

Jos, Nigeria  
2011—2013



## Tim & Ali & Dan Robinson

YAY, we have done 2 years in Nigeria! It feels like quite an achievement for us. Moving across the world into the unknown, believing that God had things for us to get involved in. He did not disappoint us.

There have been times when we wondered about the wisdom of moving to Nigeria as there are plenty of security issues in the country. When churches in our city became a target for bombings, we had to wonder how long we might last before wanting to move back to the UK. Every time those thoughts appeared we turned back to the fact that the perpetrators are the very same people who need to know God, and need access to His Word in a language they can truly understand.

### Prayer and Praise:

- Praise God for sustaining and protecting us.
- Pray for rest and recuperation during our stay in the UK.
- Praise God for an excellent community in Jos.
- Pray for continuing good supportive relationships.
- Pray for more people to come and fill the long term needs here.
- Praise God for the amazing ministry opportunities.
- Pray for MORE opportunities to use our gifts and skills here.
- Pray for Peace in Nigeria!

### July 2011

All the things that need doing before you move house are nothing compared to the things you need to do before moving countries. Trouble with visa applications delayed our flights for a few days, but in the end we were able to pack up, let our house and head to Nigeria. Dan took it all in his stride and was looking forward to a new adventure, and adventure he got!



### September 2011

Having got Dan settled into school, found a place to live and started settling into some sort of routine, we experienced our first trouble. Some clashes flared up in town and we were restricted to our compound for a couple of days. The excitement of being on the front line was hard to balance with the 'what if' scenarios and plans. We praise God that we discovered just how great the missionary community is in Jos - and we have been appreciating it ever since!

### October 2011

We received our first visitors. Two of Tim's colleagues from Wycliffe UK came out to see the work and all that is happening in Bible translation ministry in Nigeria. A highlight was the chance to visit and end up being part of a New Testament dedication for a nomadic people group of 14+ million people.





## Christmas 2011

This was a hard time for multiple reasons. It was the first Christmas away from our extended families and we were not quite sure of what to do with ourselves or how this all works in Jos. The delight of a 15 hour road trip to a beautiful part of the country and camping next to a river for a few days with friends was offset by explosions at churches in Jos. This is not normal for us and left us feeling a bit isolated. A brief spell of normality when the internet was fast enough to listen to the Queen's speech and a bit of cricket played on some very rough terrain on Boxing Day with colleagues from all corners of the world seemed to bring back some perspective that we are not alone at all.

## May 2012

Just after moving to a bigger house on a different compound, we received our second guests. It was nice to have the extra space to allow for Ali's parents who came to visit us for 3 weeks. We had a wonderful time with them, sharing the places we go and the things that we do here.



## August 2012

The start of Daniel's second year at Hillcrest. Ali started teaching a Computer Applications class to the Grade 9's at Hillcrest in addition to her work with language data at the office. She enjoyed getting back into the classroom but also having the contrast of her other work, after all variety is the spice of life!



## October 2012

Tim attended the Global Leadership Summit – for us in Jos and many other locations around the world it meant a series of DVD presentations produced by Willow Creek with some discussion pointers after each one.

## December 2012

Tim got involved in coaching cricket at Dan's school for a week, taking all the PE classes. Peace in town, better relationships and a greater understanding of how things work led to a much more enjoyable Christmas time. Oh, and more cricket on Boxing Day!



## March 2013

Tim was jointly responsible for organising the Nigeria Group Retreat. It ticks all the boxes of things Tim enjoys doing and is good at. The retreat was excellent and the feedback was extremely positive. We were joined by Eddie Arthur, the Director of Wycliffe UK, who led us through a series on **God's Story of Love through the Bible**. He was also excellent! Dan had fun telling jokes at the Skit Night we had one evening.



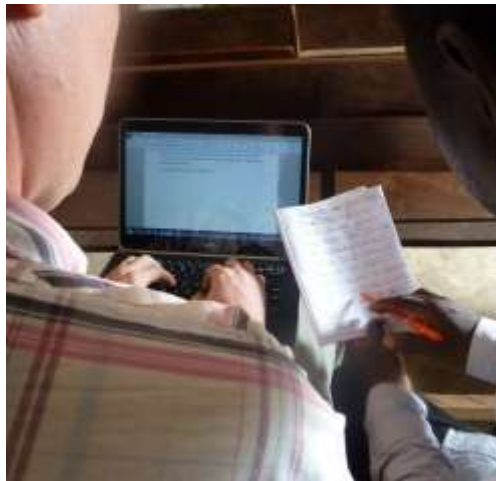
## April 2013

Tim attended an Advocacy Seminar at the office led by fellow Brit, Dave Pearson. At the same time, Ali was in Manila, Philippines attending a workshop all about REAP, the online archive system she works with.



## May 2013

After much preparation and much trying, the team of young people from Canada that Tim was helping put a program together for had to cancel their trip. However, we went ahead with the literacy workshop and the ethno arts workshop in the two language projects as planned.



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## What about the future?

We hope to return to Nigeria in early August in time for the start of the new school year.

Tim will continue to be responsible for project funding and special projects for the Director. He is looking forward to seeing how PABTEN can develop over the next few years.

Ali will return to teaching the computer class at Hillcrest and will continue to develop the archiving services that Nigeria has to offer.

We are facing a short fall in our financial support which is significant enough that it might prevent us from returning as planned. If you are interested in being part of our support team please go to [www.robinsonta.org/give](http://www.robinsonta.org/give) or contact us any of the ways listed to the left and please be praying.



## Vital work to see lives impacted.

We have seen time and time again, that lives are changed dramatically when people get access to God's work in their heart language - the one they know best. Tim & Ali are serving in Nigeria with Wycliffe Bible Translators. They are doing jobs that are vital to the furtherance of God's kingdom by releasing God's word in a language and format that people can best access. They are not directly involved in one

project, but between them through the work they are doing, are supporting over 100 projects!

Nigeria has over 500 languages and there are still around 300 of them that do not yet even have a project started. The work of securing funding for projects and looking after all the data produced by projects is *f u n d a m e n t a l* and foundational.

We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for supporting the ministry of Tim & Ali. Keep doing that so that we may continue to work together on all God has called us to.

Ian Hollman

Director of Nigeria Group.