

Hi Bill,  
Thank you for your email and I am glad I was able to check it in time to respond.  
Things in Jos are going very well.  
I am staying with Tassie Ghata's family, the coordinator of Grace & Light. I work in the office at Grace & Light most days and then once a week at Open Doors School for Disabled Children. I am helping them to create a database of their patients and streamline some of the workflow so that they can better serve patients. On Tuesdays, I go with Nancy, a Nigerian who works in the office to do home-based care. This is probably my favorite day of the week. We get to meet people in their homes, talk with them about their medications, pray with them, and help them with anything that they need (bathing, getting food, etc.) This is a wonderful time of ministry where we are really able to meet people on a deeper level and communicate that while we are Christ's hands and feet on earth, nothing can replace what Christ can do for you.  
On Wednesdays, I volunteer at Open Doors School. It is a joy to spend the day with children, but also has its share of challenges, since many of them are severely disabled. I am helping to do some basic physical therapy with some of the children that have cerebral palsy. My biggest agenda at Open Doors is to demonstrate love to both the children and my fellow co-workers. Many of the children are treated rather harshly by American standards.  
On Sundays I will be traveling with Grace & Light to various churches throughout the city of Jos with a team of volunteers. We try to share the message of openness and acceptance with the church, teaching the church to love, accept, forgive, and care for those in the community with HIV/AIDS in a way that is only possible through the grace of God. We invite church members to test for HIV and then set them up in accountability groups for support.  
The remaining days of the week I am in the office at Grace & Light helping to improve their database of patients and streamline the paperwork process. When there is electricity, I also try to do some work on their website.  
Prayers would be appreciated for continued health and safety, patience in getting to know the culture and in seeing the fruits of my labor, prayer that electricity would be provided more regularly at the office (we currently only have it for about an hour each day). Also, pray that I will be able to minister about Christ's love through my actions at Open Doors and that the work that Grace & Light is doing with HIV would be to the glory of God. Pray for good communication and openness among the Grace & Light team that we would be able to discern together what God's will is for the organization and how we can best respond to the HIV epidemic in Christ's name.

I think that might be a little lengthy for what you need, but feel free to cut and paste as desired. Better to have too much than too little I suppose!  
Thanks again for your faithful support. I am confident that the prayers of the mission committee are being recognized.  
Blessings,  
Lydia Shaw

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