

ALIVE-NIGERIA PRELIMINARY MISSION REPORT



April 2016
MISSION OUTREACH REPORT
(Miya Mission Site)
Bauchi State

7 Core Principles of ALIVE-Nigeria

1. Mission to un-entered areas
2. Total obedience and study of God's Word
3. Acceptance of ALL Spirit of Prophecy writings
4. Selfless, godly missionary lifestyle
5. Excellence in all spheres of life
6. Praying without ceasing
7. Community service



OUR MOTIVATION

Do you know that:

- In Nigeria which has a population of 180,000,000 people, there are only **216,667** Seventh Day Adventists?
- Adventism was brought to Nigeria in 1914?

Eastern Nigeria Union Mission:

- Organized 2004; Reorganized and given Union Conference status 2013; Reorganized 2015
- Churches - 627
- Membership - 127,186
- Population - 38,949,914
- Ratio of Adventist to Non-Adventist – 1 : 306**

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SDA Church (Nigeria) Statistics continued...

Western Nigeria Union Mission:

Formerly known as the North-Western Nigeria Union Mission

- ❑ Organized 1972; Reorganized 2004, 2013; Territory divided and renamed 2013
- ❑ Churches - 267
- ❑ Membership - 46,291
- ❑ Population - 52,769,678
- ❑ **Ratio of Adventist to Non-Adventist – 1 : 1140**



Northern Nigeria Union Mission:

Formerly part of the North-Western Nigeria Union Mission

- ❑ Organized 2013
- ❑ Churches - 218
- ❑ Membership - 38,344
- ❑ Population - 90,119,408
- ❑ **Ratio of Adventist to Non-Adventist – 1 : 2350**



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AMAZING RATIO!

Ratio of Adventist to Non-Adventist in ENUM => 1 : 306

Ratio of Adventist to Non-Adventist in WNUM => 1 : 1,140

Ratio of Adventist to Non-Adventist in NNUM => 1 : 2,350

Ratio of Adventist to Non-Adventist in Nigeria => 1 : 830

IT IS OUR MISSION TO:

- MOBILIZE AND SUPPORT YOUNG ADULT MISSIONARY MOVEMENTS ACROSS THE NATION AND CREATE A MEANINGFUL IMPACT IN TAKING THE GOSPEL & THREE ANGELS' MESSAGES TO UN-ENTERED AREAS.

Adventism came into Nigeria since 1914



APRIL 2016 MISSION SITES



**Bauchi state
(Miya)**

**Plateau State
(Wuya)**

- ❑ In April 2016, 193 Missionaries from across Nigeria embarked on a two-week Mission outreach to mission sites in Plateau & Bauchi states.



INTRODUCTION

- ❑ In April 2016, Missionaries from across Nigeria embarked on a two (2) weeks Outreach to Plateau & Bauchi states.
- ❑ The main mission started with the arrival of 103 volunteers on the 1st day which eventually decreased to 92 volunteers by the 2-week.
- ❑ Volunteers travelled from Abia, Imo, Minna-Niger state, Edo, Calabar, Port Harcourt , Lagos, Jos, Delta and Anambra States to Miya. Part of these volunteers were new converts from Okporo church (Imo State) planted by ALIVE-Nigeria in November 2015.
- ❑ Volunteers consisted of Secondary school leavers, Undergraduates students, Graduate Professionals, Farmers, Lecturers, Lawyers, Teachers, and even Elders and Pastors of the SDA Church.



MISSION VOLUNTEERS



 **ALIVE**
Nigeria

SOME INSIGHT ABOUT MIYA...

