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Faithful Supporters, Family, and Friends,

Janice and I are asking that you would pray with us as I received my Visa to visit Nigeria from February 20 – March 14. I immediately sat down and called Delta Airlines and purchased my ticket. I was able to get one for a little under \$1200.00 and am praising God that the funds are available.

I will send you a schedule once I have talked to our Leaders in Nigeria and figure out what will be the best in-country travel schedule. Pray that I can visit with Walter Smith at Sango-Otta when I arrive. He has volunteered to pick me up at the airport. We need a couple of days together.

Pray that I can get flights from Lagos to Ilorin where I want to stay for 2 days – from Ilorin to Abuja for another couple of days – and from Abuja to Calabar in Cross River State.

I will need almost 2 weeks in Cross River State, to hold the meetings and make the teachings needed to get our leaders grounded in the Community Health Evangelism program and teach them about the Moringa Tree and get the Moringa seeds I am taking with me. I am assured that they can start picking and using leaves in 3 months after planting.

Pray that I will be able to teach our Ladies about how to prepare Moringa and help them come up with ways to use the leaf powder in the various foods that they use on a regular basis. Our Christian Ladies will be responsible for educating the villages about Moringa and its benefits.

I will keep you updated on plans as they unfold, but I want to follow up the bold request that I put before our Great God and before you in my last update.

I am restating that request to refresh your memory about the **“Grace of Giving”** and ask that you pray for our Christians who will actually distribute these gifts.

In 2011, I am asking you, my supporters, my family, and my friends, to help me give \$20.00 to 1000 people in extreme need. Each time I go to Nigeria, I would like to leave envelopes with \$20.00 worth of Naira for people who have serious needs. My commitment to you is that this will not find its way into any program, but will be given directly to the needy. I cannot record everything they will use it for, but I want this to be about them and the Grace of God. I will try to get a first name to put on a list and send to all of you.

Several of you have already sent special gifts for this work. Others have told us that they are planning special offerings. We are thanking God for that response. I am asking you to give attention to – and pray for the delivery of your gifts to the poorest of the poor.

It will be easy to convert the \$20 into the local currency of Naira and put it into an envelope with someone’s name on it and easy to hand that envelope to someone who needs it desperately.

The process of choosing the recipients is made hard because I want all who are involved to know the richness of God's blessings.

1. I have been asking God to make known His Blessings to you who give.
2. We are asking God to make known His Blessings to those who receive the gift.
3. I will need several men and women who are Christian Leaders in Nigeria, to be involved in choosing recipients and distributing gifts.

My need of your prayers is because I want those, who help deliver the gifts, to know the Blessings of God from as each one does their part.

My dilemma is that many of these people live in homes with screens on the doors and windows – some have running water and electricity (at least part of the time) – a few have a car or motorcycle – and many have cell phones – but they consider themselves as poor and in need.

I want them to realize where all the things, they have been blessed with, came from, and to gain a better understanding of what real poverty is. I do not know who, but I am indebted to someone who told me many years ago that **“wealth begins with being able to choose – if you can choose which shirt to wear or which pair of shoes to put on – you have wealth.”**

My criteria for giving is simple – **a genuine need and a nudge from God.** Pray that God will bring the right leaders to me and that I will be able to teach, from the scriptures, what their attitude and motivation should be, as they join you and me in this effort.

Remember what I stated in the original request: **“This requires trusting God, trusting Ed Nichols, and trusting the Christians in Nigeria.”**

Pray for me – pray for our Nigerian Christians. Pray that all we do will be the Glory of our Great God.

Watch for my emails from Nigeria. If you would like to contact me in Nigeria, my email address is the same: ednichols@acminternational.com

Janice's phone at home is 217- 948-5486 and my cell phone is: 217-549-5486 and I will email you my cell number in Nigeria when I activate it.

Feel free to ask for additional information about anything included in the trip.

Because of Jesus,

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