

**MIKE & VICTORIA VAN DER DYKE | ENCOURAGING THE MISSION EFFORTS OF THE CHURCH
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The Shwe Family

Local Ministry

One of the most enjoyable aspects of our relocation to the USA has been involvement in our home church, Ebenezer Christian Reformed Church, in Berwyn, IL. Ebenezer CRC is a multicultural ministry with weekly worship services in English and Spanish. Mike has the privilege of preaching occasionally at Ebenezer and on May 18 he was installed as an elder. We are delighted to play a small part in the ministry of this historic congregation that recently celebrated their 158th anniversary. Please hold this church in your prayers that God will continue to bless their efforts to minister to their community in diverse ways in the name of Jesus.

PRAYER POINTS

- We are in discussion with a person who is exploring the possibility of serving God in Nigeria and West Africa. Please pray for God's guidance during these discussions.
- Thank God for his grace on Ebenezer Christian Reformed Church in Berwyn, IL. Pray for God's continued blessings on this congregation as they serve their community.
- Pray for the Christian Reformed Church of Sierra Leone. Thank God for the growth of this denomination and pray for the partnership with Resonate Global Mission. Pray for godly leaders to be equipped to serve the church and reach out with the gospel of Jesus.
- Thank God for the Fulani conferences held in West Africa at Easter time. Pray that the Fulani believers will continue to be encouraged in their faith.

OUR MINISTRY

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



Left: Rev. Moses Jawara—CRC Sierra Leone.
Right: Rev. Haruna and Victoria Yohanna

CRC of Sierra Leone

One of the church leaders who Mike has the privilege of working with is Rev. Moses Jawara, the President of the Christian Reformed Church of Sierra Leone. Rev. Moses was able to attend the Synod of the Christian Reformed Church in North America recently and thanked the CRCNA and Resonate Global Mission for their ministry in Sierra Leone.. The CRC of Sierra Leone is a growing church with 40 congregations and also operates 15 schools with 1,966 students. Rev. Moses asked the CRCNA for continued support to help the church to further equip its pastors and leaders.

Fulani Conferences

In our April prayer letter, we asked you to pray for our ministry partners in West Africa who

were organizing a conference for Fulani believers around Easter time. Rev. Haruna and Victoria Yohanna reported that the conference was a success. God protected the believers as they traveled to the conference and the Holy Spirit used the teaching and Bible studies to help believers to grow in their faith.

Thank you for partnering with our work in West Africa!

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