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Dearly beloved,

We pray this letter finds you basking in God's favor. The is our update in which we want to tell you about our concluded cross-cultural mission training and our "what next."

I, Bernard, was hesitant to attend a cross-cultural mission training especially after it was shifted from January to Feb/March. Apart from longing to return to Nigeria, should I really need a training to return to Nigeria where I grew up? Well, as it turned out, I was proved wrong. MTI became the best training ever.

As I looked out from the window while the plane landed, I saw some beautiful Colorado landscape. The flat terrain looked colorful while the snow rested on the mountains. If for nothing, I imagined, I was thankful for the sight and besides CO will be my 23rd state to visit.. As we arrived we were greeted by the staff of MTI and fellow missionaries (34 adult trainees, 18 children ranging from 5-13) going to 18 different countries. The term "tribe" was used to describe this unique community. Although physically speaking we were from different backgrounds, spiritually we had the common background, culture and language of missions.

The training did not and was not intended to address the importance of missions, nor was it on methods of evangelism, discipleship or church planting . The members of the "tribe" are familiar with all these.

The training rather addressed the missionary and his/her life. It offered tools that will help the missionary not only to survive but also be successful as he/she serves with people of different personalities, the body of Christ with differing faiths and creeds as well as an environment with various and sometimes hostile cultural values. In the midst of these, how does the missionary take care of his soul? Laden with missionary activities, the missionary often gets stressed and burnt out. This fact, we were told, has ruined the career of up to 40% of missionaries serving overseas.

I have since concluded that every missionary, no matter where called, in addition to training on evangelism, also needs this kind of training.

Our next step is to get back to our assignments. This is dragging because we have not completed our financial support goal. As you pray for us, this is a burning need we have right now. Please also thank God for His faithfulness. He has been so gracious to us. We have enjoyed hospitality in many homes. These are people who have provided accommodation, financial and moral support. .

**Please take note of our new account number listed in bold at the top. God bless you!**



*Colorado scene*



*At the entrance of MTI*



*The "Tribe"*