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Celebration & Transition

In April 2024, Mike will celebrate 45 years of ministry in Nigeria. We were contemplating retirement at that time, but the leadership of Resonate Global Mission has asked Mike to delay his retirement for a year or two until people can be found to fill his roles as Nigeria Team Leader and West Africa Regional Leader. We plan to relocate to the USA in April 2024, but Mike will continue in his current roles in Nigeria and West Africa. Please pray for us as we round up our time in Nigeria and say goodbye to ministry colleagues, family, and friends.

PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for us as we celebrate the 45 years God has given us to serve him in Nigeria and as we conclude our time here in the coming months.
- Pray that God would raise up people who are willing to serve him in Nigeria and West Africa.
- Pray for complete healing for our son Brian. Thank God that Victoria was able to travel safely to the USA and back to Nigeria.
- Nigeria's economy has continued to suffer over the past several months. The Naira's value (Nigeria's currency) continues to drastically drop and prices of everything from food to transportation have gone up significantly. Pray for families suffering to pay for food, housing and school fees.
- Pray that God's Spirit would move mightily in the hearts of people who hear the gospel during the Christmas season.

OUR MINISTRY

Mike serves as the Nigeria Team Leader for Resonate Global Mission in Nigeria and as an Advisor to the CRC-N Missions Department.

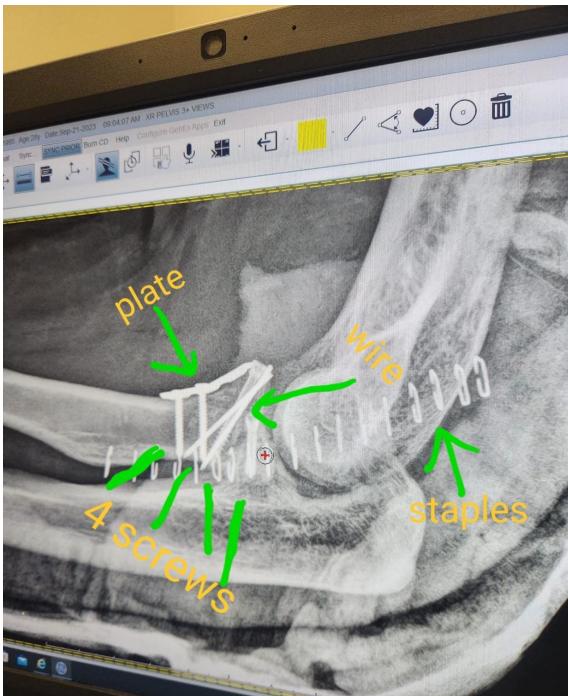


Celebrating the Birth of Jesus

We are enjoying our last Christmas in Nigeria. Our church (CRC-N Jos) began the Christmas season with a weekend of thanksgiving and revival on December 8-10. We ended the weekend with holy communion. Our 9 Lessons in Carols service was last Sunday, December 17. Mike is looking forward to preaching for the Christmas Eve Sunday on December 24 and our pastor, Rev. Nathan Amos Yakubu, will bring the message on Christmas Day.

CRC-N Jos Giving Thanks!

Brian's Elbow After Surgery



Brian's Recovery

Thank you so much your prayers for our son Brian who was injured playing tennis on August 16. He is making a good recovery. He has been doing physical therapy twice a week and is now able to walk and drive his car. He will continue with therapy to get back to full mobility and range of motion on his elbow and hip. Victoria was grateful to be with Brian in the USA and help him with his recovery. She ended up staying in the USA for 3 1/2 months and got back to Nigeria on December 1. Please pray for complete recovery for Brian. He has resumed studying for his certification exam in personal training.

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