



NIGERIA



CHURCH PLANTER

Michael Okhakhu

TESTIMONY

“Being a troubled child, I went to a church to fight someone as usual, but on this particular day, I met a group of women who have been in church fasting and praying. They sat me down, and I remembered one of them said to me: boy, don’t allow the devil to use you. Then, they began to pray for me. Two days later, I joined my uncle to his church and there, the pastor of the church also called me out, led me to Christ and prayed for me. That same night, I met a man in a vision who specifically told me to follow Christ. This was when my heart got fixed on Jesus and it’s been a wonderful journey.”

EXPERIENCE

Michael Okhakhu from the Okpella people group, was born March 1st, 1978. He obtained his diploma in Theology and before becoming a full time pastor, Michael was a missionary team-leader for the Assemblies of God. They have covered fields in Igara, Ewohimi, Abraka of Delta State, and even the Kogi State. He planted three churches: one at Ogriga and two at Ewora. When Michael became a full time pastor, he was posted to the Assemblies of God in Eware where God used them to grow His church with great signs even in the midst of challenges. Then, Michael was transferred to the Assemblies of God church in Uwarake road, Branch 2 in Auchi, a typical muslim community. He is married to Faith Okhakhu and they have two children.


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Nigeria, Africa's most populous country, is located on the western coast of Africa and is bordered to the north by Niger, to the east by Chad and Cameroon, to the south by the Gulf of Guinea of the Atlantic Ocean, and to the west by Benin. Nigeria has a diverse geography, with climates ranging from arid to humid equatorial. However, Nigeria's most diverse feature is its people. Hundreds of languages are spoken in the country, including Yoruba, Igbo, Fula, Hausa, Edo, Ibibio, Tiv, and English.

Nigeria, is divided between adherents of Islam, Christianity and traditional religion quite similar to polytheism though the ratio is uncertain. The majority of Nigerian Muslims are either non denominational Muslims or Sunni and are concentrated in mostly the northern region of the country with some Christian population, the same way Christians dominate in the south with some Muslim population. Most Nigerian Christians are Protestant (broadly defined) though about a quarter are Catholic.

Divided between a predominantly Muslim north and a predominantly Christian south, the country is home to some of the world's most vicious scenes of religious conflict. Boko Haram (roughly translated as "Western education is forbidden"), an Islamist movement that seeks to impose Shari'ah law throughout Nigeria, has claimed responsibility for a spate of attacks on Christian churches in recent years.



Number of People Groups 538	People Groups Unreached 86 (16.0%)	Progress Level 
Total Population 205,647,000	Population in Unreached 64,323,000 (31.3%)	Largest Religion Christianity (51.1%)
% Christian Adherent 51.1%	% Evangelical 25.76%	Evangelical Annual Growth Rate 3.4% (Global Rate = 2.6%)