- ❑ Miya is a community in Ganjuwa LGA in Bauchi State. In their history, they have never experienced an open door evangelism from any denomination or religion. So our mission was the first of its kind.
- ❑ This area is considered an un-entered area by the SDA Church. In this community, about 35% of them are dogmatic Muslims, 20% are COCIN and Catholic Christians and the remaining 45% are pagans.
- ❑ The people of Miya were so receptive especially the pagans; because they have a culture of hospitality. The Christians were not receptive at first because their Christian leaders told them we're not Christians and have nothing good to offer. They later discovered for themselves the truth and opened their homes to us. The audience and open door given us was very short lived, owing to the sharp distinctive truth (The Sabbath truth, Daniel's prophecy, the beasts and the little horn) we preached and the culture of the people of Miya.
- ❑ It is in the practice of Miya people to return to their farm settlements from mid April, live there for about 10 months and return to Miya town afterwards (that's in the month of February). So after the first week of witnessing, most of the people left to their farm settlements.

ALIVE-NIGERIA MISSION APPROACH

GROUND BREAKING (Long-Term Missionaries & Medical Missionaries)

MORNING CRY

WITNESSING (TWO-BY-TWO)

OPEN AIR EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN (EVENINGS)

COMMUNITY SERVICE

WELFARE SERVICE



GROUND BREAKING

- ❑ On the 28th of March, 3 weeks before the main Evangelistic campaign, 4 Ground-Breakers (Long Term Missionaries) arrived Miya to mingle with the indigenes, make friends with them and prepare their hearts to receive the word of God.
- ❑ On the 10th of April, a week before the main Evangelistic campaign, 10 Medical Missionaries arrived Miya to treat the sick members of the community, with the use of *natural remedies and herbs* around them.



MEDICAL MISSIONARY SERVICES

- ❑ The medical missionaries carried out a daily exercise routine with the community.
- ❑ The major natural remedies used for treatment were Activated charcoal, Cayenne pepper, Moringa, Green tea, liniment, and Eucalyptus oil. Herbs were gotten just around the community.
- ❑ Miya people came out en mass for treatment; by the grace God a total of about 700 persons received treatment for the 3 weeks of the program.
- ❑ Through the natural remedies, the medical team were able to help persons with badly infected injuries, varying eye diseases, ulcer, heart burns, oedema, hypertension, stroke, STDs, Tumors.
- ❑ All missionaries had a daily dose of natural tea during the mission. This really kept us healthy all through our stay in the harsh weather.



DAILY ROUTINE

Daily routine for the mission is outlined below:

Personal Devotion	5:00 – 5:10am
General Devotion	5:15 – 5:55am
Morning Cry	6:00 – 6:30 am
Clean Up	6:30 – 8:00am
Training / video Sermon	8:00 – 9:00 am
Breakfast	9:00 – 10:00 am
Bible Study	10:00 - 11:30 am
Door to door (Two by Two)	11:30 - 2:30 pm
Siesta	2:30 - 3:30 pm
Lunch	3:30 - 4:30 pm
Group Reflection on door to door-	4:30 - 5:00pm
Preparation for Open Air Evangelism	5:00 - 5:50 pm
Outdoor crusade	6:00 - 8:00 pm
Debrief session	8:30 - 9:00 pm
Devotion	9:00 – 9:45 pm
Lights Out	10:00pm



MORNING CRY

Our days began with short Bible exhortation and prayer, after which the missionaries proceeded into the community to pray with the people of Miya very early in the mornings.

We adopted two methods:

- ❑ The Morning cry
- ❑ House-to-House prayer with families

The later method helped the missionaries identify specific prayer requests from different households in the community.



TRAINING SESSIONS

To equip missionaries, training and Bible study was conducted using excerpts from the book “Christian Service” Ch.24 (Qualifications of a Successful Christian Service) by Ellen G. White and video recordings by Pastor Stephen Bohr.

Some topics treated:

- ❑ The Sanctuary and the Prophetic Gift
- ❑ The Two Temples
- ❑ Efficiency, Cultured Speech and Mental Culture
- ❑ Christian Dignity and Politeness and Genuiness



PRAYING WITHOUT CEASING

- ❑ Missionaries were encouraged to pray with at least 5 people everyday. Avenues for prayer included Bible Study groups, Prayer Partners, praying with outreach partners, United prayer sessions etc.
- ❑ Volunteers found physical, spiritual and mental strength through prayers, fasting and trust in God. Solutions to many problems came solely through the power of our prayers.



