



## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – 6 MARCH 2026

**“I Will Give You Rest: Come”**

**Service from Nigeria**



### PROJECTS TO BE SUPPORTED

Each year World Day of Prayer offerings throughout the world go to projects chosen by the National Committees. World Day of Prayer Aotearoa New Zealand worked with the following organisations when selecting projects: Christian World Service, the Bible Society and the Hospital Chaplaincy

#### **Christian World Service – “Climate-Smart Agriculture Practices and Livelihood Initiative For Women In Plateau State.” An ACT Alliance Project**

The project is part of Christian Aid Nigeria and teaches women climate-smart agriculture, e.g., how to make your own herbicide through “waste to wealth” instead of throwing out the ashes from cooking fires, gather them up and make them into charcoal briquettes. You keep what you need yourself and sell the rest. In this way, one woman can provide the money for her children’s education.

Women learn about composting and raised vegetable beds, which means they can work from home in their own backyards.

Some learn how to crochet and so make beautiful shoes.

Others learn how to bake confectionery for an ever-growing market, as well as making samosa, spring rolls, mince pies, and yoghurt.

One lady wants to open her own shop to sell these goods and even dreams of “using more hands” in the kitchen, meaning creating employment for others.

The women come from diverse religious and ethnic backgrounds, which means that the agricultural support groups help to heal fractured communities through learning and working together. This leads to more interfaith activity and inclusivity in society.

The programme has powerful results.

Through the training they receive, women become more independent and thus more able to help themselves. They become peacemakers and role models for the rest of society.

The climate-smart agricultural teaching project goes beyond farming. It is a movement for women among women that brings to the whole of society “grow a future, grow hope, and grow peace.”

<https://cws.org.nz/>

#### **Hospital Chaplaincy Aotearoa**

Hospital Chaplaincy Aotearoa works in partnership with healthcare providers and churches to care for patients, whānau and staff no matter who they are, what they believe, or where they come from.

More than 90 Chaplains and approximately 160 Voluntary Chaplains Assistants provide spiritual and pastoral care in over 36 hospitals around the country. With more than 50 years of experience, providing compassionate care to people as they face some of the toughest times of their lives, chaplains are available for all patients, their families or whānau and members of staff, for people of all faiths and none.

[www.hospitalchaplaincy.org.nz](http://www.hospitalchaplaincy.org.nz)

#### **The Bible Society – Macedonian Call Project**

The Macedonian Call Project is a project run by the Bible Society of Nigeria which is aimed at ameliorating the traumatic experiences and dire living condition of Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) who are victims of Boko Haram attacks in the North-Eastern part of the Nigeria and Fulani herdsman in the Northwestern and North central parts of Nigeria. Most of these victims are women, children and young people who have had their future truncated by these unfortunate events. The programme provides relief materials such as food items, toiletries, clothing and Bibles to these victims in various IDP camps in the country. These IDPs are without food, shelter, clothing, medicare and other basic amenities; they are terribly traumatized. Life has been unbearable for them and because of this, they are in urgent need of relief materials and the Bible.

The project also reaches out to indigent primary school pupils in slums and their parents. The pupils are provided with back-to-school packs and Bibles, while their parents are provided with Bibles and food items.

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Thanks to the Macedonian Call project over the years, the beneficiaries have been accessing the Bible, which also meets their basic needs. Providing Bibles have done a lot towards emotional healing and spiritual engagement of the IDPs. Traumatized and people without hope have also been assisted emotionally and spiritually through access to Bibles. This project has assisted in restoring the feeling of community, improving participation in social and religious gatherings, and fighting isolation and depression.

Nonetheless, many more basic needs remain unaddressed, in particular in the IDP camps. Many IDPs, particularly the youth and children, are unable to access education due to lack of nearby schools and financial resources. There is no means of long-term economic empowerment or independence due to the absence of vocational or entrepreneurial aid. Moreover, there is a great deal of interest in small-scale businesses among IDPs, but their lack of stable environment, training, and capital stifled progress.

In the year 2026, we plan to visit IDP camps in Borno State (North-East Nigeria) and Abuja (North Central Nigeria) to provide relief materials to them such as food items, clothing, toiletries, and Bibles. We also plan to visit slum areas in Delta State and Edo State, both in South Nigeria, providing Back-to-School-packs and Bibles to indigent pupils as well as Bibles and food items to their parents. The estimated budget for 2026 intervention is \$180,231.

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