. This will be our fifth annual trip. The harvest is truly great! Please pray for the funds to replace our damaged Land Rover vehicle.

Thank you for partnering with me in this ministry. For those who are receiving my update for the first time, allow me to tell you that I've been in Nigeria since 2001 and this past October celebrated my 80th birthday. I support myself primarily with my pension and social security benefits. I covet your prayers for continued good health and strength. I praise the Lord for the godly people who have encouraged me with care and love.

In the Lord's work,

Pat Hamburg

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