

Your PurityWorks support helped send a team of 19 to spend 17 days in Nigeria this past month. Thank you for the lives you changed by making a way for a team to bring purity training, truth, friendship and freedom to many in Nigeria.

The PurityWorks team's schedule in Nigeria was crammed with great opportunities. Randy and Jennie Bishop and Robin Stanley partnered with Great Commission Ministries of Nigeria (connected with Campus Crusade) and In-His-Grace Ministries to bring encouragement and training, specifically to women in the country. Both Robin and Jennie were conference speakers, and Randy led worship along with Pam Baker. All team members also took part in ministry opportunities outside conferences.

Some of the main issues for women in Africa include domestic violence (women are not seen as equal to men in general), sexual abuse, government corruption and war. The team saw this in Nigeria as they visited the Mashiah Foundation and the Bezer home for women with AIDS. The stories were heart-wrenching, but the hope these women found through this incredible organization warmed everyone's hearts. The women there actually hold seminars to train others in purity, and they use *The Princess and the Kiss*, Jennie's book, as a dramatic element in these presentations. Jennie was able to present books and purity necklaces to the gals here, and they were thrilled to meet the author. A small-town girl from Ohio talking to women in Africa touched by her book—you can imagine Jennie's feelings.

At Miriam's House, a crisis pregnancy center, there were also some young ladies who touched hearts. Jennie was able to share *The Princess* with them, and the team worked together to make screens for the buildings where the girls are housed. Malaria is rampant, and so these new babies and moms need protection from mosquitoes.

At Bethany Christian Academy, backpacks and *The Crayon Kingdom* books were distributed to children, and they sang to the team, class by class. They had even written team members' names into the songs to welcome them! These children are being trained as future leaders, to end cycles of corruption and AIDS. The school is very important to the future of Nigeria.

Women's conferences took place in three cities: Jos, Abuja and Lagos. The trip from Jos to Abuja is three hours long in exceptional heat, and there are checkpoints where travelers may be stopped by armed "officers" who may demand non-existent papers and money. This happened to our team twice, but nationals who were with them were able to negotiate passage. Tension is high because of government corruption and Muslim/Christian influences in Nigeria.

In all three settings, our hosts were so grateful to receive team members. Nigerian women are so queenly and beautiful—they never slouch. They are also very modest, which becomes any woman. Lonna, the main speaker from In-His-Grace, has a testimony of a restored life that is so powerful, and the women responded to that as well as the Planned Purity message Jennie gave. In fact, in every city leaders begged for books and for our team to return to do purity conferences.

That is the next overseas goal of PurityWorks. We will be looking towards returning to Nigeria in January or February with a conference team and a publisher who can help get the books set up to print in-country. In the meantime, we'd like to send about \$3000 worth of books to get the Nigerians started with *Princess* and *Squire* purity training for their young people. If you can help with those needs, please let us know.

AIDS is devastating Africa, and the only answer is purity. That's it. There's no cure, and there's no condom that can keep a person safe. It's vital that we educate in what purity truly is, starting with a heart that's pure and building into an understanding of the importance of sexual purity. If African children can learn and practice these things, they will be saved from their parents' fates.

That's what we are doing at PurityWorks. We are working in conjunction with churches, schools and crisis pregnancy centers in the United States to train Americans of all ages in purity using *The Princess and the Kiss*, *The Squire and the Scroll*, and Planned Purity training. Parents learn how to train children from their earliest ages. Children learn to embrace purity for themselves. And teens and adults can find support and healing for purity issues.

Thanks for your help in keeping the message going out. It's vital to the future of our country, other countries, and the world. Our family thanks you, and families around the world thank you.

A personal note from Jennie:

The possibilities for purity training in Nigeria are exciting! In closing, I'd like to introduce you to a very special couple, Lewis and Margaret Dam. Lewis and Margaret both came from tribal situations where their families were involved in witchcraft and ancestral worship. They lived in fear as children. Their lives changed when missionaries came and shared the gospel with them.

As they grew and reached "dating" age, both Lewis and Margaret decided that dating wasn't the best approach to finding a spouse, so they both prayed. That's how they met. They have three boys, and have mentored a number of other children in their home. They are some of the most humble, devoted Christians we have ever met, and they inspired us. Their relationship is so warm and loving and free, a wonderful example for a healthy marriage, and their family is obviously close.

Lewis and Margaret exemplify what Africa's future could be like. That's what we're working towards building through PurityWorks. Thanks so much for your help.

Please consider giving for three reasons this month. First of all, we will be returning to Ukraine to continue purity training at new churches in Kiev and to reconnect with the Chrasni Hutor orphans October 10-24. (If you have a heart for Ukraine and would like to travel with us, we're organizing the team right now.)

Secondly, we are opening our first office. Making the jump to actual monthly payments for this space will require all of our help. If 21 people would commit to give \$20 a month, it would cover our rent of our first office space. But we will still need money for supplies, phone, electricity and other costs. Won't you consider a generous gift that would contribute to an office that will make it much easier for us to continue to administrate this teaching and travel?

Let me leave you with quotes from two Nigerian leaders, Margaret Dam from the conference church in Jos and Father Peter Kamai from the Catholic seminary.

“For the very first time your talk enabled me to see purity from a much wider dimension than just sexual abstinence. My attention was glued to your presentation as it affects all the five senses. Things like these should be taught in all schools, churches and even TV stations to save our dying generation.”

“ I thought the talk was useful to our seminarians because you dwelt so much on issues that are actual. Our society has become so much saturated with all sorts of distractions that only control of the senses will save the day. The students were able to connect immediately with the subject matter because that is their experience.”

Purity works!! In the US or on Africa, or Russia, there is a way to avoid AIDS and build healthy families and children. Please help us keep saving these lives with your generous support!

With joy,

Jennie