

Van Der Dyke News Encouraging the Mission Efforts of the Church of Nigeria

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Prayer Needs:

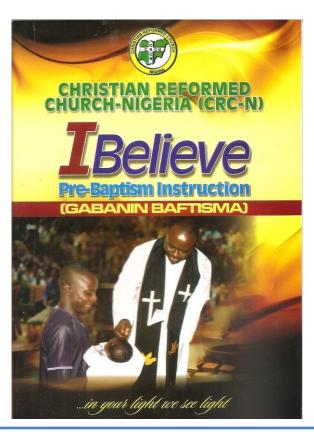
- Nine young men who recently graduated from seminary were posted by the CRC-N as missionaries to Niger State. Thank God for the way he has used them so far and pray for God's Spirit to continue using them in this needy area.
- Continue to pray for the unification of Christian Reformed World Missions and Christian Reformed Home Missions. Pray for the search for a new Director for the mission agency.
- Pray for the CRC-N Missions
 Department Evangelism Team.
 The team plans to hold
 evangelism outreach events in 6
 regions of the CRC-N and in
 Niger State in 2017.
- Victoria will be applying soon for USA citizenship. Pray that this process will go smoothly.
- We are planning to be in the USA on home service for the months of May, June and July.
 We hope to visit our supporting churches in IL, MI, CA, and our newest supporting church in Oostburg, WI.
- Pray for our children, Joy and Brian. Brian will be finishing up his classwork at Olivet Nazarene University in Bourbonnais, IL, this spring and begin student teaching in the fall. Pray that both children will grow in their faith and relationship to Jesus.

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I Believe

For quite a few years various missionaries from Christian Reformed World Missions in Nigeria worked on compiling a new catechism book for the Christian Reformed Church, Nigeria (CRC-N). The former catechism book had been written in the 1960s and was badly in need of updating. Albert Strydhorst did the bulk of the writing for the new book with the intention of using it to teach people preparing for adult baptism or profession of faith in the CRC-N. I was asked to translate the materials that had been prepared into Hausa so that the book could be printed with English on one side of the page and Hausa on the other. Two years ago, I presented the book to the CRC-N Mission Board. They reviewed the material and made some editing suggestions and finally in the General Church Council of the CRC-N in 2016 the published book was made available. Please pray that this new book will serve the CRC-N as it teaches new Christians and prepares them for baptism or profession of faith.



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