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## Needed: Education Consultant

Are you a teacher or school administrator who might be interested in working in Christian education in West Africa?

Resonate Global Mission of the Christian Reformed Church in North America (CRCNA) is desperately in need of a full-time career missionary in Nigeria to fill the position of Education Consultant for West Africa. The Anglophone West Africa Education Consultant is responsible to facilitate the development, strengthening, and improvement of primary-through secondary-level Christian education throughout Nigeria and other English-speaking countries in West Africa.

Some of the duties of this position include:

1. Dialogue with Christian schools throughout Anglophone West Africa, both directly and through associations of Christian schools.
2. Mentor and encourage key leaders in the Christian school movement in West Africa.
3. Participate in the training of teachers to integrate a Biblical worldview into their teaching.

## PRAYER POINTS

- \* Pray that God would inspire someone to come and help us with the development of Christian education in West Africa.
- \* Thank God for the ministry of Rev. John Caleb and his family in CRC-N Jos for the past five years. Pray for the family as they take up a new ministry assignment in Mararraba, Taraba State. Pray for our new pastor, Rev. Nathan and Mercy Amos, as they begin their ministry in Jos.
- \* Pray for protection from COVID-19 in Nigeria. Ask God to slow the spread of the virus.
- \* Our colleagues, Ryan and Jody Faber and their family, have been delayed in their arrival in Nigeria because of COVID-19 and a mix-up with their visa applications. Ryan has been teaching his classes at the Theological College of Northern Nigeria (TCNN) remotely from Iowa. We are now hoping that Ryan's visa application will be approved quickly so that he can come to Nigeria and finish off teaching this semester.

## OUR MINISTRY

Mike serves as the Nigeria Team Leader for Resonate Global Mission in Nigeria and as an Advisor to the CRC-N Missions Department.

4. Participate in the training of Christian school administrators to competently administer their schools.
5. Interact and collaborate with other Resonate missionaries involved in education in West Africa.
6. Participate in African and worldwide discussions of Christian education.
7. Identify and develop strategic ministry opportunities for short-term volunteers to utilize the skills and strengths of the CRCNA in the development of Christian education.
8. Participate in support-raising (e.g., prayer, care, and financial support) for Resonate ministries by developing and maintaining a network of supporting churches and individuals.
9. Educate the CRCNA and others about the nature of the global church and its mission, encouraging them to develop a deeper passion and involvement in global mission.



*Our former pastor, Rev. John and Habiba Caleb, and their daughter Joyce*

**Does this sound like you, or someone you know? You can find more information on Resonate's website:** [www.resonateglobalmission.org/education](http://www.resonateglobalmission.org/education)



*Our new pastor, Rev. Nathan and Mercy Amos Yakubu*

## PASTOR'S TRANSFER

The Christian Reformed Church of Nigeria has a system of transferring their pastors after serving in a ministry location for five years. Our pastor, Rev. John Caleb, served faithfully in our church in Jos for the past five years and was recently transferred to CRC-N Mararraba in Taraba State.

Our new pastor, Rev. Nathan and Mercy Amos Yakubu, is serving for the first time in a local congregation after teaching at Veenstra Theological Seminary for the past few years.

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