

One of the most urgent calls for prayer now comes from Sir J.K. Udeze, leader of our mission in Nigeria. A tribe of radical Muslims, The Fulani National Movement, have made public declaration to take over all of Nigeria. They have been engaged in violent attacks across the country for the last few years, but they are increasing their efforts in recent weeks. J.K. requests, "Please pray for Nigeria as we believe it is only the gospel of Christ that can address the threats by the Muslims."



*Archbishop Joseph
Ajayi Pavilion*

The very next day, I received this message from J.K.: "Beloved, after a crusade in part of the North, just as we rested, five Muslim men got into us. I thought they came for a fight. To my surprise, they said they believed the gospel of Jesus they heard but that they could not openly indicate their acceptance lest they be killed. I encouraged them to hold on as secret disciples as we saw in the Scriptures. I can't think of any other way to help them as they thought I could harbor them somehow. The development both confirmed the power of the Jesus message and an encouragement to go ahead. Pray earnestly for our country and God's children here."



*Believers gathered in the
North of Nigeria*

The work in Nigeria is being carried on in our absence, because of the danger to us and to them, with our foreign presence. Your faithful support allows us to continue to support evangelistic and church-planting programs, build pavilion churches, and provide training and continuing education for church leaders. The most recent pavilion was constructed this year in honor of Archbishop Joseph Ajayi, who was our first partner in church planting in Nigeria. He died in November of 2016 of a sudden and tragic liver ailment, and he and Dad were able to have one last visit before his passing. It was a tender time between two generals for the Lord who shared a deep and lasting friendship.



During our Christmas extravaganza, our international and local ministries came together in startling clarity. A professor brought her "adopted" student from India to experience traditional cultural Christmas in the United States. She pointed out various kinds of decorations, the Santas and candy canes, the trees. And then the Nativity Scenes. We had over 60 on display, which led to the stable. I decided to take the opportunity to tell her the full story of Jesus – the elevator version – and when she asked me, "Why did he have to die," it gave me great pleasure to tell her it was His love for her, to rescue her from all that would destroy her.

Across the world, your ministers with Christian World Missions are faithfully sharing the Gospel, and souls are being saved. They travel down the most difficult paths, like this road in Nigeria, to reach those living in the hinterlands, who are far beyond the grasp of so many. The least, the last, the lost – they are our mission.

Lee Ann Williamson

The share of the man who stayed with the supplies is to be the same as that of him who went down to the battle. All will share alike."

(I Samuel 30:24)

**"How can they hear without someone preaching to them?
And how can anyone preach unless they are sent?"**

(Romans 10:14-15)

