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Your prayers are very important for a ministry like ours, so we implore you to include us in your prayer list. We do not want to inundate you with a long list of prayer requests, but here are our top prayer request(s) this month.

Request: Pray for homeless families here and abroad in the mission field.

I was driving on Highway 4 West to the post office on a hot afternoon. I took the “A Street” offramp and came to a stop sign at the intersection of A Street and Highway 4. As I waited for the red stop light to turn green, I noticed a man on the sidewalk holding this torn cardboard sign “HOMELESS PLEASE HELP”. I’m sure many of you can relate to this scene because it’s common in major cities all over America. For me, it brought to mind a crisis of homelessness experienced by a family from the town of Odogbolu in Ogun State, Nigeria that we featured in a recent bulletin.



Just 2 months ago in our April bulletin, we proudly reported about a brave young mother who decided to adopt an abandoned baby girl and raise her as her own (see https://ife-global.org/web_Prayer_Bulletin_Apr-2024.pdf).



We received an update on baby “S” and her new family which wasn’t that pleasant, because they became homeless. Here’s a summary of what happened. In the April bulletin, we mentioned that the adoptive mom was brave and showed God’s love in her decision to take and raise this abandoned baby as her own. She sold peanuts to make up for the family’s income and depended on the little income that her husband brought in for the family. Last month, her pastor received news that this lady was locked up in jail for 24 hours because the police were after her husband who was accused of stealing. The husband had taken off and fled to another village or city without telling the wife what he had done. When the police couldn’t get any meaningful information from the wife on the whereabouts of her husband, they released her after 24 hours. Meanwhile, her 3 babies were left in the care of a neighbor while she was locked up. That was only the prelude to her experience. Without her husband, she needed help to feed her family and pay rent for the room they shared.

Ife Global Outreach assisted the local church in providing her with foodstuff weekly. Meanwhile, we received news again that her landlord learned about the police incidence and decided to evict her, giving her a very short notice to move out because the family owed some rent. When we got notice of possible

eviction, we stepped in to help the local church provide temporary housing for the family while we work out a short-term support to rehabilitate this woman. Our plan was to provide resources for the local church to cover housing, food, clothing and general needs for a period of 6 months to one year. During this time, the local church will assist to re-train this young woman in acquiring trade skills that will generate better income and make her self-sufficient in providing long-term for her family.

Next report we received was like a bomb shell. The landlord showed up at the residence without prior notice, threw all her belongings on the street, and locked her and the children out of the building. This woman borrowed a neighbor's phone and called her pastor (she didn't have a phone because she couldn't afford one). She told the pastor that she was leaving town to stay with a relative in another city. She didn't give any more details. The pastor later learned that the neighbor provided transportation money for her and the babies. That was the last we heard about this family to date.

The lesson we learned from this experience is that we need to be proactive in dispensing aid to the needy. We had good intentions, but we didn't have a system in place to deal with this kind of crisis where time is of the essence. In hindsight, if the local church already has resources such as a temporary housing for rehabilitation of members, we could have moved this family out before the landlord evicted her. For example, Ife Global Outreach is now budgeting up to \$500 a year specifically to assist this local church pay for rent of a 3- or 4-bedroom housing that they can use for temporary housing of converts or members in similar crisis situation that require church rehabilitation program.

Please pray for baby "S" and her family wherever they may be now. Pray that they will feel the presence of the Lord and not be afraid or fear about how they will survive. Pray for God's provision for the family in every way possible, so that when we get news – it will be good news, and we shall praise God together with them.

Pray for the local church as they disciple and train members to counsel and volunteer in the proposed rehabilitation system that will help the church to effectively intervene and resolve crisis situations like the one experienced by the family of baby "S". Pray that God will send more laborers into the mission field (Luke 10:2).

Our purpose at Ife Global Outreach is to assist frontline churches and missionaries in communicating the true Gospel message to remote communities in Africa. To be effective, we use humanitarian assistance to meet the immediate needs of individuals or communities where possible, to demonstrate God's love and care regardless of the religious background of the recipient. Pray for this ministry, that Ife Global Outreach will have enough funds to support pastors and local missionaries in remote regions of Africa. Pray for encouragement for missionaries who are working in remote villages where nobody wants to go. Pray that they will have wisdom to share the Gospel even when they can't meet the physical needs of the people.

When pastors and missionaries on the field share their needs with this ministry, we can only supply out of the little funds we have on hand. There's a lot we can do to be effective, but we have limited resources. Please pray that God will raise up more Christians in the Western World who will have compassion to give to the work of this ministry from what God already blessed them with.

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