

Happy New year to you and the entire family believing you've had a beautiful Christmas celebration. It was another busy Christmas for us in the house as usual because it is one celebration that brings a lot of people to our home without invitation therefore we usually will cook/fry and prepare different kinds of food and get ready for any one that will come around. This year we had about 50 people – both adults and children visiting. It was fun and a privilege to keep serving them although tiring since they do come at different times between 1 to 7pm. Now the New year is here. Our house is full with Nehemiah's siblings, mother and nieces/nephews. We look forward to a beautiful celebration as we are already having fun.



It is delightful for me to write to you again about how life has been going with me as I thank you for your reply and comments in September. Sorry that the writing is not as often because it is meant to be quarterly so that you can have a general picture of what is happening in my life, but our newsletters of the Grace & Light website remain up-to-date. Now, here is how the Lord has been faithful in the last few months up till now.



I continue to thank the Lord for you and all the different ways through which He blesses me through you. Your prayers and your contributions in diverse ways have kept things going for me and for many others close to me that you may not even know. Thank you very much.

My family is doing fine. My husband Nehemiah has not been having much problems with his health recently and we are very grateful to the Lord for that. He continues to takes the drugs that he brought home with him from the US in April. His job at the hospital lab is also going well and he continues to live as a blessing to everyone around him. Please pray that the Lord will keep on protecting him and keeping him in good health.



My daughter Anne has just finished the first semester of grade 11 (the school closed for the Christmas break on Wednesday 20th of December). I continue to marvel at how she is already going to be seventeen in a month! She has continued to do very well in school and she has already begun to search for colleges, scholarships, and specific college majors to take. She has been working on sharing her faith with people and I trust that she has done so through her actions even if she hasn't directly spoken of it the way she would want. We continue to pray that the Lord will give her wisdom and courage.

The extended family is also doing fine. My sister Farah and my sister-in-law Briska remain strong and on their HIV drugs. Briska is in the US right now, though, with her daughter who had to go there to give birth due to some complications; but both she and the baby are fine. We were at my husband's family home in the village from the 15th to the 17th of December, for his late father's one-year memorial, and my sister-in-law Grace also came with two of her children from the US to attend the program and spend the Christmas holiday here. My mother-in-law is also here with the remaining family. My siblings and mother is doing well back in Yola. My younger brother Ishama and his wife are enjoying their marriage as well.

Sadly, there was also a death of the lady who used to live in our boys quarters with her family and work as a help in our house. She died of hepatitis on Monday the 18th of December and so activities were a bit crazy for me at the end of the year, but God helped us through. Please pray for God's comfort for the bereaved family. It became a good reminder for us as a family to go for our hepatitis booster vaccine on the 29th December since we've seen many people died with same. This will last 25 years according to the hospital.

Amidst my being busy, I continue to do my best to take time out for myself. The office closed for Christmas on Tuesday the 19th of December and Christmas preparations had kept me busy since then. Things have gotten just a bit easier, since no office trip, although I use to go forth nightly to see what is happening and with Anne on break, I don't have to do school runs in the morning and she can also help me with a few more things at home.

Just recently, I counselled and tested a young lady who was brought to me. She was HIV positive with a lot of life issues and the bad news was that she was not ready to accept Christ yet. Please continue to pray for her and many of our youth who are not ready for God and are just wasting their lives. Also pray that Grace and Light will be able to reach as many as we can before all is lost. Let me give you a break. Believing that the new year will bring a lot of testimonies.

In His Love,

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