# NIGERIA

### 223+ Million People | 68+ Million Unreached | 38.2% Ethnic Religions | 19.7% Islamic | NCM active among 2 UPGS



## JANUARY- JUNE 2023 STATISTICS

1,376 GOSPEL PRESENTATIONS17 EXPRESSED FAITH12 RECOMMITTED FAITH3 HOUSE CHURCHES PLANTED

We are moving ahead in Agbede where there is no church and they are not willing to allow anyone to build a church on that land. But with some intervention we have been able to make progress through another people group called the Igalas. We are having services every Sunday with them under a tree, through our pioneer missionaries in partnership with the Agbede community. The good news is that Jagbe people are now interested to join our services. Some of them are those who have received Christ, but feared attending services in nearby villages such as Agbede and Ewu and even Auchi. God is working powerfully in the land of Jagbe. Hallelujah!

We praise God that Mr. Mutairu is recovering from his sickness after we prayed for him. This is the man who could not raise his head up from the bed and whom the hospital had rejected with a claim of his ailment being beyond medical solution. He can now walk around without any support.







God has indeed done wonders through your intercessions for the church. This testimony came to me when we were running low on hope and faith. But the Lord made us understand that He owns the world and the heart of kings are in His hand. On the 26th of February 2023, after Sunday service, I got news from the field that the elders council in the palace have just released the church to us. Stating that the land in question is community land and not for any individual. This came after Lawal and another family were fighting over the land.

Not just that, the council also decreed that anyone willing to go to church should be allowed to do so without any form of deprivation or hindrance as long as they were not forced to do so. Finally, the palace sent for the pastor of the church and tendered an unreserved apology for the misbehavior of the young man (Lawal) and the displacement of the church for a period of five months. We praise the Lord who has been with us and fighting for us without end.

The community provided us with a piece of land for our church on a farm road, which initially seemed like an attempt to distance us from the main center of the community. However, this location turned out to be advantageous for us in ways that the community did not anticipate. Since some individuals are apprehensive about attending church in a public setting, the farm road location has made it easier for them to attend. This is because they can now come without fear of being judged.



Senima Ani, a widow with unwavering faith and a strong hunger for God, faced a challenging situation. She was called before her late husband's family, surrounded by stern-looking men, and questioned about her decision to embrace Christianity over her husband's religion.

Her response, which surprised even me, was, "Only a fool would stay in darkness when they can see and hear about the light." This profound statement was expressed in our local dialect. The women in the area are standing out with their strong faith, similar to how God chose people during Jesus's time. Their faith is unlike anything I've seen in the cities I've worked in for years. I'm quickly learning from these amazing people who serve God even in the heat of persecution.

**NCM Field Staff Destiny** 

#### **SCHOOL PROJECTS**

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Our Nigeria School Project brought positive changes to the lives of many children and their families. NCM took the initiative to provide essential school items such as uniforms, school instruments and school furniture to the students. This effort reached over 300 school children, leaving a lasting impact on their education and well-being. During the project, we had the privilege of interacting with 171 pupils and parents.

Their excitement and gratitude were evident, as they chanted praises for the positive impact. The children referred to Jesus as a super hero, recognizing the blessings brought by Christians who cared for their community. Mr. Haruna, the principal of the Junior Secondary School, who is a Muslim, acknowledged the Christian organization's efforts in a touching way. He explained to the students that the project was fueled by love, citing the verse John 3:16 from the Bible.

While the project execution had its challenges, including economic fluctuations due to new government policies and tough road conditions during rainy seasons, we managed to overcome these obstacles. A dedicated truck driver took on the challenge of delivering the supplies to Jagbe, ensuring a smooth and successful distribution. One of the school, named Enialigie Primary School holds a central position in Jagbe and has the largest student population. The headmaster, Mr. Yakubu, a Muslim, surprisingly mentioned Jesus multiple times during the event, reflecting the unity and acceptance of different beliefs.

Our approach to sharing Christ's love differed from what the community expected. Instead of imposing sermons, we chose to lead by example through giving and teaching. By showing kindness and care, we gained the trust of the people, allowing us to share the Gospel in more personal settings. This approach has opened up new ways for the people to discover Christ. We believe that through our continued efforts, Christ's transformative message will touch their hearts and bring about positive change.

"Even parents could not hide their joy. Their children are in brand new uniforms and now have school instruments that will encourage some children to run to school, steering clear of the streets."





























