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The Barker Family

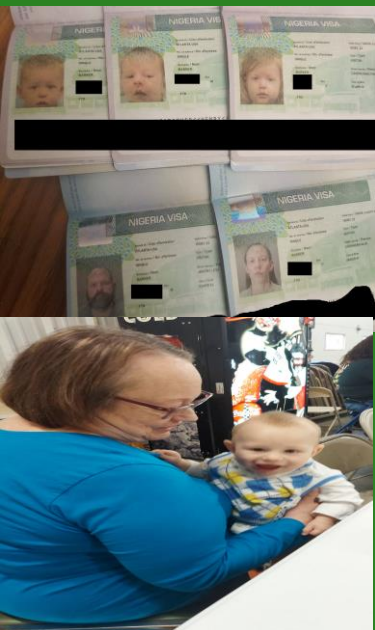


Praise

- All five of us now have our Nigerian visas!
- All four insurance claims have been settled.

Prayer Requests

- The preparations and flight for our January 27 departure
- Anthony, Dana, and Markus to come to church



New Beginnings!

I am pleased to announce that the interviews went well, and all five of us now have our Nigerian visas! This was the last item needed, and we are all set for a January 27 departure date. We will be in country, working with Pastor David Maskey of Port Harcourt Independent Baptist Church for three months, which is the most time our visa will allow.

Many of you may remember various insurance claims I've mentioned in the past regarding tree limbs from a neighboring property damaging ours. All four insurance claims are now settled, and three of the payments have already been received. God worked things out so that all repairs have been made, and after the fourth payment arrives, there will be enough left over to reimburse the cost of our plane tickets.

Before moving into our first house, Sandra and I rented an apartment for about nine months. Randy, our former landlord, has been very kind to us and has maintained contact, even coming to church a few times. Recently, after learning of our plans, he mailed us a Christmas card with a check for \$320 included, which was enough to reimburse the cost of gas for the Atlanta trip to get our visas.

We continue to prepare for this missionary journey, and the house looks quite bare thanks to Sandra's efforts in selling, giving away, and throwing out anything we don't need. We are currently sleeping on an air mattress loaned to us by a relative, while the children sleep on mattresses on the floor. Our minivan has already been spoken for, and the car is listed for sale. The land has not sold yet and is no longer being marketed; however, I do have two leads on possible buyers.

During the trip for our visa interviews, we were able to spend about a week with my mom in North Carolina. We were able to see other family members as well, who were all able to meet our children. We were also privileged to have a pastor invite us to present our work, so we will be in the North Carolina church area upon our return to the country.

I met Shakita while out soul winning with the aforementioned church. She was very kind and invited me and my soul-winning partner inside the house, where I was able to lead her 13-year-old daughter Decari to the Lord. Please pray for Anthony and Dana to ride the bus to church from East Chicago with their son Markus, as they have both expressed interest.

Please make note of our new mailing address for U.S mail. Sandra and I wish you all a Happy New Year. Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

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