

**NORTHERN NIGERIA UNION
CONFERENCE
WAD YEAR-END COUNCIL
2nd -5th November, 2020**

*A summary Reported presented by
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Map Nigeria
showing
Northern Nigeria
in colour
covering
17 states and the
Federal Capital
Territory



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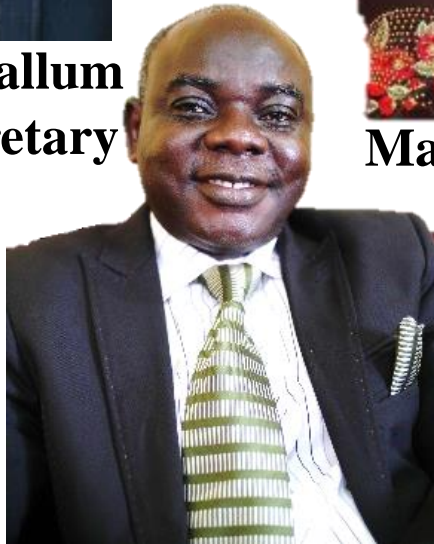
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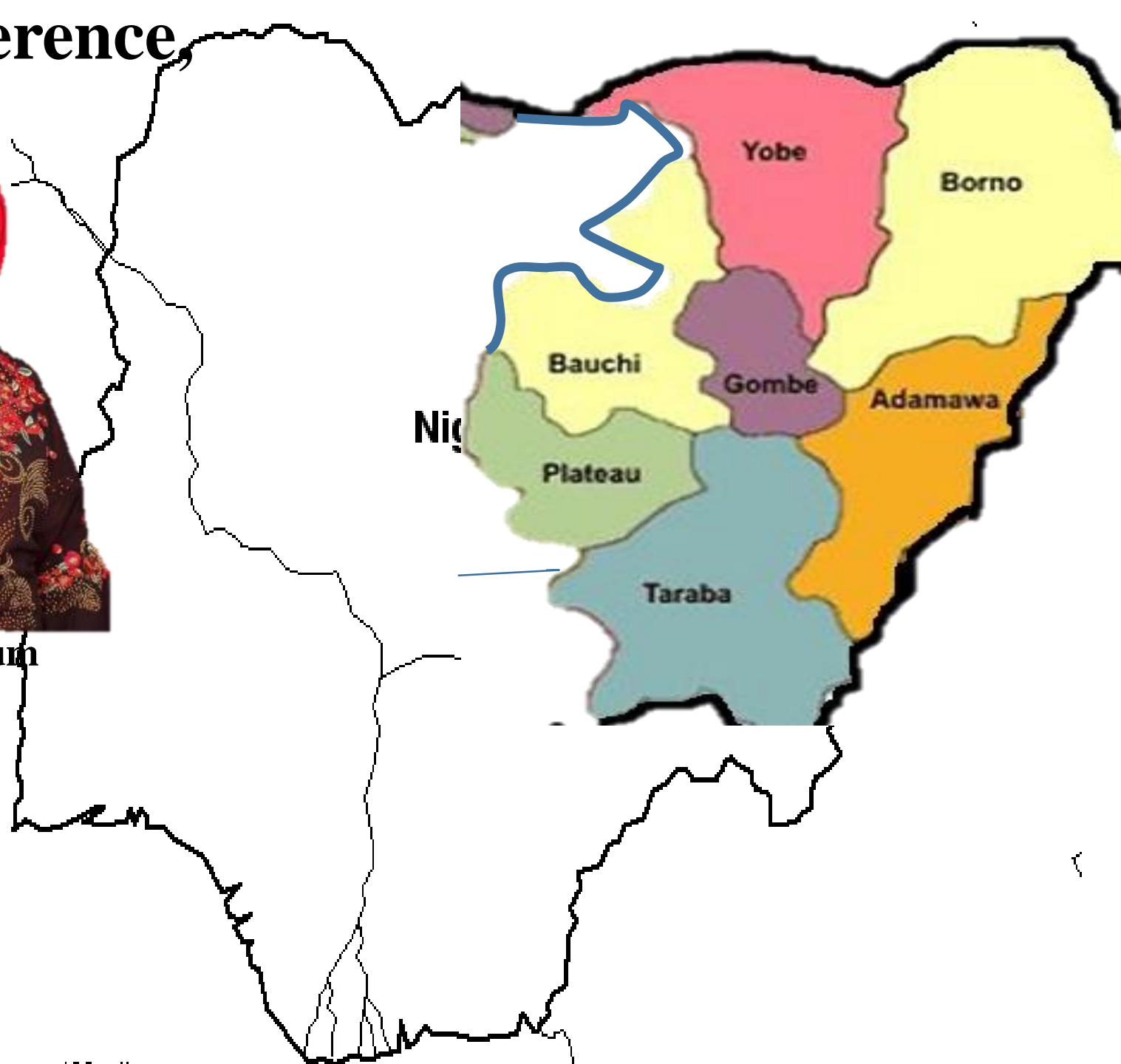
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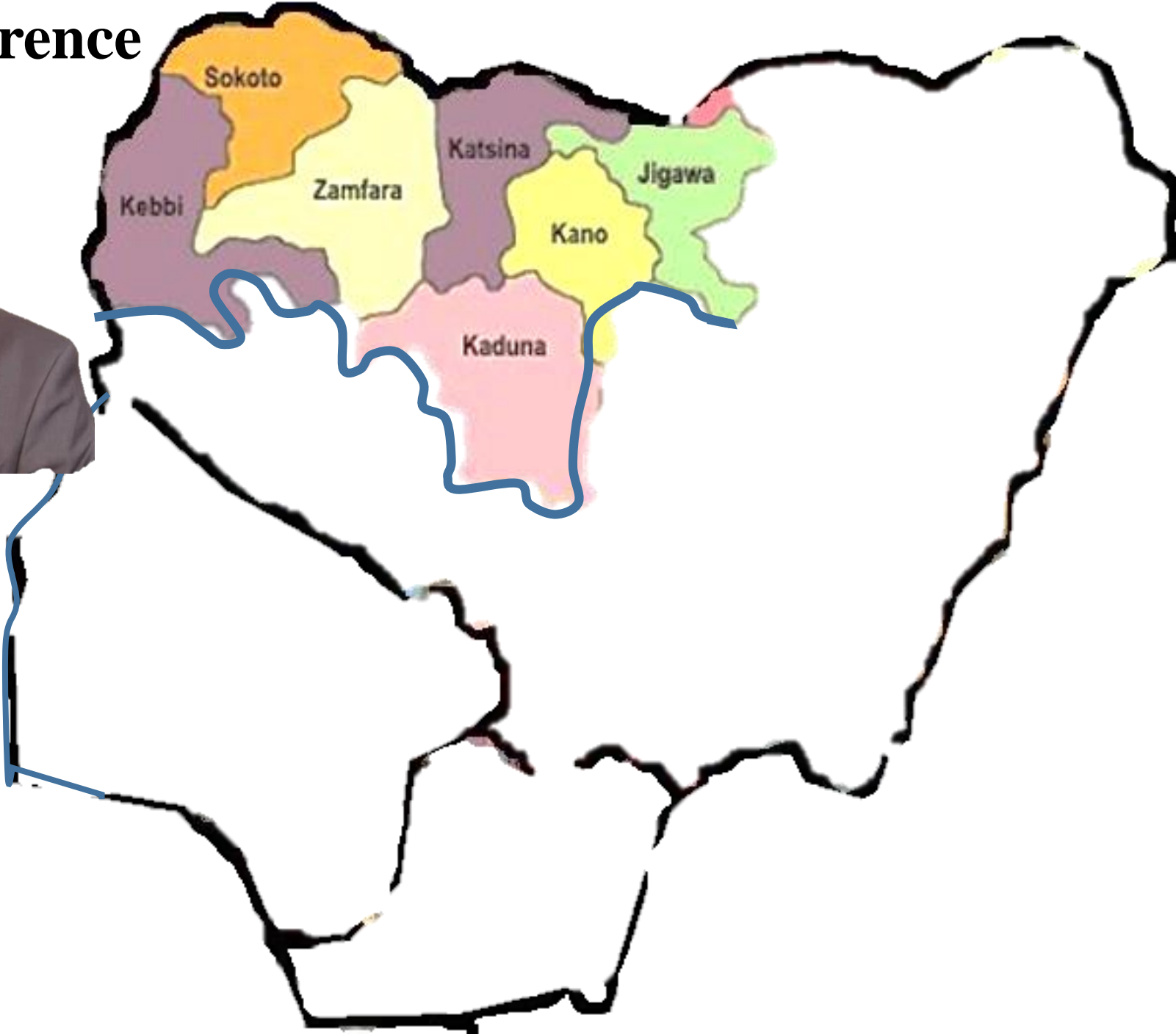
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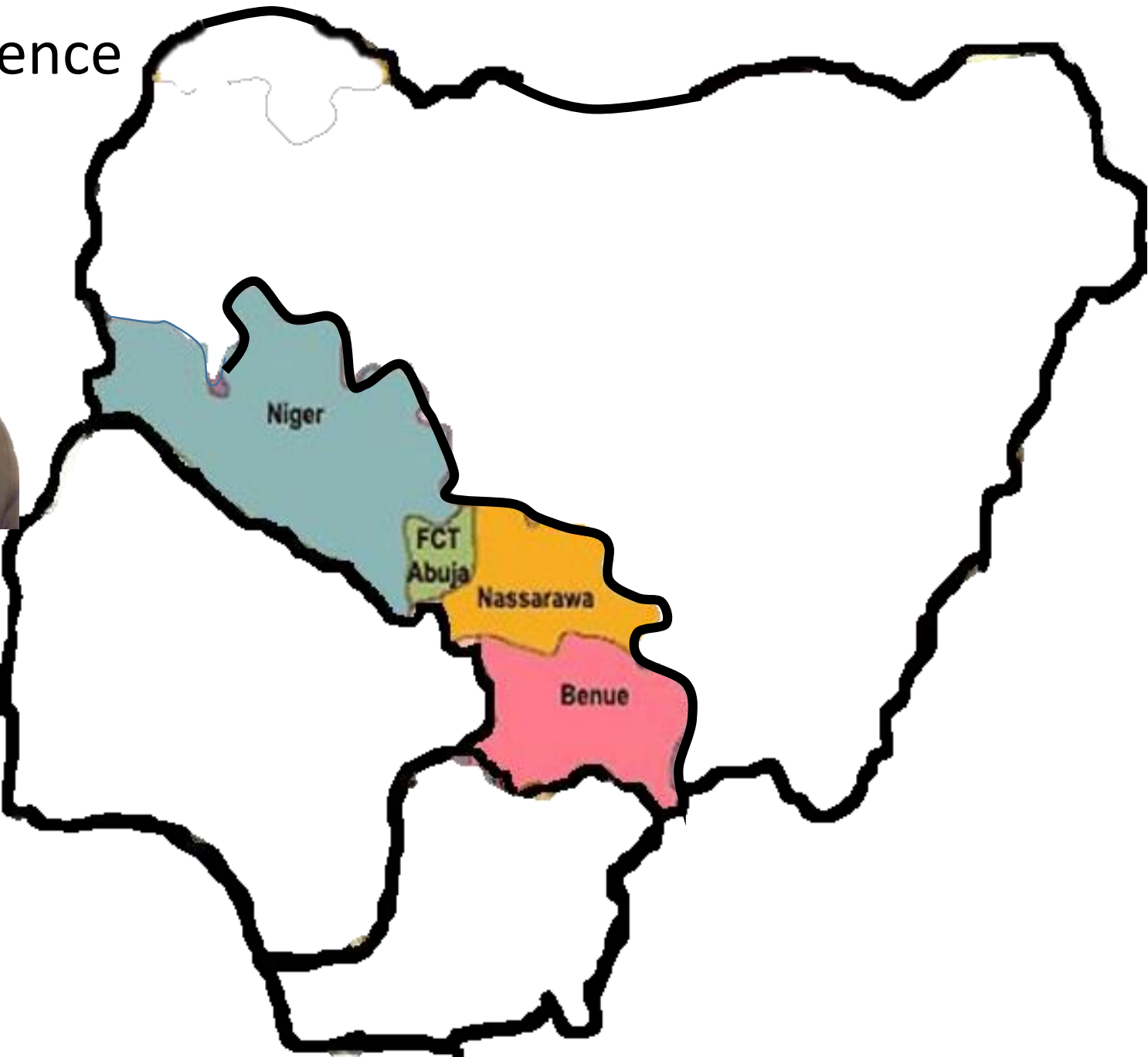
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We started the year 2020 with the 10 days of prayer which was conducted in all our Churches and companies. This was followed by the training of global mission pioneers and the one year in mission volunteers in February 2020.



