



Family

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A Preacher's Perspective

Consider this email message from Doka:

INSECURITY IN THE LAND.

We need your prayers more than before because our roads, homes, Churches, and work places are unsecured. For instance this is just some days that I begin to think normal, in accordance to the Doctors that I was under heavy fears and shocks of armed robbery attack that took place on 5 Nov 2011. A woman attempted to kill me in August 2011, and serious explosives/ bombs everywhere in the Northern-Nigeria. All of these are stressful on me, but is now recovering from all these mess.

The literacy centers, Steward Model School, and Church attendance are low some times because of fear next bomb explosive.

The elders, deacons, and all Christian's prayers for us are seriously needed because our lives/properties are under serious threats of Boko haram sects.

Today and every day we go to bed with one eye close and another open, so PRAY FOR US as usual.

Thanks and God Bless you.

Doka

What Doka is telling us is that he has been under such stress that it has affected his health and mental state. I think it is impossible for us to imagine the

violent and hostile world in which our brother Doka lives. The news has had many reports of the violence and aggressiveness of Boko Haram. Many have been killed. Doka told us of this movement when he was last here.

Doka's birth in Christ was in the context of witchcraft, Islam and violence. You remember how the postmaster burned his first WBS Bible to save him from the reaction of his own village. You remember how his own father threatened him and how the family conspired to murder him when they learned he had become a Christian.

Yet Doka persevered. He returned to Keffi to

teach about Jesus. He was accepted into the council of elders because of the power of his faith. Now, he faces new threats from radical Islamists.

Few of us would be able to endure in these circumstances. Just hours south, in his own country, hundreds of thousands of Christians worship and teach Jesus with little fear or danger. But in the north, in Doka's world, the Enemy is very powerful.

In Abuja, the federal capitol, Doka continues to teach literacy and to teach Jesus. The state has recognized and honored him for his efforts to improve the lives of his fellow-citizens.

I want us to focus prayers very intently on Doka's safety and the power of the gospel to penetrate the darkness of northern Nigeria. He left me a voicemail on Saturday to wish us all a happy Christmas and new year.

I am thankful to God that we have the blessing of holding up his hands with financial support and in prayer. (In addition to monthly support, a special gift made it possible to send Doka \$10,000 just before the end of the year.)

Chuck Miller



Doka with his friend Alex Bayes from Freed-Hardeman.

This Morning ...

Please take a moment this morning to fill out an attendance card, especially if you are a guest. Prayer cards are also available in the pew rack. You may choose to have prayers by the elders, a prayer warrior or by the whole church family. If you choose "whole church family" it will be announced following the sermon.

Order of Worship

Welcome, Scripture & Prayer *Don Brewster*
 Kids Connection *Jon Miller*
 Praise Songs..... *Dewayne Smith*
 Acts 2:41-47
 #662 *All to Jesus I Surrender*
 #186 *Christ, We Do All Adore Thee*
 Hebrews 11:13-16
 #754 *Faith of Our Fathers*
 #416 *Footsteps of Jesus*
 Philippians 3:12-16
 #539 *Higher Ground*
 Communion *Bob Jett*
 #382 *Why Did My Savior Come to Earth?*
 Sermon *Chuck Miller*
 #361 *Nailed to the Cross*
 Prayer Cards *Bob Voigts*
 #647 *Soldiers of Christ, Arise*

Dates to Remember

TODAY Community Groups
 January 9 Living Room Café
 January 10 Ladies Class
 January 12 Teen Parent Connection
 January 13 Mens Prayer Breakfast
 January 15 Chili & Soup Potluck Luncheon
 January 17 Ladies Class
 January 18 Seniors Breakfast
 January 19 Teen Parent Connection
 January 20 Mens Prayer Breakfast
 January 21 Community Groups

Records You Helped Make

Sunday Morning Bible Class..... 40
 Sunday Morning Worship..... 88
 Wednesday Evening Bible Class..... 27
 Contribution..... \$4,668.05

Nursery Workers Jamie Miller, Shelby Root

Collection Counters..... Justin Avey, Mike Henkel

In Our Prayers...

Herman Aultman, **Bobbie Whitman's brother**, hasn't been feeling well.
Phyllis Cissne, **Cindy Drumheller's mother**, is in rehab recuperating from a broken pelvis. She is doing well.
Lloyd Embree, **a friend of Joyce Eakins**, is very ill with cancer. Please pray for him and his wife.
John Giovanni, **a friend of Lynette Root's brother**, has a brain tumor. He is undergoing chemotherapy and radiation, but the doctors are not giving him much hope.
Anne Librande, **Joanne Johnson's mother**, is in rehab. Plans are being made for her to go home.
Willene McGuffy, **Linda Vantreese's mother**, is having tests.
Chuck Miller will begin radiation the end of January.
Bob Voigts had his last chemo treatment last week.

Moms-to-Be:

Lauren Avey – Justin & Joan's daughter-in-law
 Nana Dukeman – Marion Lake's niece
 Shannon Gifford
 Jamie Miller
 Christina Voigts

Armed forces:

Joe Amato – Bob & Betsy Jett's son-in-law is leaving for Afghanistan tomorrow.
 Josh Aultman – Bobbie Whitman's grand-nephew is in Afghanistan
 Ryan Gleason – Dana Howard's nephew
 Jacob Headtke – U.S. Marines, RCC alumni
 Joey Wertz – the friend of Lynette Root's friend, Iraq
 Klinton Wheeler – will be home soon
 Jonathon Young – a Warrant Officer in the army

Missions:

City of Children – Ensenada, Mexico
 Obadiah Doka & Family – Nigeria
 Living Room Café – Chicago
 Mission Lazarus – Honduras & Haiti
 Shults-Lewis – the teens, their families, the workers
 Enoch & Jeannine Thweatt – Taiwan
 Teen Parent Connection - West Chicago
 Joe & Allison Voigts – Korea
 Students of Joe Voigts – China
 Ayodele Waleola – Nigeria

Bookmarks

"Who You Are..." bookmarks are available in the foyer.

Bible Class Teachers

Please sign up to teach the Wednesday evening 0-4 aged class. A sheet is posted on the bulletin board.

Ladies Bible Class

The Ladies Class will begin a new course of study soon. Contact Pat Brewster if you would like to join the class.