

Planted Seeds

June: Nigeria



Location:
S of Niger
and Chad, NW
of Cameroon,
E of Benin

Nigeria is the most populous country in Africa with 1,150 dialects and ethnic groups

Language

English "officially" but more than 500 first languages



52

Average life expectancy



2

The times California can fit into Nigeria



191

Million population

Motto:
Unity and Faith,
Peace and Progress

Fast Facts about Nigeria:

- Government is Federal Republic
- Capital is Abuja
- Main export is oil
- There are huge differences in the lifestyle of the North and South
- Home of Nollywood, the second largest producer of movies in the world.



Week 1

Pray for the People *"First of all, then, I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men," 1 Timothy 2:2*

- Protection and safety for northern Christians
- Provision of needs for northern, rural Nigerians
- Protection for schools- Boko Haram believes western education is evil and so attacks on schools and abductions of school children are frequent

Week 2

Pray for the Nation *"for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity. 1 Timothy 2:3*

- Improvement of government corruption-Nigeria ranks 144 out of 180 nations on the world platform for anti-corruption
- Righteous leaders to rise up

Week 3

Pray for the Church *"This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth." 1 Timothy 2:3-4*

- Solid theology- much of southern Nigeria follows a prosperity gospel
- Protection and support for the persecuted church in middle Nigeria

Week 4

Pray for the missionaries *"praying at the same time for us as well, that God will open up to us a door for the word, so that we may speak forth the mystery of Christ." Colossians 2:3-4*

- Mike and Diane Manville, Bible translators with Wycliffe in central Nigeria- Recent move in the middle of May adjusting to culture and new responsibilities
- Wisdom and discernment for Mike and national translators in the effort to produce a faithful translation of the scriptures

