



## The Happiest Day

by Phyllis Sortor, Nigeria

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We took these leaders through the training and appealed to them to train their own community. We then transported them to our Ero Mountain grazing reserve and gave them the grand tour. The leaders saw the boreholes, the fenced paddocks, the large, fenced area where the cattle “overnight,” the drip irrigation and solar pumps. They were so excited! We showed them the farm area where we’re growing corn and guinea corn to use for fodder for the dry months ahead.

Just as we drove through the main gate our herd of 54 cows came walking down the road to meet us. The Fulani chiefs in my lead car called out, “Stop! Stop! We need to see these cows!” The whole parade stopped in the road. All our friends got out to meet the cows – admiring, commenting on various ones, laughing, happy – so thrilled to see cows on an actual grazing reserve. So thrilled there is real hope that someday they, too, will graze their cows on their own reserves!

The next Sunday morning I reached for my copy of Oswald Chamber’s *My Utmost for His Highest*. As I leafed through my attention landed on the devotional titled, “Have you ever been carried away for Him?” The writer reflects on the story in Mark 14 when a woman anointed Jesus with very expensive perfume. She was highly criticized by others, but Jesus said, “She hath wrought a good work for Me.”

Pure love compelled this woman to do something for Jesus that was beyond her duty, beyond meeting some need. *Have I ever realized that I can bring to God things which are of value to Him for no other reason but that I love Him?* My mind went instantly to the 55 Fulani chiefs.

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