

THE LONG JOURNEY HOME – NURTURING HOPE IN THE MIDST OF VIOLENCE

WORSHIPING AND PRAISING GOD IN THE RUINS . . . AND IN RECOVERY

Members of the youth praise band at Michika, Nigeria, faithfully sing and worship God despite meeting in a temporary church structure next to their destroyed church. As churches and homes rise up from the ruins, the hope for recovery also rises.

NIGERIA CRISIS REPORT 2018

ACCORDING TO A UNITED NATIONS 2018 OCHA REPORT:

- The crisis in northeast Nigeria is one of the most severe in the world today.
- An estimated 10.2 million people need humanitarian assistance.
- Children constitute 63 percent of those in need.
- The crisis shows no sign of abating.

CELEBRATE: MUCH HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED

The Church of the Brethren response to the crisis in Nigeria has been an inspiring outreach of Christian love to the Nigerian Brethren. Since October of 2014, over \$5.2 million has been used, in partnership with Ekklesiyar Yan'uwa a Nigeria (EYN, Church of the Brethren in Nigeria) and local non-profit organizations, to help save lives and support recovery in Nigeria through food distributions, medical assistance, trauma awareness and peace building programs, building new homes in safer places and rebuilding homes that were damaged, providing widows and youth with the means to support themselves, helping children return to school, assisting with agricultural production through seeds, fertilizer, tractors and a soybean project and providing support to the EYN leadership.

PRAY: VIOLENCE CONTINUES – MANY ARE STILL IN NEED

Violence continues to plague Northeast Nigeria. Boko Haram is still a threat to many areas close to the Sambisa Forest and through suicide attacks in NE Nigeria. Fulani Herdsman have been attacking Christian villages, destroying homes, farms and businesses and killing many people. The underlying uncertainty in these areas continues to take a physical, mental and spiritual toll on our Nigerian brothers and sisters. Over two million Nigerians are still internally displaced, or are refugees in Niger, Chad and Cameroon, and cannot return to their homes in areas where Boko Haram continues its terror.

JOIN THE RESPONSE

The journey to recovery remains long and the Nigerian Brethren desperately need our continued support. **Please give to the Nigeria Crisis Fund and Church Rebuilding Fund.** www.brethren.org/nigeriacrisis

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NEW AND REPAIRED HOMES

Celebrate: Four Relocation Centers have been built for people who cannot return home. More than 2,000 people now live in 194 newly built homes.

Pray: Over 2 million Nigerians are still displaced from their homes, the majority of whom are living in very difficult circumstances.



Celebrate: More than 300 homes have been re-roofed and about 450,000 EYN members have returned home.

Pray: In NE Nigeria, over a half a million homes and businesses were burned or destroyed, most of which still need to be rebuilt.



WATER AND SANITATION

Celebrate: Twelve new water sources have been developed, benefitting both Christians and Muslims. Four of these run on solar power.

Pray: About 1,600 water sources were destroyed by Boko Haram and hundreds of thousands of Nigerians still live without access to clean water.



FOOD AND MEDICAL DISTRIBUTION

Celebrate: Over \$1 million in food distributions and medical assistance have assisted more than 200,000 people.

Pray: Approximately three million Nigerians are considered food insecure and 500,000 children are severely malnourished.



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AGRICULTURAL DISTRIBUTION AND SUPPORT

Celebrate: Agricultural distributions have provided 4,000 families with seeds and fertilizer. Two tractors were purchased and put into use. A special initiative to improve soybean production and marketing is giving farmers new hope.

Pray: Due to a lack of security and the threat of being attacked while in the fields, many subsistence farmers still cannot support themselves. The violence has destroyed the economy of whole villages, preventing small business and service providers from working or supporting themselves.



LIVELIHOOD TRAINING AND SUPPORT

Celebrate: About 2,500 women and youth have been empowered through business start-ups, literacy programs, seminars for widows and single mothers, and skills training.

Pray: Incredible challenges remain for the estimated 30 percent of homes now headed by women and the six out of ten women who have been, and continue to be, victims of gender-based violence.



PEACE BUILDING AND TRAUMA RECOVERY

Celebrate: Peace awareness activities and Trauma Recovery are bringing tools to individuals and communities to promote healing. Training seminars have been held for leaders and listening partners, over 50 basic workshops have benefitted thousands of participants, EYN leaders were sent to Rwanda for training in trauma recovery and resiliency and a children's trauma program has been implemented.