TWO-BY-TWO WITNESSING

- ❑ Every day, we set out in pairs to homes, farms and shops to share the gospel of Christ with people. Missionaries were sent in pairs to the entire community of Miya.
- ❑ An average of 58 Bible studies were given on a daily basis to the community.
- ❑ An average of 181 people were prayed for each day during the two by two evangelism.



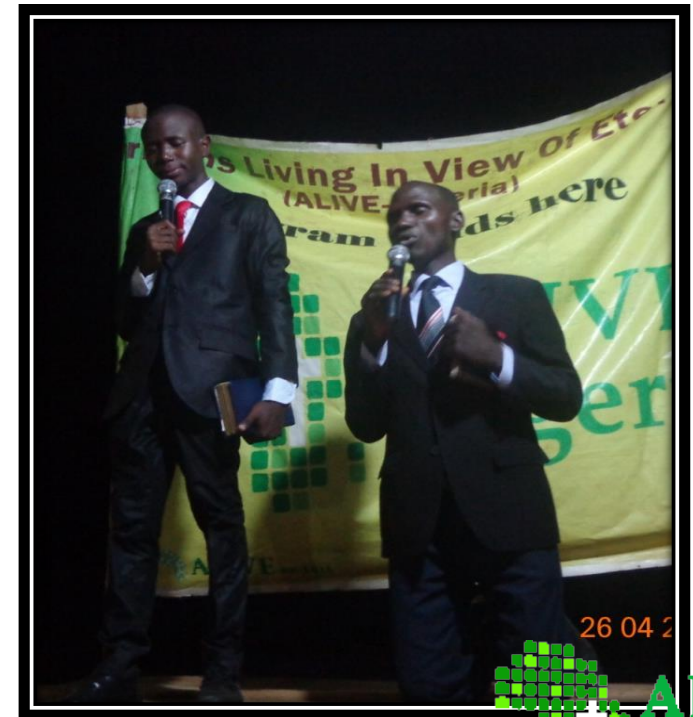
TWO-BY-TWO WITNESSING

- ❑ Just a few days into our evangelism, about 80 percent of Miya people moved to their farm settlement, leaving us with the Muslims and few COCIN families who hardly received us.
- ❑ In other to sow the seed of God's living in the hearts of Miya people, over 30 volunteers were sent to the farm settlements everyday to continue with the daily health consultation treatment and give Bible study. To the glory of God we witnessed souls give their lives to God.



OPEN-AIR EVANGELISM

- ❑ Every night, from 17th- 30th April, an average of 64 adults came out to listen to the Word of God.
- ❑ God spoke Words of Salvation to the people of Miya through His servants Brothers Israel NWAZUE and Ndems ESUKU.



CHILDREN OUTREACH

- ❑ Each night, we had an average of 70 children attending the program.
- ❑ Through the entire series, the children were able to commit to memory the Ten Commandments in their native tongue.
- ❑ The literacy level in Miya was very low so learning and speaking English was quite a task for them but short Bible texts were memorized in English.
- ❑ In addition to that, the children also learnt many Bible stories- creation story, David and Goliath, Jonah, Prophet Samuel, Naaman, just to mention a few.
- ❑ They showcased what they had learnt during their presentation on the last Sabbath..



COMMUNITY SERVICE

- ❑ The community service was held on Sunday, 24th April, 2016 .
- ❑ The missionaries had time to render some selfless services to the community of Miya by:
 - ✓ cleaning up the community market place
 - ✓ clearing of the road and evangelism ground



WELFARE SERVICE

- ❑ Not only were the spiritual needs of the people met but their physical needs also.
- ❑ Relief materials such as mosquito nets, clothes, shoes, bags and other items were distributed to the widows, aged, children, orphans and other needy people of Miya.
- ❑ By this, the hearts of the people were gladdened.
- ❑ This act attracted more persons to give ear to the message of truth brought to them



MEAL TIMES

☐ Meal times were happy times. Vegetarian meals were served twice everyday.

