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CRC-N Missionaries, Rev. Haruna Yohanna and his wife Victoria, who are serving in a neighboring West African country

West Africa Ministry

Since January 2023, Mike has been serving as the West Africa Regional Leader for Resonate Global Mission. Although we were familiar with the ministries going on in the other West African countries, it has been fun working with the missionaries and national staff in those countries on a regular basis. Recently, a conference was held in West Africa for new believers. Thirty-eight new Christians gathered for Bible Study and literacy training. They spent 10 days together studying the books of Habakkuk and Job. Rev. Haruna Yohanna and his wife Victoria were grateful to participate in this conference. The Yohanna family are missionaries sent by the Christian Reformed Church — Nigeria. Thank God for this opportunity for these new followers of Jesus to fellowship together and be taught the Word of God. There are plans to meet together again during the Easter period!

PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for Mike and Victoria as we celebrate the 45 years God has given us to serve him in Nigeria and as we conclude our time here in the coming month.
- Thank God for 38 new believers in West Africa who were recently able to gather together to encourage each and learn from God's Word.
- Pray that God would raise up people who are willing to serve him in Nigeria and West Africa.
- Our national church partners in Nigeria will be having their annual denomination-wide gatherings this month. Often there will be 10,000 to 15,000 members who come together for these conferences. Pray for safety in travel, for God's protection as the believers gather together, and for growth in faith for all who attend.

OUR MINISTRY

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



Victoria and our colleague Kanke Shwe



Mike & Trinity our newest grandniece

Relocation Not Retirement

As we wrote in our last prayer letter, Mike will celebrate 45 years in Nigeria in April 2024! We plan to relocate to the USA in April. Mike will continue to serve with Resonate Global Mission in his roles as Nigeria Team Leader and West Africa Regional Leader. We are looking forward to settling in the Chicagoland area close to our children. Please pray for us as we round up our time in Nigeria and say goodbye to ministry colleagues, family, and friends. The farewells over the past weeks have been quite emotional for us as we leave our home for the past 45 years.

News from Joy & Brian

We plan to live with our children, Joy and Brian, in Woodridge, IL, until we find our own house. Joy continues to run her own business in Downers Grove, IL. Brian is still recovering from his tennis injuries from last August. Please pray for complete recovery for him. He passed the first part of his certification exam in personal training and is studying for the second part of the exam as he begins looking for full-time work in that field.

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