

Nigerian Mission statement

Rogersville church of Christ

5.10.18

There are too many thanks that need to be said, so please do not assign insincerity because of our brevity! We are thankful for all of you!

1. So many of you played a wonderful part in getting Doka here. Thank you.
2. Several of you accompanied Doka in his travels. Thank you.
3. So many have been renewed in concern, or generous with financial support. Thank you.
4. I have had a dear brother, Rickey Davis, who has helped me with the newsletter. I am terribly thankful for his many hours of labor! He has asked to step aside for the time. Thank you, Rickey, for your help.
5. Most of all, God has to be praised!

We want to share the success of the trip with all of you, and our current financial status. We give all the glory to God for these things.

Special Contributions Total

(as a result of this fund-raising trip and report)

\$55,657

in answer to a request for a Van - \$25k

in answer to general work- \$23k

in answer to helping with rent costs - \$6657.00

in answer to assistance to medical costs for Naomi - \$1000

Here is what we have done/are doing with special collections received:

1. We had a past due debt to the Native owners of the land the school occupies of \$10k. We paid that.
2. We had to pay a two-year rent payment, \$12k, upfront, in order to secure his family dwelling. Doka and the elders are working to move him and his family onto the school grounds within the next 2 years, in order that we can remove this recurring cost.
3. We wired \$1k for medical issues for Naomi when that money was received.
4. We've received a \$25k check. Doka and the elders will discuss how to best use this money for the purchase of a Van. We will try to stay well within this limit.

INCOMING each month

Nine churches and 2-3 individuals support this work with regularity. The amount varies by 500-700 per month because one congregation does not offer an exact, repeatable, amount, which is absolutely fine, but it affects the figures a bit. The average coming in for each month is **\$2900**, which is up by \$500 per month, compared to 2017.

OUTGOING each month

We do NOT send money each month because it costs us money (\$25) each wire, so we do this every other month. We are currently sending \$5k each wire, which works out to be \$2500 each month. Because we have ALREADY paid two years worth of rent, we do not include this figure into what is sent each month, but however you think about it, we are still paying it. So, if we add the rent cost (\$500 per month) to the existing wire (\$2500) then you arrive at \$3k per month.

So, this is how the budget breaks down, currently.

\$3000 per month

Family fund \$1500 per month

- rent, food, medical costs (\$450 Hep C meds), children's education costs, contribution to the Lord's church, family transportation (new van will serve to reduce this cost for him)

Work fund \$1500 per month

- materials for adult Bible students, teacher salaries (12-14)

We have each of these budgets broken down more specifically. If you want to see those extended budgets, then contact us and we will happily provide everything to you.

Existing Balance in Nigerian Mission fund

\$ 41,686

Here's the plan....

1. We own the land the school facility is on, and the church building is on this same ground. We can build new or make something more accommodative to the needs.
2. You will hear from us about every other month. Doka has already sent a newsletter, which I am attaching to this document. It is a good bit to read but please continue to read the information that is sent. Pray for him publicly and among your elderships.
3. Things have, and remain, more challenging in Nigeria than in years past. People are really afraid. It makes things difficult, but we would like to see the learning centers return some day. We would like to see more drip irrigation seminars, thanks to a good beginning from Healing Hands ministry.

God has blessed Doka's work. Your prayers have been heard. God is working. Let me say this in conclusion, when Doka returned, he baptized his mother! Because, and ONLY because, he missed his original flight (and we had to reschedule his arrival time), he was able to get an appointment with West Chicago, many years ago. Today, they remain deeply connected to this work. Because, and ONLY because, he missed his flight this year, he was able to get an appointment with the folks that led to his getting \$25k for a new van. These are NOT mistakes, nor mishaps. God blesses, especially when we don't think it possible. We praise God for all these, and you, because you are tied to this work with us. Thank you for your love shown in your continuing support.

You can call and talk to one of the elders ANY TIME if you would like to make suggestions or offer advice. They are doing the best they can but are still men who will listen. If you feel like something is missing, or being neglected, or done wrongly, then reach out to them and we will find a way to get you connected with them. Call the building (256.247.3422) and schedule an appointment with Kim (church secretary) for a meeting with the elders. You can also email Kim (kimlane@hiwaay.net). You can call me (256.648.9484 cell) or email me (abayes@hiwaay.net).

The elders of the Rogersville church greet you in the Lord.

David Patterson

Larry Jones

Randall Tucker

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