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New Leadership in the CRC-Nigeria

During its General Church Council meeting in November 2021, the Christian Reformed Church, Nigeria elected a new President and Vice President. Rev. Dr. Isaiah J. Magaji (on the right above) was elected as President and Rev. Bulus E. Surupe (on the left above) was chosen as the new Vice President.

Mike has worked closely with both men in the past. Dr. Isaiah has been serving as the Vice President of the CRC-N since 2011. He also served as the Chairman of the CRC-N Mission Board from 2006 to 2012. We worked closely together to cast the vision and ministry of the CRC-N's mission outreach. Mike has known Rev. Bulus for over 40 years. Bulus had just finished high school when he volunteered for mission service in a very remote part of Nigeria. He worked faithfully in that difficult environment for a number of years before going on to seminary and various assignments in the church.

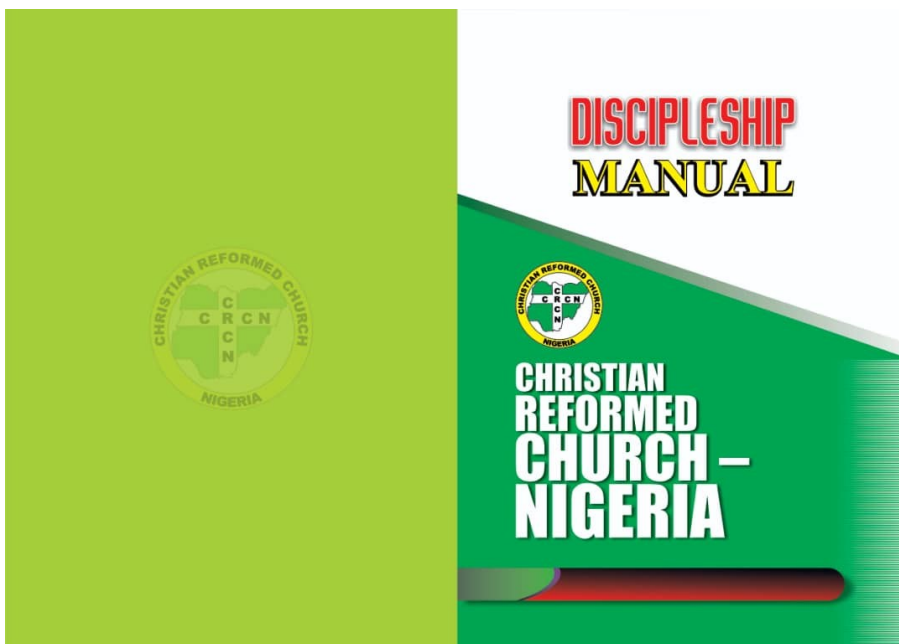
Please pray for Rev. Isaiah and Rev. Bulus as they lead the CRC-N in the coming years.

PRAYER POINTS

- * Thank God for the new leaders in the CRC-N. Pray for Rev. Isaiah and Rev. Bulus as they lead the church over the next five years.
- * Thank God that our immigration quota was finally renewed. The process was much more difficult this year than in the past.
- * Thank God for the printing of the Discipleship Manual for the CRC-N. Pray that this book will be effective in helping the members of the church to grow and mature in their faith.
- * Pray for newlyweds Raphael and Nanbam Hoga.
- * Mike will be facilitating a Timothy Leadership Training session on February 21-24 for leaders of the Nigeria Evangelical Missions Association. We plan to study the manuals on Christian Education and God's Plan for Sustainable Development. Pray for this training session.
- * By God's grace, we plan to be in the USA in April for our ReConnect time with our supporting churches. We hope to visit 11 of our 21 supporting churches this year.

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.



New Discipleship Manual for the Christian Reformed Church—Nigeria

One of the most urgent needs of the church in Africa is discipleship. Many of our churches are filled with people who are not strong in their faith. A few years ago, the leadership of the CRC-N asked Mike to write a book that would help the CRC-N pastors and elders in teaching and discipling their members. The project took longer than expected, but we got word last week that the new Discipleship Manual for the CRC-N has been printed. We haven't

actually held a copy of the book in our hands yet, but we thank God for the completion of this project and pray that this book will help the members of the CRC-N to grow and mature in their faith. Some of the subjects covered in the book are: What is Discipleship?, The Bible, God's Word, Salvation by Grace Alone, Assurance of Salvation, Filling of the Holy Spirit, Quiet Time and Prayer, Bible Study Methods, Scripture Memory, Worship, Evangelism and Mission, Spiritual Conflict, Reformed Beliefs, Time Management, and Becoming Disciple Makers.

A Family Wedding

We rejoiced with Victoria's extended family this past week during the wedding of her nephew, Raphael Hoga, and his bride Nanbam John (pictured right).

Thank God with us for joining Raphael and Nanbam together in marriage. Pray for them as they establish their home on the firm foundation of faith in Jesus Christ.

Thank you for supporting our ministry with the Nigerian church! We're thankful for the growth we've seen, and your partnership helps make this work possible.



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