

Meet The Team

The Davids:



Rev. David Umune
Pastor



David Miclash
Chief



David Edward
Transportation Coordinator

The Medical Team:



Alyssa



Anthony



Caroline



Chimdi



Comfort



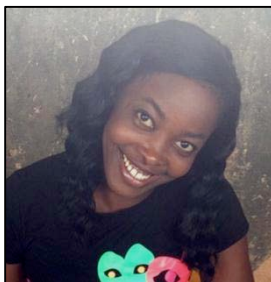
Deborah



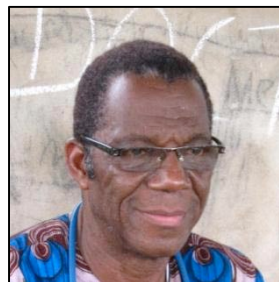
Joanne



Lauryn



Maureen



Dr. Nkire

The Eyeglass Team:



Irene



Janine



Jean

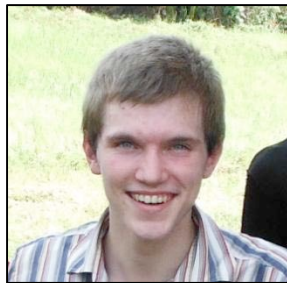


Ogechi

The Water Team:



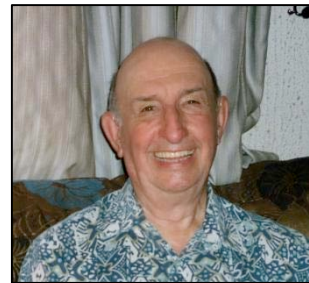
John



Kade



Ted



Wilf

The Educational Team:



Iain



Iheanyi



Jim

The Food Team:



Hope

Translator and Comic Relief?



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A Quick History

There are three main organizations that go into a trip like this: Partners International, Alongside International, and The Evangelizers Team Ministries International (TETMI). TETMI is the Nigerian organization that David Umune heads up. It goes into the rural areas of Nigeria and plants churches. They don't believe in planting a church and leaving they believe in a holistic gospel that changes an entire village. Partners and



Alongside come "alongside" TETMI and help by using teams of Canadians to forge their way into villages that are harder to penetrate. It's a fantastic partnership. We came to Nigeria with 12 Canadians and we met and worked with 14 Nigerians. We became one unified team, in spite of race, age or background.



Our Security Guys

We had a security team with us the whole time we were over in Nigeria. They helped get us through security check points while driving and they also lent us a hand when we needed it. One of them helped Ted with the screws on the ionizing system and another one ("Bruce") helped the medical team keep order. They were always willing to lend a hand and we really appreciated them.



A Typical Day in Nigeria



A typical day in Nigeria is a crazy, hectic day! Every morning the whole team came together for devotions, worship songs, and breakfast. After all that we would load up the vans and truck with medical equipment, eyeglasses, borehole equipment and people and we were off. We would spend the day in our respective villages



working in different areas. Normally we would break for a quick on the run lunch and then back to work. At around 4 or 5 o'clock we would head off back to the hotel. We'd have some



time to clean up and then the team would come together again for dinner and worship. After this we would separate into Canadian and Nigerian teams and do some reflection



on the day. This was very good to look back as to what we had learnt and how we were changing. After this we would pack pills or organize glasses or do whatever had to be done to be ready for the next day.



The Medical Clinics



Every morning we would leave the hotel at around 8:30 or 9:00 (Nigerian time) and head out to a village. When we got there we would find the best way to set up and organize. While the doctors and nurses did that David Miclash would explain to the people waiting to come in why we were there and how it would work. He told them



God had sent us and we were doing this in Jesus' Name. Once we were all set up David would hand out numbers and people would come in. They would see the triage first, then the doctors, then get their meds. We helped a lot of babies with high fevers and adults with malaria. A lot of what we did just brought hope back to the villages. In the end we did eight clinics in four villages. It was an honour to serve the villagers!



The Eyeglass Clinics

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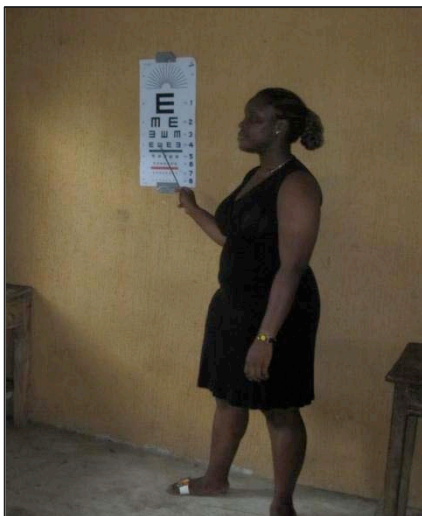
Irene were the Canadians on our team. We were privileged to have Ogechi as she was a valuable input, particularly to consult with those who had glaucoma, cataracts or other issues. Janine's passion for helping those whose eyesight hindered their ability to read was used by God to match people with the right reading glasses. The bright smiles that appeared when words on the page



suddenly became legible were indeed a delight. Jean

possesses boundless energy and often remarked at the privilege it was to serve God in Nigeria. This was Irene's second time in Nigeria working in the eyeglass clinic. She was privileged 2 years ago to be trained by

and work alongside Linda Miclash. We praise God that we were able to serve an average of 100 people per day and dispense close to 500 pairs of eyeglasses.





