

Subject: January 2004 update

Last week we said goodbye to Houston, moving on to the next chapter of our lives as we prepare to be missionaries in Nigeria. We drove to Union Mills, North Carolina, where we will attend biblical & cultural training for several months, better equipping us for ministry on the field.

Again we saw God's faithfulness as we made it to North Carolina just in time for snow. Waking to a snowy morning our first day here was the answer to a prayer that we had prayed for as a family for months. To some it might seem trivial, but to our family, it wasn't. With the majority of us living in Houston our entire lives, it was very difficult to say goodbye to friends & family, even though we were excited about moving. To us, the snow on our first day in North Carolina was a wonderful display of God's concern for all of the details of our lives. It was absolutely beautiful.

It was the first time that Christine, Christian and Danielle ever saw snow. We had a blast having snowball fights, the kids and Christine built their first snowman, sledding, and anything the kids could think of. We then had three days of being snowed and iced in. God is so good. He prompted us to arrive a day early and let the kids totally enjoy the snow. He also provided us with a neighbor that opened up her home and provide us with meals.

God also provided us with great friends, and other great women that we got to know very well to help us pack and move all of our belongings. We had to sort things between a North Carolina area, a Nigeria area, and even stuff for a garage sale. Several women volunteered to organize and run the garage sale. It was so awesome for us not to have to worry about a thing with all that was going on. That was truly a blessing from the Lord.

On Sunday the 18th Christine ran the Houston marathon. It was her first marathon and she did great. Her friend ran all of the way to the finish line with her. I followed her around cheering her on and taking pictures.

We have totally set up our new home. Christian and Danielle are sharing a room and it has its moments, but overall it is working out great.

Our website is almost done feel free to check it out at [www.therothchilds.org](http://www.therothchilds.org) Please feel free to e-mail us or call us at our new home at 828 287-8996 x 266.

Thanks for your continued prayers.

Herschel for Christine, Christian, and Danielle