

Dear Friends,

Greetings from Nigeria! Hope 2009 has started well for you. Glancing at the weather reports occasionally, it looks like the ice on the lakes should be getting pretty thick where many of you are.

We're doing well. The girls resumed classes on Jan 14, and we're back in our routines. Some of the programs that were postponed during the December crisis in Jos are now happening, so it's "Christmas in January." We're still under a 7pm - 6am curfew though, so it does limit our evening activities...

We're putting some thought toward our summer plans; we hope to see most of you sometime between the beginning of June and the middle of September. We'll be confirming dates for church visits in the next month or so.

I'm planning to be out of Nigeria for visits to Sierra Leone and Guinea from Feb 2 - 23. In Sierra Leone I'll be joining up with a group of CRC pastors from British Columbia, and for Guinea will be part of a Mission-program evaluation team.

We'll really appreciate your prayers in the coming days for:

- \* Safety with West African road, water, and air travel.
- \* Carolyn and the girls "on their own" for 3 weeks; for peace and stability in Jos.
- \* Inspiring visits with the BC pastors in Sierra Leone; for a good understanding of how churches in North America and Sierra Leone should relate to each other.
- \* An encouraging evaluation of CRWM's work in Guinea, with renewed hope for God's blessing on Muslim ministry.

Thanks for your love and support. Your partnership with us has been such a blessing!  
Albert (also Carolyn, Jessica, Kristin, and Andrea)