

How Will They Hear?

P.H. is a church planter who works across the North Eastern part of Nigeria. His task is to build relationships, serve needs, and present the Gospel in villages throughout the region.

One day P.H. arrived at a village in Northeastern Nigeria where there was no church or knowledge of the Gospel. After some time in the village, he developed a friendship with several individuals who would listen and relate with him. On one such occasion, two older men confronted him and told him never to speak in the name of Jesus again. They threatened and told him he would be killed.

Without fear, P.H. continued to preach and share the message of the Gospel. One day, however, P.H. was suddenly struck by a condition that would not allow him to open his mouth or to speak. When he left the village that day, he was completely speechless. His only means of communication was to use his hands.

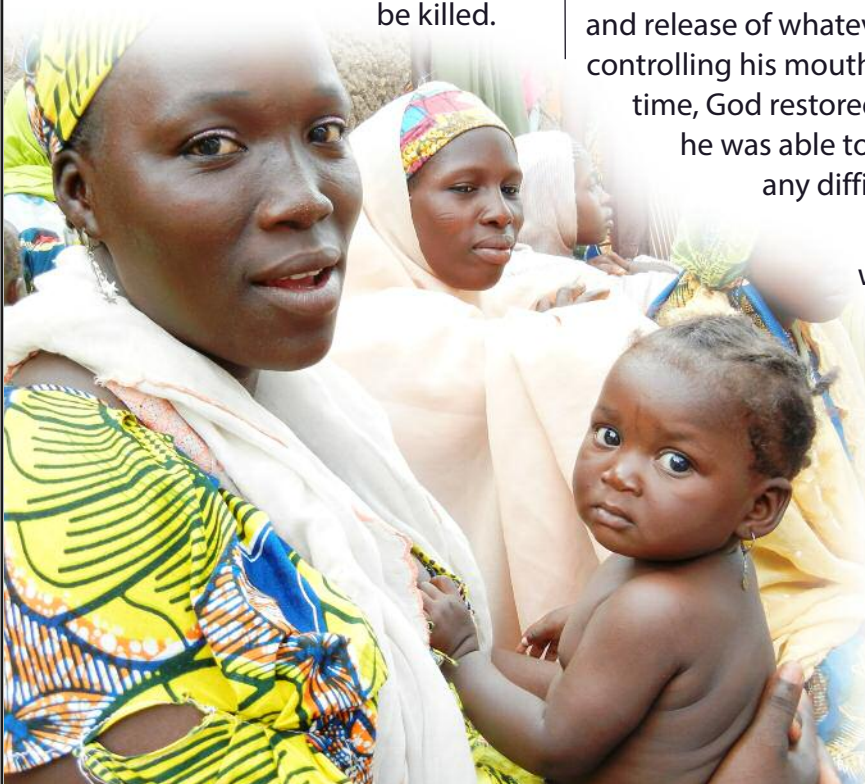
Prayers by fellow believers were offered before the Lord for healing and release of whatever was controlling his mouth and voice. Over time, God restored P.H.'s voice and he was able to speak without any difficulty.

P.H. immediately went back to the village. When the two men saw him, they were surprised because they were expecting to hear the news of his death.

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Prayer Points

- Pray as our brothers and sisters speak of God's gift of salvation in a way that will be clear to their own people. May these unreached groups have their eyes opened to the truth of His Word.
- Pray against the media reports that come out of Nigeria that emphasize the violence. God is at work and our RTR team workers want the world to know!
- Church planters report an increase in the desire and the participation of new believers in Bible studies and discipleship efforts. As they grow in the knowledge of God's Word it impacts their way of life in other areas. Pray for these new believers that they will become quickly grounded in the Word of God.



FOCUS ON Nigeria

The Federal Republic of Nigeria is located in West Africa. It is comprised of 36 states with the city of Abuja being its capital. Nigeria is officially a democratic secular country.

Over the last several years, Nigeria has struggled from one military coup to another. Currently, Nigeria has an elected leadership. But the government faces the challenge of preventing Africa's most populous country from breaking apart along ethnic and religious lines.

Thousands of people have died over the past few years in communal attacks led by the Islamic State-aligned Boko Haram. Separatist aspirations have also been growing and the imposition of Islamic law in several northern states has caused thousands of Christians to flee.

The Joshua Project lists the following statistics:

- Total Population 187 million
- Number of People Groups 544
- Number of Unreached People Groups 96
- Total of Unreached Population 61.5 million

Continue to pray for those yet to be reached with the Gospel as well as those who are undergoing severe persecution.



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Because of his healing and continued preaching, people began to embrace Christ. There is now a fully functioning and healthy church established in this village!

Pray for the two older men, as they are gradually becoming friendlier and receptive to P.H. However, they have yet to give their lives to Jesus.



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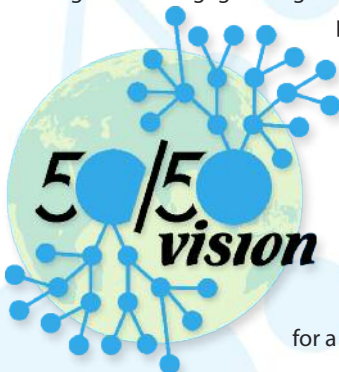
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