



From Musa and Pamela Gaiya
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Dear Friend

Our warmest greetings to you!

I think it's fair to say that soooooo much has happened in recent days and months. But with both the challenges and the encouragements we have proved God's faithfulness and goodness. Thank you for your continued support and prayers.

We wait for the Lord; He is our help and our shield. For in Him our heart rejoices, because we trust in His holy name. Ps 33:20-21

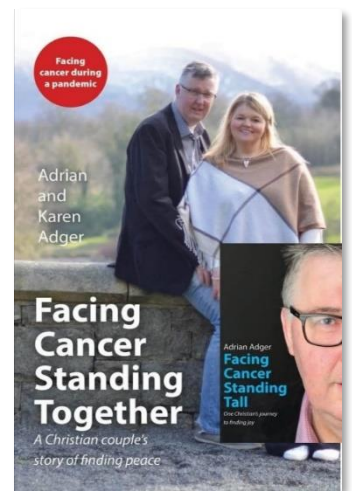
Pray and Give Thanks for Mission Africa . . .



As we serve under Mission Africa we praise God we have been able to distribute relief aid which came just before our lockdown in March; the testimony of many says it came at just the right time. We believe in Jos 90 families were assisted with more than 600 people being blessed with palliative from the **Mission Africa Covid-19 Aid Fund**, to date. We thank God for those who gave sacrificially to this emergency fund. We also thank God for His protection over our lives during this time. Although Covid-19 cases still continue to rise in Nigeria we are very thankful that the death rate has been considerably lower than in other developed countries. Why this is, we don't know, but we thank God for all His mercies.

A huge blessing during this time of Covid-19 has been the **Mission Africa prayer meetings on Zoom**. These were weekly during the lockdown period but we're glad they have continued monthly. We have been so blessed and feel we've been drawn closer to many of our dear prayer partners. If you'd like to join us monthly please let us know and we'll send you the necessary link information.

With not being able to attend church services we have been blessed to join with supporting **churches at home, online**. We've learned more about putting on the armour of God, being reminded of the basics in our Christian faith and have spent time with Elijah in 1 Kings 17ff. It was possible to join our dear friends, Adrian and Karen Adger for the launch of their new book 'Facing Cancer, Standing Together.' As you can imagine books are highly valued in our house and this one is no exception. Adrian and Karen's captivating and heart-felt story is one of the Lord's providence of how



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Pray and Give Thanks for Africa Christian Textbooks . . .

ACTS continues to exist to strengthen the church in Africa by providing Bible-based literature that is relevant and affordable. We are currently working on an ACTS catalogue which highlights our publications, past and present; we thank God for what He has done to help us provide good books to many pastors and church leaders over the past 27 years!



Covid-19 has helped us realise we need to have more of our **titles available electronically/digitally**. The **growing demand for online sales** has also been highlighted. Pray for God's wisdom and help as we move forward in this direction. The **Hausa Africa Bible Commentary** has been dedicated and we are delighted to be able to offer a generous discount to churches/organisations who buy in bulk (+100 copies). We benefitted a lot from our time of Strategic Planning held earlier in March this year with our friend, Ramon Rocha III from Media Associates International (MAI). Our **fortnightly Management meetings on Zoom** have also been helpful during this time of Covid-19 to keep the work moving forward.

Please pray for Nigeria . . .

As we write our hearts are heavy for Nigeria. We continue to ask you to pray for our leaders, that they will have the fear of God in their hearts and that they will rule with integrity and righteousness. Sadly, there are ongoing attacks by nomadic herdsmen /bandits in the southern part of Kaduna State. Closer to home we're thankful that our neighbour's daughter is recovering well after being kidnapped last year. Pray for safety particularly during the hours of darkness. Instability in the economy makes things difficult too and people can, in their desperation, do desperate things. Pray earnestly for the Lord's protection and care over our lives. Thank you for standing with us.

Give thanks for family and friends . . .

We thank God for His goodness over **Gracie**. She is now in Grade 5 at **Hillcrest School** and continues to develop a growth mind-set. Q4 of Grade 4 was distance learning and now in this new school year Gracie is again learning online. We appreciate the way Hillcrest school has adapted and carried students online so their learning is not disrupted.

Pamela joined the PTA ExCo as a parent and also the Board of Governors to represent Mission Africa. We pray the Lord will help Mission Africa to provide needed staff, particularly a qualified teacher and/or public health worker, at the school.

Pamela's back pain, which spiked in March, is now under control and we're thankful for better mobility.

She continues with her ACTS work mainly from home which helps since Gracie is at home too.

Musa's delight has been to see his book 'Early Christianity' published with Langham through ACTS. Pray this vital tool will be a blessing to many. Musa has been appointed the Secretary to the Board of Trustees (for the Evangelical Church Winning All). Pray for the Lord's strength and wisdom as the Board deals with many difficult matters within the church.

We have added another grandson to our family, thanks to Calvin and Joy. Tise Jesse Gaiya was born 29.11.2019, sharing the same birthday as Gracie, only 10-years in between!! We thank God for how the Lord continues to help our daughter-in-law, Gladys and Unan (John) now 6 years old. Luther, our middle son, faces challenges of finding his way in life so pray for God's mercy and grace over his life.



We praise God for Pamela's parents who celebrated 50 years of marriage. They have faithfully distributed her prayer letter since she came to Nigeria in 2003. We are very grateful to them and also to Ruth (Pamela's sister) who is taking over this role.

For Meditation . . .

There is no greater promise than that God will be with you, that he will be a God to you, and that he will not leave you or forsake you. *Kevin DeYoung*

Think of the times when you were surprised by something especially difficult. Though painful, you received grace to endure with faith. *Ed Welch*

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