

REPORT OF BOREHOLE PROJECT AMONG HAUSA COMMUNITY, OGERE LAGOS-IBADAN EXPRESSWAY: A DIASPORA MISSIONAL ENGAGEMENT

On the 6th June 2026, we celebrated the completion and commissioning of a borehole water project among the Hausa community at Ogere, along the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway, as part of our ongoing commitment to reaching the Hausa and Fulani people groups domiciled in Southwest Nigeria.

Two years ago, we accepted the challenge of initiating intentional missional mobilization among Hausa and Fulani communities scattered across the region. We engaged pastors, churches, and ministry leaders with the urgency and necessity of sustainable outreach among these strategic but often neglected communities.

By God's grace, these mobilization efforts yielded fruit. Two students from the Foursquare School of Mission joined the vision and began pioneering church planting initiatives in two locations:

Imo-Lisa, off Ogunmakin-Onigari and Ogere, along the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway

These efforts have resulted in missional fellowships in both communities.

Understanding the Need

As the work progressed, it became clear that effective ministry among our predominantly Muslim audience would require practical demonstrations of God's love.

The communities face numerous challenges, including:

- Homelessness
- Drug addiction
- High prevalence of HIV/AIDS
- Lack of sustainable livelihoods
- Social and spiritual neglect

We also discovered that many settlements serve as temporary homes for individuals with questionable and dangerous agendas, making these communities strategically important from both humanitarian and spiritual perspectives. The Hausa and Fulani populations at Ogere and Imo-Lisa are particularly significant because of their size and influence.

The water project was conceived as a seed project intended to create goodwill and prayerfully open doors for the Gospel. Interestingly, after several attempts to locate water, the only place where abundant water was found was at the entrance to the major mosque in the community.

We approached the Muslim leaders, introduced ourselves, and explained our purpose and intentions. Their response was warm and welcoming. During our interaction, we learned that more than ten years ago, the government had promised to provide a borehole at the same location but never fulfilled the promise.

By God's grace, this project has now become a reality.

Building Relationships and Sustainability

Following the commissioning, a five-member committee was established by the community to oversee the management of the water facility and to serve as a platform for future collaborative development initiatives.

We believe that this relationship of trust and mutual respect will provide opportunities for long-term engagement and holistic transformation.

We are also privileged to have a Hausa field missionary who will serve among the people and maximize the goodwill created by this project through discipleship and community engagement.

This location serves as a strategic bridgehead to more than ten surrounding villages populated by Hausa and Fulani communities.

Why This Matters

The Hausa and Fulani peoples remain one of the largest and least-reached people groups in Africa. Their growing presence across Southwest Nigeria presents both an opportunity and an urgent responsibility for the Church.

Holistic mission—meeting physical needs while proclaiming the Good News—remains an effective strategy for demonstrating the love of Christ and building bridges of trust.

This borehole project is not merely about providing water; it is about planting seeds of transformation that, by God's grace, will produce lasting spiritual fruit.

Appreciation

We express our profound gratitude to JHB Hope Foundation for funding this strategic intervention. Indeed, together, we can do more for the Kingdom while it is day.

"As long as it is day, we must do the works of Him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work." — John 9:4

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