

News Update – September 2008



Dear Friends,

Special greetings from Jos and the entire Grace & Light family. We are positive that the grace of God is with you. With us things are fine even as we trust God for better things. I am pleased to let you know that God has not by any means let us down and that we are waxing strong in Him.

The Lord has always provided us with everything we needed to forge ahead in this ministry. And the truth is that testimonies abound to his glory all because you have joined us in praying for divine providence and breakthrough. Thus our success is yours as well.

One of the breakthroughs is that one of the churches which we had long sought to partner with has eventually opened her doors to us and promised to tell other branches to do the same. I mean Deeper Life Bible Church. Besides, many individuals and organisations within and outside Nigeria have shown remarkable interest in our work. This has resulted in an increased number of visitors who come in to observe and study what we are doing and/or render service with us. To God be the glory.

AMEN, Grace & Light France and UK helped us to raise some fund which has moved the work further with some lasting impact in the life of many. There is an increased number of those tested in the second quarter of this year over the first quarter, yet the number of people who tested positive fluctuates with the area, it is more 1 in every 30 people. There have also been some remarkable changes in the sexual life of many of our counselees especially among youths compared to previous years. This development is exciting as Grace & Light is concerned with keeping the sero negative people negative.

The rate at which people want to keep their status confidential has also dropped as many people after hearing our message choose to be open with their HIV status even when they knew they are positive earlier and have been confidential for long. For example 3 people living with HIV and taking antiretroviral drugs came out to share openly after one of our vision and are now in life sharing groups for mutual support and accountability.

A week ago we were in Kaduna for Grace & Light volunteer training ; 16 volunteers have been added to our volunteers in Kaduna. We were short of what we were looking for both in the quantity and quality of volunteers in this strategic city - much larger than Jos - but God used us in our weakness.. Pray that God will use these few that gave themselves for His service there and lives will be touched to the glory of His name.

Below are some future events join us pray for the success and provision :

1. Action Committee workshop at Boki 20th September
2. Monthly prayer meeting every last Thursday
3. Refresher Training 17/18th October
4. Annual Staff Retreat 3rd-6th November
5. Board Meeting 24th November
6. Normal church activities

Please continue to pray for sound vision speakers among our volunteers in churches on Sundays, it is one important activity in the ministry.

Much love from all of us,

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