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Nigeria Evangelical Missions Association

The Nigeria Evangelical Missions Association (NEMA) was started in 1982 to mobilize the church in Nigeria for mission outreach to unreached areas of Nigeria, West Africa, and the world. CRC-N became a member of NEMA in the mid-1980s.

NEMA serves the Nigeria church and missions movement through strategic training programs and networking. NEMA now has 137 registered member churches or mission organizations from all the regions of Nigeria. NEMA member mission agencies send out over 7,200 missionaries to 192 countries around the globe.

The Executive Secretary of NEMA, Andrew Gwaivangmin, is a former staff member of World Renew in Nigeria and Sierra Leone. Andrew asked staff from our office to assist the NEMA leadership with developing a strategic plan for NEMA and with Timothy Leadership Training.

Our colleagues from World Renew, David Tyokighir and Kanke Shwe, led the NEMA leadership through a process of developing a strategic plan for NEMA. Mike spent four days with 12 leaders of NEMA, leading them through the first two

PRAYER POINTS

- * Pray that God would inspire some servants of God to come and help us with the development of Christian education in West Africa, with networking with Christians in all sectors of society, and to teach at Hillcrest School.
- * Mike was invited to teach and preach at another ECWA church in Jos in June. We spoke to over 1,000 people during the three-day program. Thank God for this opportunity.
- * Pray for our immigration quota renewal. Pray that our application will be approved quickly.
- * Thank you for your prayers for Ryan and Jody Faber and their family. Ryan worked hard over the past three months in Nigeria teaching at the Theological College of Northern Nigeria (TCNN). Ryan left Nigeria for the USA today (July 8) as the family anticipates service for Resonate Global Mission in another African country.
- * Continue to remember our children, Joy and Brian, in prayer. Brian is looking for a new teaching job for next school year. Please pray that God will open up an opportunity.

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.

Timothy Leadership manuals — Caring for God's People and Christian Stewardship. Thank God with us for this vital partnership with NEMA as it works to strengthen the mission outreach of the Nigerian church.

NEED FOR STAFF

In our last letter in May, we highlighted the need for people to come to Nigeria and serve in various roles. We are still looking for long-term missionaries to serve in the following positions:

- Education Consultant
- Transformational Network Coordinator
- Teachers at Hillcrest School

Please let us know if you or someone you know may be interested in serving the Lord in Nigeria. You can find more information on Resonate Global Mission's website at:

www.resonateglobalmission.org/go



Kanke Shwe, David Tyokighir and Mike leading training for NEMA



IMMIGRATION QUOTA RENEWAL

Every two years, we are required to renew our immigration quota with the Nigeria Ministry of Interior. This immigration quota allows us to bring missionaries into Nigeria. The renewal process can be long and complicated. We began our renewal application in April, submitting all of the needed documents and paying the renewal fee. Our application is now at the final desk in the Ministry of Interior. Please pray that God would remove any roadblocks in our quota renewal process!

Thank you for partnering with us on mission as we work to strengthen the church in Nigeria!

Left: Mike leading a session of Timothy Leadership Training

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