



# By His Grace, For His Glory

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Declaring the Glory of God to the Peoples of Africa

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## Home Assignment

After nearly 2 1/2 years in Nigeria we are planning to return to the USA for a brief home assignment. What is home assignment and what will your goals be? You ask.

1. **Rest:** (*I will refresh the weary and satisfy the faint. Jer. 31:25 NIV*) We must admit we are weary. Life in Nigeria presents many challenges and ministry can be draining. While we love the Nigerian people and our ministries, after 29 months in country we are tired. We need a 'real' vacation.
2. **Reconnecting:** (*Do not neglect the gathering of the brothers. Heb. 10:25*) Over the 2.5 years that we have been here our lives have gotten busy. We left in January 2012 feeling very connected and in touch with our family and friend, but our ability to stay in touch with you is limited. E-mails have decreased, messages are getting fewer and farther apart, and for many the occasional Facebook status update is all we have. That is NOT connection. We need to be with you.
3. **Thanksgiving:** (*I thank God every time I remember you. Phil. 1:3*) While we have been ministering here in Nigeria, many people and churches have prayed, given and cared for us so that we could serve. It is time to say a BIG 'thank you' to them.
4. **Reporting:** (*...so you may also know how I am and what I am doing. Eph. 6:21*) People and churches need to hear what is going on in the ministry, how their monies have been used and their prayers answered. We also need to report to SIM USA on our ministry. They want to check up with us, make sure we are healthy in every way and send us off again fit for ministry.
5. **Support maintenance:** (*The laborer is worthy of his wages. 1Tim. 5:18*) Our support has remained fairly stable over the past 2.5 years, and for that we are very grateful. We have, however, lost some support due to attrition and will see a slight increase in our support level (due to cost-of-living and cost-of-travel increases), so we will need to raise about \$500 a month before we return.
6. **Restocking:** (*I am amply supplied Phil. 4:18*) More than stocking up on school uniforms, chocolate chips and other things we can't get in Nigeria, refilling prescriptions, and we also want to pack our minds and pockets with memories, take lots of pictures of family and friends, and fill our hearts with all God has given us in home country.
7. **Glorify God:** (*He is before all things and in Him all things hold together. Col 1:17*) All of the above falls first and foremost under this overarching goal of our lives.

In order to meet these goals, we need your help.

- First, we need to see you!!!! Please check the schedule and contact info on the back, compare it to your schedule and contact us with a time we can meet up.
- Second, if you know of someone who can help us with our need for housing and a car while we are in Colorado, please let us know.
- Third, please pray for us. We have 10 weeks until we leave. Pray we would stay fully engaged here until it is time to go. We want to finish well. Also, pray for all the details that a major trip like this entails. Unless the Lord builds the trip, we labor in vain!!!

Thank you soooooo much for you love and care. We look forward to seeing many of you soon.

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## Our Tentative Summer 2014 Schedule

<u>Day/Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Housing</u>	<u>Transportation</u>
Saturday May 24	Hillcrest Graduation and drive to Abuja	Good-byes and Travel	Baptist Guest House	SIM Driver
Sun, May 25 (30 hour day)	Fly to London — layover — fly to Chicago, IL	Travel	Eric and Merry Day	BA
Mon/Tues May 26-27	“Layover” — Memorial Day BBQ and time with Susan’s aunts, uncles, cousins and cousin’s kids	Rest and reconnect	Eric and Merry Day	With Carson family
Wednesday May 28	Fly to Charlotte, NC	Travel	SIM USA	Delta
Thurs/Fri May 29-30	Meetings with SIM USA office	Reporting	SIM USA	SIM USA
Saturday May 31	Fly to Denver, CO	Travel	????	Delta
Sun - Sun June 1 -15	*****Visit friends and in Littleton, Longmont and Colorado Springs and share with churches about ministry*****	ALL	????	?????
Sun - Sun June 15-22	Vacation in Crested Butte	Rest	Donated Cabin	??????
Sun - Wed June 22-25	*****Visit friends and in Littleton and Longmont and share with churches about ministry*****	ALL	?????	?????
Thurs - Sun June 26 to 29	Snyder family reunion	Reconnect	Retreat venue	With Snyder family
Mon - Tues June 30 - July 2	Hang with family in Longmont	Thanks	Richard’s Mom and Dad	With Snyder family
Tuesday July 2	Fly to Portland, ME	Travel	Susan’s Mom and Dad	Delta
Wed - Fri July 3 - Aug. 8	*****Visit friends and family in Maine, Connecticut and upstate New York and share with churches about ministry*****	ALL	Susan’s Mom and Dad	Carson vehicle
Friday, August 8	Drive to Boston	Travel	The Kimballs	Carson vehicle
Sat, August 9	Fly to London — layover — fly to Abuja	Travel	On the plane	BA
Sun, August 10	Land in Abuja and drive to Jos	Travel	Home	SIM driver
Mon– Aug 11 Wed - Aug 13	Teachers (Susan) report to school and Richard returns to work Students (David and Brian) report to school		Home	Snyder vehicle

**\*\*\*\*\*We want to schedule time with you!!!! Please write or give us a call to set a date.\*\*\*\*\***

**If you can help with housing or transportation while we are in Colorado — we would be truly blessed. Please contact us ASAP**

The time “in Maine” will also include a trip to visit churches and friends in Connecticut and upstate New York (dates still to be set), plus camp for the boys, doctor’s visits, dentist appointments, shopping, finalizing support and working to get clearance to leave on time.

We will also have a little bit of Connecticut in Maine.

- July 26 — Black Rock Reunion sponsored by Bill and Pat Carson and Roy and Flo William at Fog Farm on Waterman Rd, Auburn ME
- July 27 — Sharing at Hope Baptist Church, Manchester, ME — Glenn Peterson is Pastor and Rev. Stanley Allaby will be speaking

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