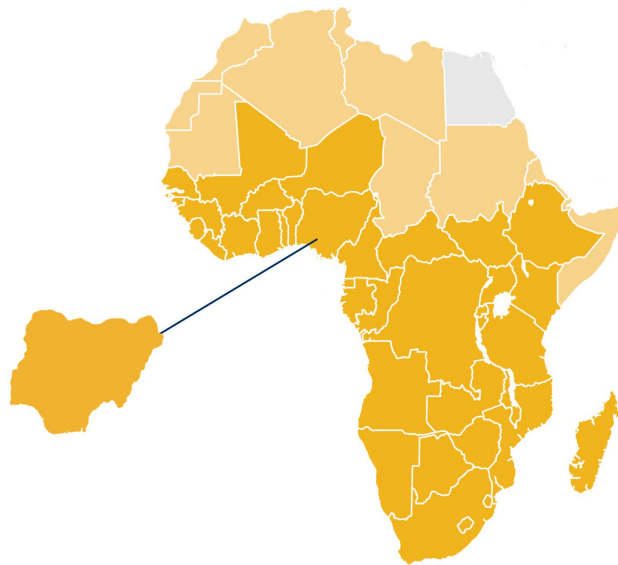


### Africa Region



### Nigeria

Nigeria is a country that has a stressed and divisive pre-colonial past, occupied by many diverse ethnic groups, each with different languages and traditions. These groups, ranging from large Islamic kingdoms to smaller city states occupied a fragmented land. The British, in 1914 amalgamated their separately administered northern and southern territories into a Colony and Protectorate of Nigeria. Independence from the UK was achieved in 1960, and in 1963 a federal republic with three constituent states was established. The country has suffered significant regional and ethnic tension, much linked to past disputes over territories and resources, resulting in civil war and ongoing ethnic violence and distrust among factions. There has been widespread corruption and mismanagement, increasing violence from Islamic terrorism, and the threat of secession in the southeast. The Church of the Nazarene has been in Nigeria since officially registering in 1977. The challenges faced in this context provide opportunities to increase educational attainment among youth and women, improvement of healthcare, and awareness of and correction of the evils of significant sex trafficking. The Good News of Jesus and the transformative message of scriptural holiness is key to the resolution of many of the problems faced in Nigeria today.



13,582 Members



49 Fully Organized Churches; 22 Not Yet Organized Churches



44 District Licensed and 46 Ordained Ministers on 3 Districts

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## PRAYER



- Pray for moral order and social righteousness to overcome the senseless violence that often goes unchecked in Nigeria.
- Pray for the leadership of the Church in Nigeria, for clear vision and the spiritual nurture of next generations.
- Pray for pastors and churches facing rising persecution, and for courage to continue the work of missions into new areas.

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## PRAISE



- Praise God for what He is doing in and through women in Nigeria, that their faith and witness will grow.
- Praise God for Nazarene young adults in Nigeria, who are like beacons of light attracting others to Christ.
- Praise God for the intensive discipleship and mission training going on in Nigeria, helping young adults to discover God's will.



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## Kids Kaleidoscope

Click [here](#) to access Kids Kaleidoscope, a monthly addition to NMI Central to awaken and nurture a spirit of missions in everyone.



*“God is calling us to undertake a big mission - to transform not just our own neighborhoods, but our entire city, our nation, and our world.”*

This statement, shared in a recent seminar and prayer summit on the Nigeria Port Harcourt District, sounds a clear call that is being felt in Nigeria today. Nazarene Missions International (NMI) gathered to pray for the nations, for missionaries worldwide, and to disciple young adults, training them for ministry and short-or-long-term missions. They hosted a Young Adult Mission and Ministry Camp with more than 50 Nigerian young adults attending. For 48 hours those gathered shared new insights into forgiveness, intimacy with God, team unity, calling and commissioning to service.



Mission and Ministry Camp.

In April, a 14-day intensive Discipleship and Missions Event was held, providing training for anyone who felt called to missions. Twenty young adults attended, 15 of whom are being intentionally disciplined and prepared for service. It is hoped that they will be “sent into the world” in the next two years.



Mission Training Event.

In July, a Worship and Missions weekend event hosted intensive students, ministry leaders, pastors, and staff members. Over the three-day event, 90 young adults experienced an incredible time of spiritual deepening, with many sensing God's call to be the next wave of missionaries in the coming years. God is raising up a generation to go and serve a world much in need of His love and grace.



Young adults with a growing passion for missions.

### Could You Serve?

Is God calling you to serve on the Africa region?

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