Pray: Millions of people experienced profound trauma and loss due to the Boko Haram insurgency and will continue to need care to move towards healing.



EDUCATION

Celebrate: Education has been invigorated with the setting up of new schools and learning centers and the renovation and repair of school properties. School fees are covered for some children and 200 orphans are receiving full-time care. Books sent from the U.S. have benefitted all educational levels.

Pray: Thousands of children, including one-third of the children in Northeast Nigeria, do not attend school. In Borno State alone, fifty percent of the schools were destroyed. Dedicated teachers and administrators face continued challenges.



EYN STRENGTHENING

Celebrate: The Nigeria Crisis Response supported EYN at its temporary headquarters in Jos, and later as it moved back to the headquarters at Kwarhi, so that it could continue to minister to its displaced and distressed membership. Support included staff and visitor housing, printing of devotional materials, assistance for Annual Conference, repair of Kwarhi headquarters, installation of a solar powered internet café at headquarters and encouragement, training and much prayer.

Pray: The EYN leadership, many of whom also experienced loss and hardship, continue to face challenges as they care for the needs of the Church and its members.



CHURCH REBUILDING AND FELLOWSHIP

Celebrate: Churches continue to meet, even in temporary structures, often next to the ruins of their old churches which are being rebuilt. Despite the difficulties it has faced, EYN is growing. Five new districts and 31 new churches were recognized at EYN's Annual Conference in April. Through the Church Rebuilding Fund, Global Mission and Service has provided \$5000 grants to 40 churches for help in rebuilding. Four joint U.S./EYN workcamps were held in the last 14 months to help build two churches and the EYN offices, and to share in fellowship with each other. Bethany Seminary provided funds for the EYN Technology Center, where EYN and Bethany students can take virtual classes together.

Pray: Nigerian brothers and sisters need our faithful prayers and support as they continue their long journey of recovery and hope.



PRAY FOR ALL IMPACTED BY THIS VIOLENCE

The violence in Northeast Nigeria has had an impact on everyone. Since the violence began in 2009, most families in NE Nigeria, both Christian and Muslim, have experienced at least a few, if not all, of the following life crises:

- Loved ones or friends killed or kidnapped by Boko Haram
- Home and/or business damaged or destroyed
- Children out of school for two to four years
- Farm or business where it is unsafe to work
- Dependence on others for food and shelter
- Deep thirst, hunger and heartache—a loss of hope

The daily struggle for families, and the church, amidst the continuing violence in Nigeria, makes full recovery and healing difficult. The financial and spiritual support of their U.S. brothers and sisters nurtures the strength and hope to continue on their long journey of recovery.



Nigeria Crisis Response Relief & Recovery Activity 2014-March 2018	
Areas of Ministry/Relief Activity	Expenses
Rebuilding Homes, Water & Sanitation	\$1,226,522
Peace Building & Trauma Recovery	\$242,626
Agriculture & Livelihood	\$950,210
Education (children, including orphans)	\$400,298
Food, Medical & Home Supplies	\$1,212,861
EYN Church Recovery	\$875,556
U.S. Volunteers, Staff, Travel, Miscellaneous	\$372,118
Total	\$5,280,191

Nigeria Crisis Response Budget 2018	
Home Repair & Rebuilding	\$172,905
Soybean ICBDP Project	\$30,000
Peace Building & Trauma Recovery	\$37,729
Agriculture & Community Development	\$52,879
Women's Socio-economic Development	\$68,460
Education (children, including orphans)	\$44,845
Food, Medical & Home Supplies	\$94,601
EYN Strengthening (Church Recovery)	\$25,000
Water & Sanitation	\$10,501
Capacity Building & Administration	\$98,080
U.S. Volunteers, Staff, Travel, Miscellaneous	\$45,000
Total	\$680,000

RESPONSE PARTNERS

Ekklesiyar Yan'uwa a Nigeria (EYN, Church of the Brethren in Nigeria) EYN is the primary COB partner receiving 70% of the response funds.

Mission 21 This development organization from Switzerland is partnering with EYN and Church of the Brethren to expand the response.

Center for Caring, Empowerment and Peace Initiatives (CCEPI)

Education Must Continue Initiative (EMCI)

Favored Sisters Christian Fellowship (FSCF)/ Reconciliation Trainers Africa (RETA)

Lifeline Compassionate Global Initiative (LCGI)

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