

Notices Extra – Sept. 2018

This is our monthly update highlighting one group or activity from our church and one group / organisation that we support as a church. Please use the information as a focus for your prayers.

Toddler Group

We meet on Monday and Wednesday mornings during term time from 10.00 to 11.30am. Our numbers vary but most days we have between twenty and thirty families attending. The children range in age from tiny babies to four-year olds, and as well as Mums, we have a few Dads, quite a large number of grandparents and some childminders, so a varied group. Quite a few of our children will again be moving on to school or nursery this September but we will look forward to welcoming some new members. Our mornings are fairly informal with enough toys and activities to suit all ages.

Again we have had Christmas and Easter events which have been well attended. As well as fun we hope to have explained the true meaning of Christmas and Easter. They really appreciate having the use of the hall and have been keen to help in the fundraising with cake sales and bring and buy sales. We look forward to being back in the refurbished hall soon but in the meantime we will be meeting in church. We ask for your prayers for this time that it will be a positive experience and that we can work out the best use of space so the children can play happily and safely.

We are thankful for all the families that we have contact with now and over the years. Some came as toddlers themselves and are now bringing their children! We pray that we can have time to speak with the families and tell them of God's love for them. We have been encouraged that some have asked us to pray for particular needs they have had. Please pray that we can provide a safe, welcoming group and be there to support the families who come.



Hope Ministry 2018

Hope ministry continues to work with widows and orphans empowering encouraging and enabling them to move on from the unfortunate difficulties that have occurred in their lives. Widows and Orphans are given the skills to plan their lives ahead of time if they want to. Based on the fact that God loves them and has a plan for their lives we encourage their growth both spiritually and physically.

The workshops continue to be our main point of contact with the orphans and widows and during these meetings we are made aware of the pressing needs at that time from those who attend. The Hope ministry will help with immediate, and long term needs. The immediate needs are usually for those that are desperate needing for example items of clothing, toiletries and medicines. Our most recent beneficiaries have been from people displaced from their homes or lost their carers due to the recent killings by the Fulani herdsmen in the middle belt of Nigeria. Long term support is based on training and six monthly assessment and planning of those who have gone through the training in basic skills we fund.

During my recent visit to Nigeria I recognised for the first time that there were a group of women interested in sewing and knitting. We have been encouraging them by sending them wool and knitting pins. They currently are knitting mainly baby wears but we hope that they will develop this further in the future. We are hoping the women will knit for themselves and find markets for any extra knitted wear to enable them to earn more money to feed their families.

Please continue to pray

- For God's protection of our workers and volunteers as they travel to the workshops and seminars
- That God will continue to use the programmes to glorify His name.
- That the security situation in Nigeria will improve and peace will return to Nigeria in this election year 2019.

For more information please talk to Ladi.