☐ Food items were donated by missionaries. They sourced what food items they could from their various locations.

☐ Some missionaries volunteered to serve as official Caterers for ALIVE-Nigeria. They prepared our very tasty and healthy vegetarian meals.

☐ The caterers also taught other missionaries how to prepare some vegetarian meals.



SABBATH WORSHIP

- During the Sabbath School worship, we had several study units and a separate class for all our visitors and baptismal candidates.



BAPTISM

- ❑ To the glory of God, Miya Mission witnessed the baptism of 13 souls who gladly joined the Remnant Church.



NEWLY BAPTIZED

- ❑ 2 Long Term Missionaries sponsored by ALIVE-Nigeria and 10 volunteers stayed back with the new brethren to nurture them for a few months.



SPECIAL TESTIMONIES

We experienced God's special presence with us as evidenced in the following:

- ❑ 13 persons were added to God's church.
- ❑ We noticed strange movements around our camp but none could lay hand on God's children.
- ❑ God constantly provided funds and donations from volunteers (without soliciting for funds) while on the mission sites.
- ❑ Successful treatment of a traditional ruler with stroke using natural remedies. He visited us one evening to testify of Our God's healing power. His words – "The God your serve is true and He's a healer... I would direct my subjects to you for prayers and counsels".
- ❑ The COCINs and Catholics tried to dissuade the people and the rulers from attending our program but God favored us in the sight of the king of the land.
- ❑ We had no reason to send any of our volunteer to the hospital. God preserved our health.
- ❑ God expanded our coasts daily! We discovered more settlements where the full knowledge of God was vague; by God's grace we were able to bring the message of God's existence which was received with the joy.

UNEXPECTED MACEDONIAN CALL - TSAGU

- ❑ While on the Miya mission field we got a call from a neighboring village called Tsagu; precisely from an elder brother to one of our members in the church at Miya.
- ❑ They have been listening to Adventist World Radio (AWR) for years and have known about the Sabbath truth, and the Seventh-Day Adventist church.
- ❑ They believed in it, but they found it hard to believe there was an organized church keeping the Sabbath. Their younger sister who joined the church last year seemed to them as a loner.
- ❑ They heard there was an on-going evangelism by Seventh-Day Adventist Church in Miya, just close to them. So in a hurry they sent for us to help them fully understand the Sabbath truth.



UNEXPECTED MACEDONIAN CALL - TSAGU

- ❑ When God opens a door you don't walk through it slowly. First thing the next morning, 3 volunteers and 2 pastors visited them, they explained the origin of the Sabbath, Sunday worship and the change of the Sabbath. They also expounded on the Sabbath as the seal of God.
- ❑ After 2 hours of in-depth study, they asked, "Brothers what shall we do?". Our reply- "Repent and be baptized".
- ❑ To God be the glory, 6 souls were added to God's Kingdom after the missionaries left (this includes a Muslim friend of the family). A branch Sabbath school has been established in Tsagu village.



MISSION SUMMARY

The blessings of God (baptisms, Bible studies, etc.) and general attendance during the two (2) weeks campaign are captured below:

Items	Amount
No of Bible studies given	754
No of prayers offered at different times to the community members	2197
No of tracts distributed	1816
Total attendance of adults for open air evangelism	701
Total attendance of children in the children section	1060
Total no of Baptisms	11
Profession of faith	2

Praise God!

**One (1) new SDA Church has been planted in Miya,
and another branch Sabbath School in Tsagu, Bauchi
State.**





**For your prayers, donations, time
and sacrifice towards reaching lost
souls!**

