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Resonate Global Mission International Regional Leaders

International Regional Leaders

In August, we were able to meet face-to-face with International Regional Leaders of Resonate Global Mission in Grand Rapids. This was a wonderful opportunity to network and collaborate with colleagues from around the world. We were able to review the Resonate Global Mission Foundations Document (attached). hear reports on the 3 core initiatives of Resonate (Global Mission, Local Mission, and Church Planting), studied regional strategies from each of the international regions, discussed how best to integrate the learning programs (Timothy Leadership Training, Educational Care, and Global Coffee Break) into the regional plans, learned how best to engage the next generation in mission, and discerned the best way to use metrics to evaluate our work. It was a valuable time to be in the same place with friends who I have met with monthly for nearly 3 years but some of whom I had never met in person. I attached the Resonate Foundations document to this email for your review.

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 that the international regional leaders of Resonate Global Mission were able to meet. Pray for the ministries of each regional team around the world.
- Pray for the Educational Care training program in Nigeria. Thank God for dedicated trainers and for the teachers and administrators who have benefited from this training over the past year.
- Thank God for the ministry of Resonate Global Mission and the impact it has made around the world in 2024-25. Please pray for missionaries serving in the international regions as they serve people in the name of Jesus.

OUR MINISTRY

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





Left: Educational Care participant presenting her action plan

Right: Educational Care participant receiving her certificate

Educational Care

Our colleague Mark Wiersma came to Nigeria in 2014 to develop the Educational Care training program. Mark was able to develop a team of trainers who have carried on the work after Mark's retirement in 2024. Mrs. Oreoluwa Akpede and Mr. Moses Wuyep have trained many Christian school teachers and administrators in Jos and Abuja over the past year. Christian schools throughout the area have reported the impact these trainings have had on the quality of education they are able to offer their students. Please pray for the trainers and the teachers and administrators who have benefited from Educational Care training.

Annual Report

I attached the annual report of the Global Mission team of Resonate Global Mission for 2024-25. Because your support through Resonate, in 2024-25:

- 2,475 people made a decision to follow Jesus
- 113 new churches were started
- 8,576 participants were involved in leadership training
- 165 local gospel workers were mobilized in international contexts

Thank you for partnering with our work in West Africa!

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