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Global Update

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CRWM Annual Highlights

In the last year, through the work of Christian Reformed World Missions and our partners:

- Over 11,500 people committed their lives to Christ.
- Almost 160 new faith communities were established.
- More than 14,000 adults and youth participated in discipleship ministries.
- Over 18,000 people participated in leadership development training.
- Just over 160 North American volunteers went out with World Missions.



Amos and Hannatu with their children

From Darkness into Light

Matthew and Laura Lanser

Amos Samba grew up in Tungan Bisalla in Nigeria's Niger state. For centuries, the people of Tungan Bisalla followed the traditional religion of their ancestors. No one in Amos' family or village had ever heard anything about Christianity up until 15 years ago.

Then, Christian Reformed World Missions missionaries Dave and Jan Dykgraaf and a Nigerian missionary family came and started telling stories about Jesus. Amos and the others in his villages listened to their stories and watched how they lived. They saw that the missionary men cared for their wives and children. They saw them living a life of peace—and it looked good.

After five years of watching and listening to the missionaries, Amos and a few of his family and friends decided to put their trust in God. Many in the village, including Amos' wife, Hannatu, weren't pleased about their decision. But as the years passed, more and more people in Tungan Bisalla became Christians. Even Hannatu became a Christian. Today, around 60 people in Tungan Bisalla are Christians. Now these believers want to share the Good News that brings life with others.

Christian Reformed World Missions partners with the Warari Bible School to strengthen and equip Amos, Hannatu, and others like them, to become evangelists in their own communities. Since the school's beginning in 2004, 28 students have graduated from the three-year program; soon Amos, Hannatu and their 23 classmates will join them. And so the message goes out, calling people to new life in Jesus.

This growth and movement toward following Jesus is being repeated in many villages in our area. Where the shadow of old gods once lay, the fire of the Spirit has come and is bringing forgiveness of sin and new life.

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