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Because of your support for Healthcare Outreach Network, we were able to send more than we ever anticipated to three Christian medical centers in Nigeria--Ogbomoso, Eku, and Shakie. Two large containers were recently filled to capacity in Dallas and transported to Houston for shipping November 3. You enabled us to substantially expand the earlier equipment list which was updated following the recent return of Dr. and Mrs. Meier along with emails to the Baptist Medical Center in Ogbomoso.

Loren and I went to Dallas recently for the packing and shipping preparations. Shirley Shofner, Mary Kay and Fred Posey, and Leo Smith's team of Texas Baptist Men are certainly to be commended for their many long hours of dedication to this task. We were astounded with the supplies arriving daily, the faithfulness and abilities of the participants, and the fantastic organization and capabilities of Texas Baptist Men. I assumed we would pack the equipment and supplies as you would pack a moving van. Not so -- all items had to be well protected with various types of padding, crated, placed on pallets and secured. Lists and descriptions necessary for inspectors, approvals, and shipping documents were carefully prepared. Large delicate items such as anesthesia machines, monitors and computers required even more specialized packaging.

Never doubt the power of prayer. Numerous hard to obtain items came in right at the last minute - - three anesthesia machines, two additional desktop and two laptop computers. In addition to our items going to Ogbomoso, much needed equipment and supplies will be delivered to Eku Baptist Hospital, (where Mary Kay Posey was born) and the Shakie Baptist Clinic. These three institutions are hours apart by road and delivery from the Nigerian port will take quite some time.

The containers are being loaded on the transport ship, and when the anticipated arrival date in Nigeria is determined, Mary Kay and Fred plan to be there. Loren and I may also participate in the delivery and distribution, if possible.

This project has been much more involved than anticipated and we are most appreciative for so many participants sharing their time, energies, and assets. Hopefully, the attached photos can assist in demonstrating the fruitfulness of your participation. Thank you one and all.

Best regards.

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