

## THE HAAS HAUS

## West Africa Trip

Andrew had a hernia repair May 14. The surgery was successful, and he healed well before leaving for West Africa a few weeks later! We're often asked if South Africa has good health care. Thankfully we have access to great hospitals (the world's first heart transplant was conducted in SA) that cost much less than the U.S.A. We are also blessed to have insurance covering private care. Many poor people have no option but government hospitals, which are known to send people with life-threatening conditions home with aspirin.

Andrew and John Ragsdale traveled together to Nigeria and Benin June 2-17. Together they met current and prospective producers of radio programs. Good relationships in Africa are almost always established face-to-face, so much of the trip was spent getting to know people we can now discuss business with via phone and email.

## **OneStory Projects in Nigeria**

When Andrew and Holly met in Mali seven years ago, John was also there to help launch two Nigerian Bible story projects that are still unfinished. The first is for the Nigerian Fulani (12 million). The death of the coordinator in a bus collision two years ago brought that project to a standstill. Thankfully, TWR has partner missions working in the same people group who have already recorded 60 Bible stories!



ANDREW & JOHN MET A FULANI CHRISTIAN WHO USED TO HATE HIS OWN TRIBE (BECAUSE OF PERSECUTION). BIBLE TRANSLATORS HIRED HIM TO SHARE GOD'S WORD IN STORY FORM AND HIS HEART CHANGED.

We were able to plan together to adapt the audio (designed for mp3 players) for radio airplay. We thank God for meeting the right people at the right time to finish a project that seemed hopeless.

The other project, Kanuri-Yerwa (6 million) is almost finished and we pray that both are on the air by December!

## Filming

In preparation for Andrew's trip to West Africa, Holly built Andrew a homemade "steadicam" for his iPhone. This way he could capture HD video with a minimum of camera jiggle. As this footage is used to create new videos, we will post them on our website (ahaas.com) and Facebook.



FILMING WITH HOLLY'S HOMEMADE STEADICAM



KANURI LISTENING TO RADIO



RECORDING IN JOS, NIGERIA

Through former coworkers at StoryRunners, Andrew met a local project leader recording sets of about 40 Bible stories in several languages. We pray that the Bariba and Fon tribes may be reached via radio storytelling in the coming year.

While Andrew was in W.Africa, Holly continued work on The Way of Righteousness (a teaching program that goes through the Bible chronologically). It's already airing in Southern Africa, but Holly has been preparing the program for www.TWR360.org (a new Web distribution platform). This has included changing the end of the episodes to include international addresses and information, correcting the scripts, preparing transcripts and tracking the keywords and scripture references used in each program. (This last part helps allow web searches find relevant episodes.)

Holly also worked on stripping paint off of an old wooden filing cabinet.

In July, we'll be traveling south together to Cape Town. Andrew will teach a few sessions on oral communication during a two-week Study Centre for Christian Ministry to Muslims (SCCMM). At the end of SCCMM, we'll also be attending a training on how to use a video series for discipling Muslims called *Al Massira* (Arabic for "the Journey.") We're able to include a couple of days of R&R while we're down in the beautiful Cape. It's important to remember to plan special times together as a married couple. Jesus himself needed to get away from the crowds for rest and we don't pretend to be somehow better than our Lord.

Thank you for your prayers and support,

andrea & Holly

P.S. We're very excited for Holly's brother and sister-in-law (Danny & Lauren.) Evelyn Hanna Beech, 6.21bs, was born 10:38am June 20! Evie and Momma are both doing well!



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HOLLY EDITS THE WAY OF RIGHTEOUSNESS ON A PINK MACBOOK COVERED IN STICKERS.



FILE CABINET REFINISHING



BREAD SELLER IN BENIN WHO LISTENS TO TWR

