

NIGERIA BRANCH OFFICE OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

Igieduma
Nigeria

WELCOME





“GO, THEREFORE, AND MAKE DISCIPLES”

MATTHEW 28:19

NIGERIA branch supports the work of over **380,000** publishers.

What Work Is Done at a Branch Office?

In over 230 lands, more than eight million Witnesses of Jehovah are preaching the good news of God’s Kingdom in response to the commission that Jesus gave his followers. (Matthew 24:14; 28:19, 20) To organize this work, there are 89 branch offices worldwide, all serving under the direction of the Governing Body of Jehovah’s Witnesses, located in Warwick, New York, U.S.A.

Branch offices coordinate the Kingdom-preaching work and care for the needs of Jehovah’s Witnesses within a specific geographic area. The Governing Body appoints mature elders to serve as members of a Branch Committee. As representatives of the Governing Body in their assigned territory, Branch Committee members faithfully carry out the direction coming from God’s Word and “the faithful and discreet slave.”—Matthew 24:45-47.

Branch Committee
reviewing plans for
Remote Translation Offices



Providing Scriptural direction for congregations



HID representatives discussing with a doctor

DIRECTING THE WORK

The branch office supervises the activities of Jehovah's Witnesses in one or more countries in various ways.

The Service Department cares for matters related to the preaching work and provides Scriptural guidance regarding the activities of more than 6,500 congregations in Nigeria. It also arranges conventions, assemblies, and theocratic schools. In addition, the Service Department looks after the congregation territory boundaries and organizes preaching campaigns in seldom-worked territories.

The Service Department works closely with the Translation Department to identify languages in which to preach and teach the good news. They also work with the Local Design/Construction Department to help congregations renovate or build a new place of worship.

When medical emergencies arise, the branch office provides loving support and direction through the Hospital Information Desk. This desk helps Jehovah's Witnesses to obtain competent medical treatment without blood and strives to promote a spirit of cooperation between doctors and their Witness patients.



LDC reviews Kingdom Hall designs

FACILITIES LOCATED IN NIGERIA BRANCH TERRITORY (AS OF 2017)

- 3,260 KINGDOM HALLS
- 19 ASSEMBLY HALLS
- 8 REMOTE TRANSLATION OFFICES
- PURCHASING OFFICE IN LAGOS

CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE

Building Houses of Worship

The branch office is responsible for approving and overseeing the construction of Kingdom Halls and Assembly Halls and for ensuring that existing halls are being maintained properly. Construction is coordinated through the Local Design/Construction Department (LDC). The LDC develops architectural plans and works with field representatives to schedule projects. Using volunteers to build and maintain facilities results in buildings that are economical, practical, and comfortable.

Using Donated Funds Wisely

In order to get the most value from existing facilities, the LDC arranges for Kingdom Halls to be inspected regularly. This helps to ensure that any safety or maintenance issues are handled promptly. The LDC also provides maintenance training for local congregation members.



Building a Kingdom Hall



Kingdom Hall inspection

TRANSLATION

Words That Touch the Heart

Bible truths often reach the heart more quickly when people read Bible-based literature in their mother tongue. Therefore, when the need arises for publications to be translated into additional languages, branch offices make their recommendations to the Governing Body.

Remote Translation Offices

The branch oversees eight remote translation offices (RTOs) within its territory. RTOs are usually located near communities where the language being translated is spoken. This helps the translators to be immersed in their target language as they share in the preaching work, attend Christian meetings, and engage in daily activities.

Vernacular audio recordings of our publications are produced under the direction of the Translation Department. The Translation Department also prepares materials for meeting and convention programs, our jw.org website, and various school curriculums.

Vernacular audio recordings are produced in 20 languages.



Audio recording



Daluwon RTO

Translation team at Igieduma



RTOs IN THE NIGERIA BRANCH TERRITORY (2018)

- Abua, Rivers State (Abua)
- Agbarho, Delta State (Urhobo)
- Bori, Rivers State (Khana and Gokana)
- Daluwon, Ogun State (Yoruba)
- Gboko, Benue State (Tiv)
- Oju, Benue State (Iggede)
- Otukpo, Benue State (Idoma)
- Ughoton, Delta State (Okpe)



LITERATURE AND SHIPPING

Literature requests from more than 6,500 congregations in Nigeria are processed every month. The Shipping Department prepares all necessary documentation for importing Bible literature into the country. In addition, the department arranges for the delivery of literature to congregations throughout the country.

Our literature warehouse stocks literature in over 100 languages.

NIGERIA BRANCH PRINTERY FACTS

- 9,600 SQUARE METERS FOR PRINTING, WAREHOUSE, AND OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES
- FULLY AUTOMATIC WEB-OFFSET PRESS PRINTS 100,000 16-PAGE MAGAZINES IN ONE HOUR

NIGERIA BRANCH ALSO PRINTS AND SHIPS LITERATURE TO:

- BENIN REPUBLIC
- BURKINA FASO
- CAMEROON
- CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC
- CHAD
- GABON
- EQUATORIAL GUINEA
- NIGER
- TOGO



Printery

PRINTING AND SHIPPING

The Nigeria branch has been printing Bible-based literature since 1948. As a result, millions of people have responded to the good news found in God’s Word. The Kingdom message is now available online in hundreds of languages on jw.org, but the printed page remains a powerful tool for reaching hearts worldwide.

The Nigeria branch ships magazines, brochures, books, Bibles, and tracts in 22 languages.

BIBLE-BASED INSTRUCTION

Jehovah’s Witnesses highly esteem the wisdom found in God’s Word, the Bible. That is why they regularly study the Bible—at home, at Christian meetings, and at assemblies and conventions. They agree with the apostle Paul, who summed it up well when he said: “O the depth of God’s riches and wisdom and knowledge! How unsearchable his judgments are and beyond tracing out his ways are! For ‘who has come to know Jehovah’s mind, or who has become his adviser?’”—Romans 11:33, 34.



Prepress



Quality check in the printery



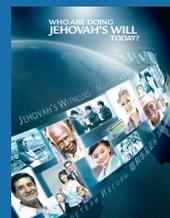
Using pick-to-cart system in Shipping Department

SUPPORT SERVICES

The branch office in Nigeria could not function without the many dedicated volunteers who work in support services. Among us are cooks, waiters, laundry workers, hairdressers, gardeners, painters, carpenters, electricians, plumbers, computer specialists, farmers, engineers, accountants, nurses, mechanics, drivers, and many more who care for the buildings, equipment, and personnel. But no matter what assignment we receive, it is our pleasure to serve, for we do it out of love for Jehovah God and our brothers and sisters.

Thank You for Visiting!

We sincerely hope that your visit to the Nigeria branch office has been a rewarding one. No doubt it has helped you to become better acquainted with the work we are doing to preach the good news about God's Kingdom. May your visit encourage you to learn more about our loving Creator and to put God's Kingdom first in your life.—Matthew 6:33.



Would you like to know more about the work at Bethel and how you can support it? See lessons 21 and 22 of the brochure *Who Are Doing Jehovah's Will Today?*

Planning a Visit?

Tours are available Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Additional information is available online at:

JW.ORG > ABOUT US > OFFICES & TOURS



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