



*"But we have this treasure in jars of clay,
to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us." 2 Cor 4:7*



We have arrived!

On Thursday, after some 28 hours *en route*, we arrived in Nigeria to continue serving our Lord and Savior, now in this part of God's earth.

We give thanks to God for His provision and the loving encouragement and prayers of so many of you who have supported us to make this day possible.



Though we knew for some months the move was coming, we still were swamped as the day drew close to get everything arranged for another international move. We are grateful to many family members who helped us to get ready, and especially Dale's mom who helped accommodate our things and ourselves in the hectic preparations.



On arrival in Abuja, we were met by our daughter-in-law's father and had the joy of spending a few days with our son's family (Adam and Vivienne), including Zara, our one-year old granddaughter!

Monday we traveled to Jos and entered our new accommodations for the first time.



Luggage moved into our new home, and startup provisions!
We are in front of our own apartment, with another teacher's family living in the one to the left of the photo.

We have begun meeting many of the people we will be privileged to know as neighbors and fellow laborers in spreading the Gospel, as well as seeing some old friends again!



We give praise and thanks to God for bringing us this far and for the support and prayers of so many

Join us in prayer

This month we especially invite you to join us in praising God for bringing us this far, and for his guidance and protection while we serve him here.

We continue to pray for:

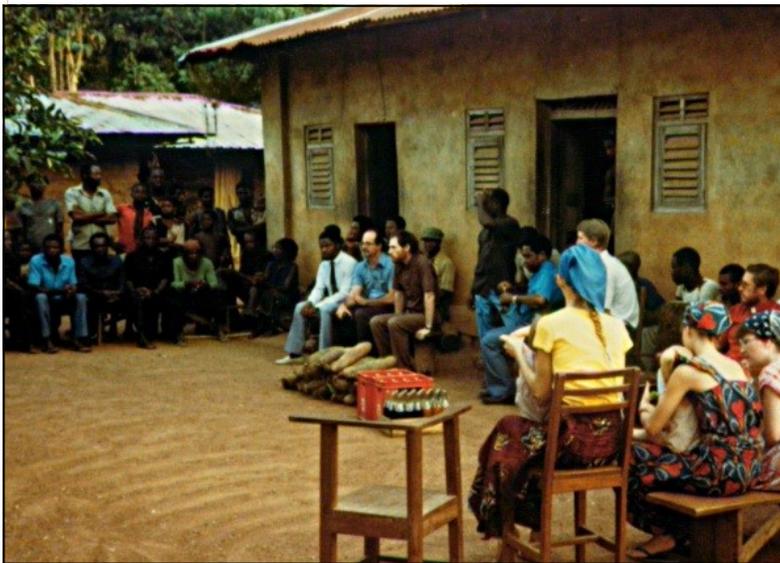
- A good start to the Hillcrest school as teachers resume Tuesday and students next week.

- our GLO missionaries around Africa:
 - The Funkes (who celebrate the finalization of adoption of their son Michael!)
 - The Gbeanquois (who we will see when they come on furlough to Nigeria in a few months)
 - The Heineys as they pray for breakthroughs as they love their Muslim neighbors in Guinea
- our parents

Last minute prayer need: While finalizing this newsletter we got the sad news that a dear friend and tireless, loving servant of Christ from Scottville died as result of a car accident. Pray for Rose's husband and family. Many will miss her, but we rejoice as she enters her rest with Christ!

30 years ago...

30 years ago in September we arrived in Nigeria as new missionaries. Sent out by our home church, LCMS World Mission, we settled in the rural village of Nwang, in Ogoja, northern Cross River State and learned and grew serving under the Lutheran Church of Nigeria. In that year the LCN celebrated their Golden Jubilee (50th anniversary). We were 2 years married with one child (Tiffany) just one-year old. We were much younger with a lot to learn.



Our introduction to, and reception by, the village of Nwang, Ekajuk in 1986. Dale is in brown and Cheri (with Tiffany on lap) is in blue & red print dress. Some of you will recognize other missionaries and Pres. Unwene.

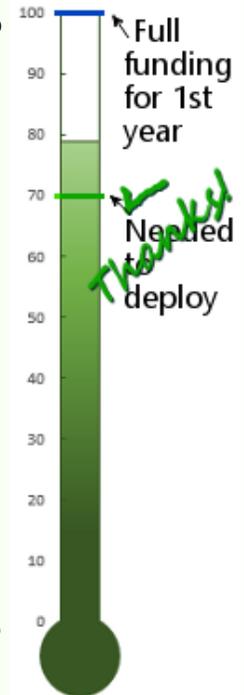
Now 30 years older and a bit more seasoned--but with still a lot to learn--we return.

In those 30 years the Church has grown around the world. As we return, we now serve through an international mission outreach initiative called Global Lutheran Outreach. **Now is the time for Lutherans from every continent to join hands in reaching the billions who are still lost.** GLO hopes to expand the missionaries who are sent from younger churches -- from continents other than North America. GLO now has board members from **3 countries**, missionaries have come from **4 countries** and serve on **4 continents**. And with our move to Africa, GLO is directed and administered by personnel in **3 continents**.

What will the next 30 years bring as God's people continue to pray "**Thy Kingdom come**"?! and to pray to the Lord of the Harvest that he **send forth laborers into the harvest**?!

Deployed!

We have a lot to be thankful for as many dug deep and generously gave as they felt led by God to bring us above the level needed to deploy. We were confident that God would provide as He knows best, yet we are awed by his working!



We also want to thank those who have given in many other ways, including Dale's parents who we were privileged to stay with, and Our Savior Lutheran, Scottville, who will be printing and mailing our print newsletter.

Thanks so much!

As we still have a ways to go to reach full support for the year, we invite those still considering to pray whether you could also help make our ministries possible. And where possible, please consider regular monthly contributions.

If you are able and as God leads...

Checks can be mailed to:

Global Lutheran Outreach,
6709 Ficus Drive, Miramar, FL 33023.

(Make check out to "Global Lutheran Outreach" with "Talsma" on memo line.)

To donate online,

go to:

www.globallutheranoutreach.com

and click "**Give**"

We are grateful!

In Christ,
Dale and Cheri Talsma