

Nigeria



As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work.

John 9:4

Vision

By faith, we see:

- more than 75 million Muslims, and others living and dying without Christ in Nigeria, responding in faith to the gospel message, transforming communities as they find freedom in Christ.
- missionary teams in every state in the north, partnering with the Church to reach the Hausa, Fulani, and Kanuri, where less than 10 per cent of the population are Christians.
- the Church in one of Africa's most influential and populous countries strengthened and equipped to transform society at every level, making a major impact in world missions during this century.

Ministry

- Proclaiming the gospel, with a focus on Muslims in the north
- Supporting and strengthening persecuted Christians and others affected by oppression and hostility
- Bringing holistic healing to marginalised and vulnerable communities, and mentoring others to do the same

- Empowering and making disciples amongst youth, in a country where 50 per cent of the population is under 14 years old
- Equipping an enthusiastic Church through theological education and other disciple-making endeavours

Communities where Christ is least known

People of the north

An estimated 28 million Hausa live in Nigeria, with tens of millions more Fulani and Kanuri, the vast majority of whom profess Islam. Many Muslims are afraid to consider Christianity because they fear persecution. Indigenous missionaries are working among these people, yet many have still never heard the gospel. Additional workers are needed to bring the gospel message to the north, participate in holistic ministries of compassion, and encourage Nigerian missionaries in their outreach efforts.



Youth

It is estimated that almost half of Nigeria's population of 175 million is 14 years of age or younger. A vast number of the youth are non-Christians, and are affected by the messages of society. Many youth from Christian families aren't attending church; others are nominal Christians. The Nigerian church has begun to address this reality by teaching youth how to live godly lives in a rapidly changing world. Workers are needed to assist the church in reaching this community through genuine relationships.



Pray for

- Nigeria's millions of Muslims to consider the truth of the gospel and encounter Christ.
- care and discipling for Muslims who become Christians.
- our northern initiative, and missionaries for new ministry opportunities in the Islamic north while the region is still open to the gospel (John 9:4).
- our internship program, as we raise a new generation of workers to engage in world missions.
- rebuilding of devastated communities and churches in the northeast and responding as Jesus would to famine and disease conditions in the region.
- effective ministry to widows, orphans, people with disabilities, the abused, and other vulnerable communities.
- persecuted believers to endure hardship and practice love and forgiveness.
- peace and reconciliation between Christians and Muslims.
- the Nigerian church to experience a powerful, Spirit-led revival.
- our missionaries, as they live and minister in this high-stress environment.

If you would like to pray daily for the work God is doing around the world through SIM, you can download the SIM International prayer guide from sim-uk.org/pg2018.

Serving In Mission produces a weekly prayer email, which gives prayer points for every day and has stories from our mission workers and others. You can sign up to receive it at sim.co.uk/SIMpray.

There are Serving In Mission prayer groups that meet monthly across the country. Please contact linda@sim.co.uk for more information or to set up a group in your area.

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