

November 12, 2019

Dear Friends,

Sometimes God asks us to do something unexpected and overwhelming, and that's what happened to Marilyn and me. When Jim and Salome Crouch wrote and said that things were getting very dangerous in Nigeria and they needed to retire and come home, we wondered where they would live since they had no home and no furniture and very little retirement money. But God burdened both of our hearts to prepare a place for them as a part of our Peace Haven Ministries. We began looking for apartments but nothing was available at a reasonable price. So we did what we have done all these years when needs arose with our ministry, we prayed. God answered and opened an apartment not far from the church. We prayed that God would provide the money we needed for furniture that would be as nice as we would put in our own home. It was wonderful for us to watch God work the miracle before our very eyes. We were again reminded of how faithful God has been to provide for Peace Haven over the past 23 years.

We were humbled by the generosity of God's People. They provided new and some very good used furniture. Others provided money to give the Crouch's so they could buy clothes and other items needed for re-entering back into our culture. An older but nice car was given to them. The Missions Committee had a welcome home shower and many nice gifts were given for them to furnish their kitchen and bathroom. We took half of the garage and made an office for Jim to study, so he can continue to prepare materials and stay connected to his students at the Seminary. Marilyn and I were sometimes exhausted but found new energy in watching how God paved the way and provided for every need. We became more aware of how great our God is. And guess what? It was so much fun for both of us. It really is more fun to give than to receive.

It takes many people to make the ministry of Peace Haven possible. Some pray and give and others help by keeping the homes and property beautiful. We recently received a note from a missionary's wife that said, "Thank you so much for all that you do to keep Rest Haven in such wonderful condition. It is such a joy to be able to stay here! Not having to do a deep clean before leaving for the airport is such a huge blessing and makes our lives so much easier. We know that means hard work for you and we really appreciate it."

Another note from a pastor's wife said: "This is the first time in 10 years that our family (six children) has been able to get away from our ministry. We played, read, laughed, prayed and were able to just be a family without my husband needing to work or someone needing him. Now we are ready to go back to our church and our community to serve the Lord."

We are very thankful to you for continuing to make the ministry of Peace Haven happen!

Serving Him Together,