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This past year has been a real mixed bag. So many encouragements and so many challenges. We are so thankful that no matter what, God is always with us!

Tim Update After concentrating for 15 months or so on organising the very successful "From Eden to Eternity" tour, it was time to take a break. I leaped at the chance to visit Togo with the WYnet team for one last time. The trip was fantastic in so many ways, but you can read all about that on [our blog](#) if you want. In early September I finally had the surgery required to fix my knee. (I am currently writing this from my sofa with my knee elevated!). You can also read more about that on [our blog](#). Recovery is slow but progressing, I am still able to do some work from home thanks to laptops and internet access!

Ali update Praise God for this past school year! Generally speaking it has been the most straight-forward I have had yet, as all my courses were ones that I had taught before. I really enjoy teaching lessons a second time as it gives me the chance to refine them and get out some of the kinks, not to mention the reduction in the time taken to prepare them!



Ali & Dan at Warwick Castle

I also had a new experience this year, I was a tutor for a Year 9 (age 13/14) tutor group. Remember any of the teenage angst, the traumatic falling out with friends, challenging authority, struggling with body image and hopefully also the joys of discovering something that you can excel at? Well, we had a taste of all of that in our tutor group this year. Not always easy but definitely a great experience getting to know the girls and having a hand in guiding them through this potentially tricky time in their lives. Being able to bring them before God and ask for his blessing on their lives is such a privilege.

Looking ahead to this year, I have more hours (70% of full time up from 50% last year) and a Year 13 tutor group. New challenges, but I am so thankful that I can walk into them with God by my side.

Dan update A message from Dan . . .

"Hi guys, if you want to know my name, well it's Dan and I go to Mary Towerton. And next year at the summer holidays me and my family are going to Nigeria and I'm excited about it and the school I am going to. My Grandma is Jacqueline and her real home is in Canada but she now lives in England and so does the rest of her family."

Dan has enjoyed this past year at school and is now facing the challenges to the move up into Class 2 (and Year 2). He is delighted that Grandma Jacqueline, Granddad (Tim's Dad) and Sarah have moved to the UK, he and Sarah get on very well and have already enjoyed some fun times together this summer.



Dan and Sarah



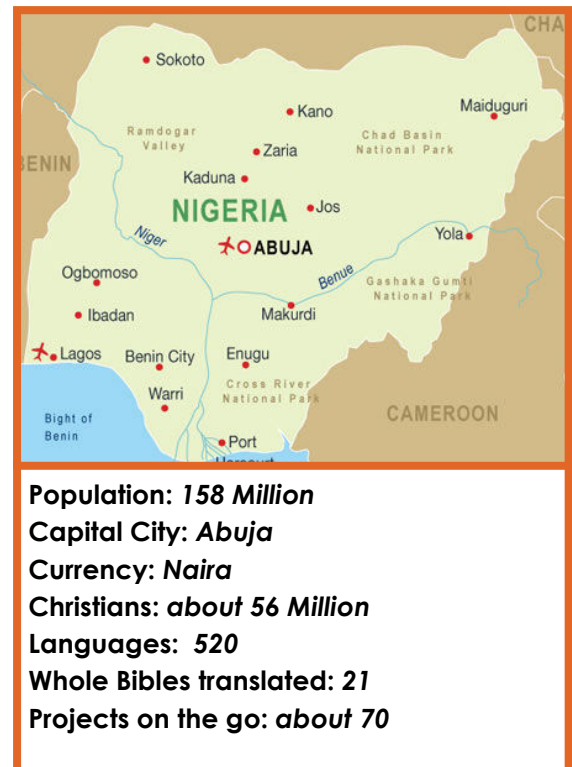
Nigeria

Many of you will know that we have felt a very strong pull towards Nigeria for some time, and we believe that it is God doing the pulling! Right now, it feels like we have more questions than answers, but we hope that we can bring it a bit more into focus over the next few months.

It is hard to say anything for certain yet but we expect to be based in Jos, roughly 300km northeast of Abuja the Capital. Ali will hopefully be able to get a teaching post at the local international school where most of the Wycliffe ex-pats send their children. This enables the adults to concentrate on their vital work connected with Bible translation. Tim is looking at getting involved by working with the Branch Director, taking on projects for him (like organising meetings or conferences) and also getting involved in managing the administration of project funding.

There are loads of things we need to get sorted before we can go but the top priorities for us are:

- Raising the personal support that we need.
- Finding a good source of thyroxine for Ali whilst in Nigeria
- Deciding on a schooling option for Dan
- Starting some of the courses of vaccinations we will need



What does that mean for right now?

We live and survive on support income, the generous donations from individuals and churches that enable us to do our work for Wycliffe. That is supplemented greatly at the moment by Ali's teaching salary. She started teaching in order to get qualified to serve overseas. As you know we are finally getting around to that part of the plan! Our current situation is that we are way below (about £800 per month) the financial target set for us to live in the UK. I have agreed to changing my assignment to just 2 days a week in the office working on "From Eden to Eternity 2011", but will spend the rest of my time based at home working on increasing our personal support.

The support raising is also a big factor in our preparations for heading out to Nigeria. When Ali takes up a post in the local international school, her post will not be paid. Instead, the school have an agreement that they put some money into a pot that Wycliffe can use to reduce the school fees of the pupils attending. This means that we need a significant increase in our personal support before we can head out to Nigeria. We think the total will be around £1400 (a month) more regular support needed before we can be cleared to go.

This is a big challenge so please pray with us and please do take some time to consider how you can be a part of this; whether through prayer or financial help, or both!