We trained 133 volunteers who had been regrouped into 6 groups for one year in mission and they are presently in the field now.



In March we went into the lockdown of the global pandemic of Covid 19 which halted a lot of activities both government and private. We give God the glory that the Union never received report of any member being infected by the virus.

Apart from the Covid 19 challenge, one of our Church District was attacked by Fulani Bandits. The houses of over 100 members were burnt down and all crops destroyed.

We have visited them with some relief materials.

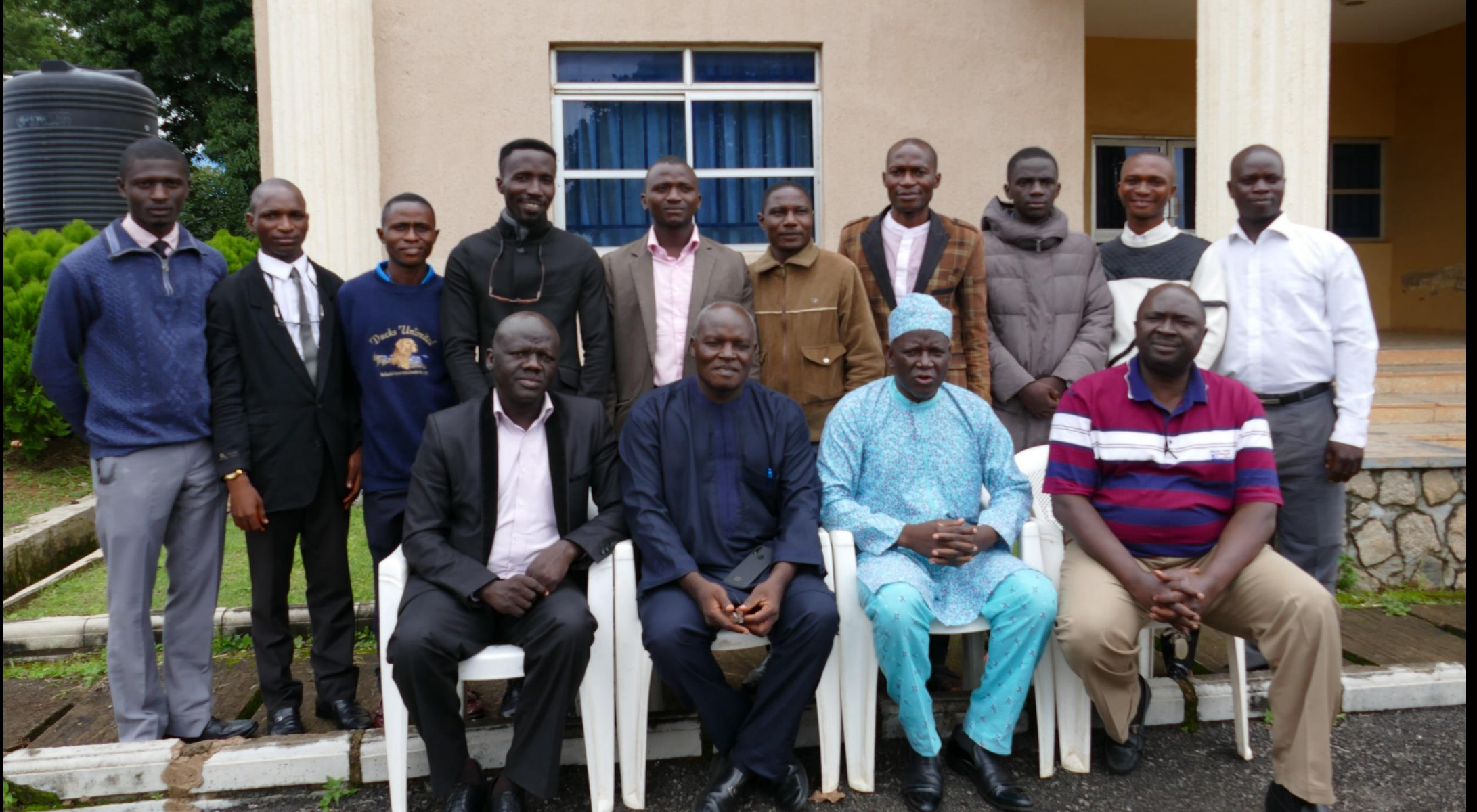
In the midst of this global pandemic, God gave us a way to do mission and ministry. We engaged all members in small group and family units for worships and fellowships.

