

By His Grace, For His Glory

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Declaring the Glory of God to the Peoples of Nigeria*

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We are now members of SIM!!!

In July we completed the SIM orientation program and are now members of SIM. As you may recall the reason for the move to SIM is due to a policy change with AIM limiting Secondment Agreements (the “contract” that allowed us to be shared with SIM by AIM) to two years. This meant we either needed to move to an AIM field or resign. We chose to resign and join SIM so we could stay in Nigeria. If you have questions about this or about SIM please feel free to contact us.

Even though we have switched mission agencies,

some things will NOT change . . .

- ⇒ **Our ministry:** We plan to return to Nigeria to do what we’ve been doing for the last three and a half years. By God’s grace we will return to Jos January 5th 2012. Richard will continue to do construction for City Ministries and be on the leadership team for the King’s Kids (ministry to orphans and abused children). Susan plans to keep teaching and working with Moms In Touch.
- ⇒ **The type of mission agency we belong to.** SIM and AIM are very similar agencies. Both are international, interdenominational mission agencies that were started in Africa nearly 100 years ago. SIM is now a larger agency with outreach in Africa, Asia and South America.
- ⇒ **We are still dependent on God to provide, through you, for our living and ministry expenses.** SIM, like AIM, is a faith-based organization that receives donations on behalf of partners like you. We praise God that He has always provided for our support, and He has done that through your generous gifts. We continue to trust God for His provision.
- ⇒ **OUR GOD:** We are thankful that He never changes. He still deserves all glory, and by His grace we can trust Him to provide and care for us all.

some things HAVE changed. . . .

- ⇒ **Donations now need to be sent to SIM.** We have enclosed a card you can use to make your first contribution to SIM. After that you will receive a receipt that you can use for future contributions. You can also set up automatic donations from your bank account or credit card if you desire. Donating online at www.sim.org/giveusa is very quick and easy.
- ⇒ **Our support need** has increased by about \$1100 per month. This is due to increased health insurance costs, taxes and an SIM recommended salary increase. The good news is that we only need to raise about \$600 per month or about 10% of our monthly support because God has been so generous to us through you. Please prayerfully consider what part God would have you play in meeting this need.
- ⇒ **Where you send personal gifts.** SIM will not accept personal gifts on our behalf. If you want to send money for a birthday or Christmas you need to send it to Susan’s sister, Karen Goslin, at 207 Lake Street, Auburn, ME, 04210. She will deposit it for us.
- ⇒ **How to contact us.** Please check out the contact information at the end of this letter as we have new email, mailing, and support addresses.

We are in the United States!!!

We arrived in the US on June 1st and hit the ground running. In less than 12 weeks . . .

- ☑ We visited AIM's headquarters in Pearl River, NY.
- ☑ We visited the Lego Store, and Statue of Balto in NYC.
- ☑ We've enjoyed time with family, friends, and supporters at three churches.
- ☑ Susan enjoyed a wonderful retreat for missionary women in Colorado Springs, CO.
- ☑ As a family we spent two weeks at SIM's headquarters in Charlotte, NC — for Candidate Orientation.
- ☑ David celebrated his 11th birthday with 3 cakes — in two different States.
- ☑ Susan helped plan and we all enjoyed a 25th anniversary party for her twin, Karen, and brother-in-law, Paul.
- ☑ We have been enjoying homeschool as a family (Dad is so good at it!) for two weeks already.

We will keep running for most of our remaining time in the US. In the next 20 weeks we hope to . . .

- ☑ Send off Susan's parents — who are moving to Indonesia to run a guest house for “native-tongue Bible translators.”
- ☑ Visit Richard's family, friends and churches in Colorado — from September 10 to October 10.
- ☑ Speak at a Missions Conference in North Syracuse, NY — the weekend of October 15.
- ☑ Visit with more family, friends and supporters — in Upstate NY, Canada, Maine, and Connecticut.
- ☑ Finish the semester of school — David's doing fifth grade, and Brian is in third grade.
- ☑ Spend some good time as a family in rest and restoration.
- ☑ Pack and prepare to return to Jos, Nigeria.

We have enjoyed visiting many of you and want to see as many more as possible while we are in the United States. Please help us connect with you by calling, emailing, or visiting us in ME or CO.

You are a blessing to us and we praise God for you. What a joy and an honor to serve the Lord together with you!!!!

Thank you for helping to keep us in Nigeria . . .

. . . By His grace, . . . And for His glory,

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Prayer Requests

- ◆ Praise God for His faithfulness.
- ◆ Pray that we would continue to look to Him as our provider, Lord, and friend.
- ◆ Ask God to provide the additional support. Our target return date of January 5th is dependent reaching our support target.
- ◆ Pray for great family times. We see this extended time in the US as a great opportunity to strengthen our family through homeschool, travel, outings, and special times to grow as a family.
- ◆ Pray we pursue God's priorities. There are lots of people to see, things to do, and places to go. Pray we would do the ones He has for us with gusto and not do the others without guilt. We are having to make some hard choices.
- ◆ Continue to pray for peace in Nigeria.

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- ⇒ **On-line giving at:** www.sim.org/giveusa
- ⇒ **Field Address:** SIM Nigeria Courier, P.O. Box 7900, Charlotte, NC 24241 — Letters only

