



the HOLMES FAMILY

YOUR MISSIONARIES IN
NIGERIA, WEST AFRICA

July/August 2025

Dear Praying Friends,

During this summer, it has been exciting for our family or ministry to take part in five S.M.I.T.E. camps in some way. Our previous prayer letter highlighted the Summer Missionary Institute for Training in Evangelism in Louisiana. At the beginning of July, the 2nd Annual S.M.I.T.E. New England was conducted, with almost all of our campers returning from last year and an encouraging number of new students participating this year. Three camps in 4 weeks were held in August in Nigeria, with the following results: a total of 383 campers from over 50 churches conducted 77 Bible Clubs, with more than 4,000 children enrolled and above 2,200 confessing Christ for salvation. My great thanks goes to our S.M.I.T.E. Africa Director, Pastor Adewale Adesina, for leading these institutes once again in my absence.

After the New England camp, I was thrilled to take part again in FBMI's Missions University in Hammond, Indiana. Having the opportunity to teach and influence a group of missionaries is one of the favorite blessings that God has given me over the years. The weekend following, I had the honor of driving my mission board founder and his wife, Dr. and Mrs. Mike Cox, to Toronto to preach together in a Missions-Emphasis Weekend. This is the most time I have gotten to spend with my "parents" since the last time they visited Nigeria late in 2019. The first nine days of August gave me the longest time that I've ever had alone with my three youngest kids; we went to five different churches in Texas and had a mini-vacation in San Antonio, highlighted by a trip to Sea World, paid for by one of our very kind supporting pastors.

Sabrina and I are so thankful that we could have a furlough long enough to both enjoy Brian's graduations and also get to see him begin his time at Pensacola Christian College during the third week of August. Our third child became the first one we actually helped move into a dorm room, and Brian is already adjusting well and participating in all that PCC has to offer in his pursuit of a secondary education degree. We are especially grateful for your prayers as our family navigates this new season of life.

Believing God,

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based on this letter's events



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