

## News Update – July 2008



Beloved,

We are grateful to God for providing through different means and people this year. This is the reason we continue to do what we believe will reduce the devastating effect of HIV in our generation. This year would have been very challenging to us as far as human resources are concerned but for your prayer and giving; biggest of all, God has proved himself to us in this way in the past, and we know He will meet the need again.

The year 2008 is certainly another very busy and most blessed year. Almost every Sunday we are taking the Grace & Light vision into churches. Often we have to run the programme simultaneously in two churches, at times even in three churches.

The last time I sent you an update I was in the UK, where I went to help with the 16,000 pound sterling fundraising campaign of AMEN for Grace & Light test kits. I have earlier sent text messages and short emails to many people to say thank you for praying and to praise the Lord for answered prayer because He has done it and 16,000 pounds was realised at the set time, with more still coming in. Thank you too for giving and for supporting in other ways.

I have been back since and am already in my normal routine. One of the major things done since my return was a training programme for 40 volunteers held in Jos from 19-21 June. All who attended the programme have committed themselves as Grace & Light volunteers. We are asking God that these new volunteers will strengthen many of our teams in Nigeria.

Here is a summary of our activities in the last six months (January to June):

- Number of churches to which we have taken the Grace & Light Vision = 107
- Number of people attending the Vision = 32,343
- Number people tested = 8,261
- Number of people positive = 255

Our diary for the coming months:

- Monitoring visits to some inactive teams
- Staff mid-year appraisals
- Action Committee and Pastors' workshop
- Volunteer Training in Kaduna
- Nigerian Board meeting
- Our weekly church programmes

Please join us in praising the Lord for what He has done through AMEN this year in raising funds to test 16,000 people which will in one way or other change lives.

- Ask God for open doors and open hearts as we continue to share this vision with many different people in different countries, although it is hard for some to live their lives for good and bring glory to God.
- Pray for the weekly life sharing groups meeting in churches, that people in the groups will be open before the Lord to share their lives with each other; that Grace & Light members will experience the sharing of new life in Christ and know what it means to live in Christian community.
- Pray for our existing staff and volunteers, that God will be very close to us in this demanding work; also that God who has brought us thus far will lead us on.
- Pray for Grace & Light ministry to develop in Chad, Liberia and Sierra Leone where we face many challenges.

In His Grace and Love,

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