The Water Projects



The water team was split into two parts. One part of the team went to different villages and repaired borehole wells every day. This part of the team was led by John with Kade and Wilf doing a good part of the helping. They fixed seven borehole wells over the two weeks. One of the most touching things was to watch the village children cheer when clean water came out of a well that hadn't been



working for a few months. The gift of water is such a powerful thing and we got a chance to give this to the Nigerians in the Name of Jesus Christ. The second part of the water team was made up of Ted and Iain with some help from John too. Ted made an ionizing system for the



health clinic. Basically this system takes well water and ionizes it making it the cleanest water in the world! It's powered by two solar panels that the team put up on the roof of the clinic. The water is stored in a water tank in the ceiling and the ionizing system itself is located in the future operating room of the clinic. Ted did a great job of training John on how the system works so he can continue keeping it up and running.



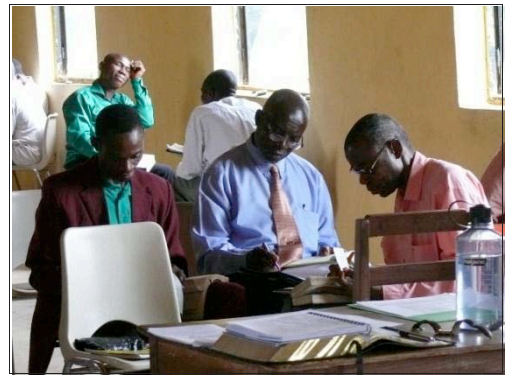
Teachers and Pastors



TETMI has been seeking to strengthen the spiritual impact for Christ through the high school which was launched a few years ago. Jim's privilege was to meet each day, for a week with the teachers, around the theme of becoming more effective influencers for Christ. Regular classes were suspended for the week so that the entire staff of about 25 could participate. Together, we acknowledged that if the successive waves of

graduates could be brought into a significant level of maturity in knowing Christ, the

impact upon families, upon villages, and upon Nigeria as a nation could be huge. We emphasized two things during the week: 1) The essential foundation of teachers growing in their own experiential knowing of Christ personally and then 2) also developing school-wide practices that effectively express and nurture life in Christ among students and within the local community. TETMI has appointed one of their own staff to continue processing these themes with the



teachers during the next year.

The TETMI pastors gathered with Jim for 3 days around the central theme of "Christ is all." Taking our cue from 1 Peter 1:9 as "... a people for God's own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvellous light". We dwelt upon the excellence of Christ and the priority of knowing Him as fully as He may be known. We studied

sections of Hebrews, and shared what we discovered about the better sacrifice, the better high priest, the better covenant, the better salvation. We wrestled with issues that challenge us in our participation in the building of His church but we celebrated how exceedingly stunning is God and how exceedingly stunning is the bride that is being prepared for the Son. There is no other vocation so high as to live in Him and to demonstrate Him who is all!





Teaching the Students

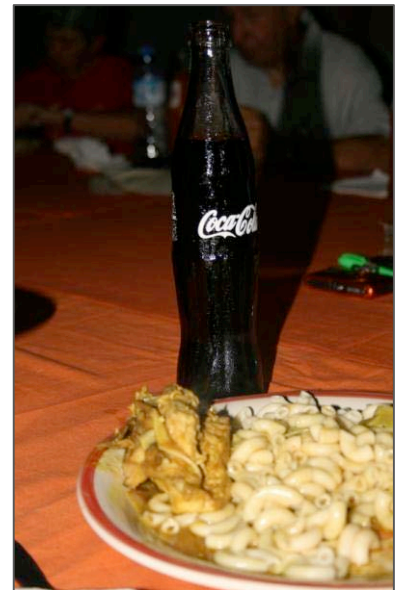
Iain had the great privilege of teaching the high school students about Creation and Science and how they

correspond and relate. There were approximately 80 students for five days. The teachers cancelled classes so that the students would have a chance to go and learn. It was a great experience and Iain did a great job with the students helping them learn and understand these important principles.



The Food!

We had some great ladies making us food every day. They cooked it out on a big open fire and it was delicious!



In Memory of Lolo, Linda Miclash



This was David Miclash's first time back to Nigeria after the passing of Linda. The love and respect shown by our Nigerian friends was unprecedented. The first day of clinics David Umune came out with water bottles that had labels of Linda. They also put on an absolutely amazing celebration service in her honour. They celebrated her life and all she did and they praised God for all His goodness for 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours! (Longest church service of our lives!) David Umune's children did a dance in Linda's honour and it was breathtaking and beautiful! The tears flowed freely and so many people came to honour her.

A few people came up to give speeches on how she impacted their lives. How precious it was to see their love for this woman. At the end of the service David Umune told us they had named the first school built in Akaeze after Linda. It's now called The Linda Miclash Nursery and Primary School.

