



Summer 2012 We can't believe that the summer is here already. We have now been in Nigeria for one year and to be honest, it has really flown by. We have experienced so many different things, all the way from being kept at home as a result of bombs going off in town through to the euphoria of seeing a New Testament dedicated for a people group of around 11 million.

Trouble in Jos. A lot has been written and a lot has been said about the current security situation in Jos. Many of you have been in touch about the trouble that has been in Jos over the course of the year and quite often we don't really know how to respond to you. On the whole, we feel safe and fine. These incidents are more of a disruption so far than anything else. Dan's school took some extra time off over Christmas and there have been a few other days here and there. They are well organised enough to have packs of work in each child's home for when these things happen. The church we normally go to at the moment meets in Dan's school chapel and only runs during term time. We did find ourselves questioning if it was safe to go to a local church or not, but the reality is that there are literally hundreds of churches in Jos and the chances of picking the wrong one to be at on a Sunday morning are rather slim. You are still far more likely to be killed in a road accident than at a church.

Monitoring the situation. This is from the security coordinator in the office: *"Our decisions regarding security are made locally but rely on input from a variety of perspectives, including those in our organization who are overseas, those in Nairobi at the Africa Area office, Crisis Consulting International, local partners, other missions in Nigeria, embassies, and a variety of other mission and security sources and reports. The Nigeria Group directorate team is constantly hearing and evaluating all of this information in relation to the security of our staff."* We trust God and our directorate team to deal with these things. Ian, our Executive Director, has made it very clear to the group that if at any time we feel we have had enough and wish to return to the UK, we are free to do so and that no one would think any less of us as a result. We do not plan to take up this offer, but keeping a check on how we are coping.



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Since February when we last wrote, we have mostly been getting on with life as normal, with a few breaks from said norm. **Dan** has been doing great at school; he has finished grade two with a reading award and lots of new friends. He also had an excellent report card for which we are both thankful and extremely proud. At the end of April, we moved house. Lots of people have asked why – to put it bluntly, more house for less money. The extra half bathroom in particular has been a blessing already!



Ali's break from the norm came in the form of a 3 week visit by her parents. We had a wonderful time with them. It turns out this wasn't their first visit to Jos, however they were last here in 1974 and quite a lot has changed since then! Things were peaceful while they were here and we managed to do a lot of different things with them, as well as enabling them to meet up with plenty of old friends. It is often hard to describe what normal really is but come the start of August, for Ali it will involve teaching one class every day at Dan's school. She will be teaching Computer Applications (Word, Excel etc.) to the Grade 9 (13 – 14 year olds) class. This will be alongside her current role of data archivist for Nigeria Group.



Tim's break from the norm came in the form of an opportunity to get involved in a Nollywood movie. There was an email sent around looking for people with a British accent to be part of this movie. They offered an all expenses paid trip to Benin City, to be part of a film about when the British invaded Benin City in 1897. Three Wycliffe guys headed down for what Tim (who loves movies) would describe as a simply brilliant experience. The movie is due out in 2013 /14 – we'll keep you posted! For Tim normal generally involves extracting progress reports from various teams here in Nigeria and submitting them to be passed on to those who support the projects financially. He does special projects for the director to help deal with things and free him up to actually direct!

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Praise

Praise for God sustaining us these past 12 months
Praise for a great new house
Praise for an amazing bunch of new friends
Praise for a good visit from Ali's parents

Prayer

Pray for increased peace in Jos and Nigeria
Pray for Ali heading into teaching in August
Pray for Dan as he starts grade 3
Pray for Tim continuing various projects