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The Shwe Family

# **Trauma Healing**

In our ministry in Nigeria, we work very closely with World Renew, the development ministry of the Christian Reformed Church. We have a combined office at Mountain View compound in Jos, and the staff of Resonate Global Mission and World Renew meet together for prayer every morning as we start our workday. One of the most essential ministries that World Renew carries out in Nigeria is trauma healing. With intertribal conflicts, terrorist attacks, kidnappings, and armed robberies we are seeing trauma all around us. World Renew's head trauma healing counselor and trainer is Mrs. Kanke Shwe (middle of the picture above). Kanke is constantly on the go as she counsels those who have gone through trauma and trains others to carry out the trauma healing ministry throughout Nigeria. The Shwe family were also our neighbors at Mountain View for 2 1/2 years. Kanke's husband, Dr. David Shwe, is an assistant professor and pediatrician at the University of Jos Teaching Hospital. The Shwe daughters have adopted us as their grandparents. We have been so encouraged by the phone calls from our "grandkids" over the past year as we have adjusted to life in the USA. Please pray for the trauma healing ministry in Nigeria and Kanke Shwe as she heads up this vital work.

## PRAYER POINTS

- We are in discussion with two people who are exploring the possibility of serving God in Nigeria and West Africa. Please pray for God's guidance during these discussions.
- Thank God with us for our Mission Business Manager, Mrs. Nwukabu Abada. Ask God to encourage and strengthen her.
- Pray for Mrs. Kanke Shwe and the World Renew Trauma Healing Team as they minister to hurting people in Nigeria.
- Pray for Resonate Global Mission as we experience budget cuts. Pray for generous giving by God's people.
- Pray for the Fulani conferences being organized in West Africa at Easter time. May this be a time of encouragement and growth in the lives of the Fulani believers.

## **OUR MINISTRY**

Mike serves as the Nigeria Team Leader and the West Africa Regional Leader for Resonate Global Mission



Mission Business Manager, Mrs Nwukabu Abada

Victoria and her friend Mariam Abada

#### **Ministry Continues**

Thank God with us for Mrs. Nwukabu Abada, our Mission Business Manager, who is handling the dayto-day affairs of our mission in Nigeria. Please pray for strength and good health for her and her family.

#### **Budget Cuts**

Resonate Global Mission has been forced to implement substantial budget cuts for this year and the coming financial year. These cuts are impacting the ministry of some of our ministry partners in West Africa. Please pray that God's people will give generously for ministries around the world.

### Fulani Conferences

Our ministry partners in West Africa will be organizing a conference for Fulani believers around Easter time. Please pray for the believers who will be attending the conferences. Ask God for his protection as they travel and for the Holy Spirit to use the teaching and Bible studies to help them grow in their faith.

Thank you for partnering with our work in Nigeria!

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