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Travel Report: Jennifer's, Patric's und Ben's Trip to Nigeria

When we arrived in Lagos, it was 8:00 p.m. and still 32 degrees (around 90 degrees Fahrenheit.) Then I realized – we came to Nigeria at the hottest time of the year! The days were really hot (often 100 degrees F) which made our activities very strenuous. But we quickly got used to the heat and were – as usual – very active!

The first week proved to be very eventful...

On the first day we exchanged money on the black market. We had brought € 5,000 of our Adesuwa funds in cash, because on the black market we got € 745.00 more for our money than if we had made a bank transfer! We got a huge pile of bills and put 2 million Naira in our bags :0)

Esther's baby was due one week before our arrival, but the little one wanted to wait for us. On the second day of our trip **Esther gave birth to a little prince!** Both of them were fine, although I was shocked by the circumstances in the hospital. It looked like the equipment was from the 70's and the hygiene left a lot to be desired. I thought that my son Ben would not be alive if I had given birth in this hospital (C-sections are not performed there.)

Then Esther told me how happy she was to be near a hospital. The families that we support in Coker Village don't have such access to medical assistance. I had to gulp....

The rest of the week we had strategy meetings in Esther's house. I got acquainted with the new helpers Lissy, Faye and Bayo who had been substituting for Esther and supporting lyke (Esther's husband) in Coker since January. All of them were great people – a huge heart for the children and a blessing for our Project Days!



I asked the group about the situation in the village, the challenges for the children and their families and how our activities are perceived. All agreed that:

- 1. English is the biggest challenge for our kids.**
- 2. In addition to school attendance, clean water is important as it has an enormous effect on the health of the families in general.**

So we made plans how we could address this. We developed a **Tutor Program** for our schools and planned the Project Days.

You read right – we are now enabling our kids to learn English in small learning groups!

The concept looks like this:

- Every school gets two tutors, one for the younger and one for the older kids.
- The tutors are young teachers or students with excellent English knowledge and methodological and didactical skills.
- The young kids learn basic English, while the older kids are prepared for their exams and the final aptitude test at the end of Grade 5 (the requirement for advancing to the secondary school).

- Every learning group gets together 2 – 3 times a week, which is monitored by Lyke and Mr. Ojodu, our contact teacher.
- This project is financed by the donations received on the occasion of Mr. Winkler's (the former principal of Heinrich Heine High School) retirement and farewell event.

The second week was highlighted by the visits to Coker Village.

We were in the village for three days and used the other days for preparation. **On the first day we met with parents and teachers to get an update on the current situation.** I started with a warm welcome, which Bayo translated into Yoruba: Ese te wa! (Thank you for coming!)



I asked the parents how they and the children were doing. Esther warned me that the parents might use this opportunity to express their worries and problems. Instead, the answers really warmed my heart: "Thank you for everything you do for us! Thank you that my child can go to school – she has changed so much, has become more self-confident and courageous! We pray for Germany every day – that God may bless you."

I was so touched that I was at a loss for words – I didn't know what to say...

As Lyke and I then told the families about the Tutor Program, all 60 parents clapped their hands and applauded. It was a real celebration. We asked the families to nominate the best people for such a role by the next meeting. And on our second day, the families already had their tutors...



Two days later we were again in the village. Even the trip was a real event!

On the “highway” between Lagos and Ogun State (where Coker is located) a truck had overturned and caught fire. The street was blocked, so that we had to take detours through the small villages – in a non-airconditioned car in 100 degree heat. These villages didn’t have asphalt streets, but a lot of potholes! After a 5-hour drive, we finally arrived in Coker.

This time it was Profiling Day. We spoke with all our kids and their families so that we could update their profiles for their sponsors. We got a lot of information and took lots of pictures, which we can soon share with the sponsors :0)

The day was long and we were happy when we arrived back at the hotel late in the evening. Because the next day was our Learning Day...

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Current news about Nigeria can be found here:

- Pupils describe what they wish for the future
<https://guardian.ng/news/the-nigeria-we-want-by-pupils-on-2018-childrens-day/>
- Cholera in the northeast of Nigeria
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/topics/c50znx8v132t/nigeria>
- Shell Oil pipeline leak discovered – Environmental damage and reduced oil export are the consequence
<https://www.premiumtimesng.com/business/business-news/269847-nigerias-oil-export-suffers-as-shell-battles-pipeline-leak.html>
<https://www.wsj.com/articles/pollution-worsens-around-shell-oil-spills-in-nigeria-1527246084>
- Amnesty International accuses the Nigerian army of sexually assaulting Boko Haram victims
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-44236428>
<https://www.tagesschau.de/ausland/nigeria-missbrauch-101.html>
- Suicide attack on mosque in Nigeria
<https://www.zdf.de/nachrichten/heute/tote-im-norden-des-landes-anschlag-auf-moschee-in-nigeria-100.html>

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