We made good use of social media to the best of our ability by sending encouraging videos and audio messages to members and non-members alike.

The WAD Youth Department “One year in Mission.” initiative has planted a church of 35 baptized members within 6 months in Kua – Makurdi town of Benue state



We also trained 10 WAD sponsored Pioneers who have baptized 66 souls within 6 months.



The new initiative of One year in mission has helped us to reorganize our pioneer work and global mission activities by grouping the volunteers after the training for a better result.





One year in mission volunteers doing community labour as a method of reaching out to the communities





Some of the baptism conducted by
One-year in mission volunteers



All these evangelism activities have raised Our membership from 48,054 baptized members in 2019 to 50,469 as of September 2020 giving us an increase of 2,415 Baptized members

Total Workforce- 142

Number of churches – 257

Number of Companies- 392

No of small group – 1, 803

Total membership as at September 2020-
50,469.

ACMS – Registered – 37, 187, Non-Registered
– 14, 711. Representing 75%

Church attendance 2nd Sabbath count as of
September 2020- 62,789

Church attendance 7th Sabbath count as at
September 2020- 65,426

- Number of Baptism- 2,415
- No of church planted - 35

OUR FINANCES:

While we are lamenting about the impact of Covid-19, we are thanking God, because our members remain faithful. Many people thought when there is a disaster or pandemic, members' relationship with God in terms of tithes and offerings will drop. We are experiencing a steady return of tithes and offerings from members due to their love for God.

Our self-support as at December 2019 was 106.62%, while at September 2020 stood at 137%

Our liquidity as at December 2019 was 5.86%, and as of September 2020 11.20%

The working capital as at December 2019 was -145.81% at September 2020 stood at -114.9%

With the above financial indicators covid-19 brought discipline in our financial management than the previous years, we were reporting these indices to be in the negative, but today, we have moved from the negative indices to the positive. We still need your support in your prayers. When we review our budget during the mid-year, our travels halted and all meetings through technology was the recommendations.

Even if covid-19 is over we are thinking of maintaining this path to help us in keeping to a good financial management.

We have just bought a zoom license for zoom meetings and seminars with our Conferences, and travels will be minimized.

CHALLENGES:

We are becoming afraid to do mission and evangelism, because we don't have where to house the new converts and Pastors to shepherd them.

The above two challenges requires resources because bringing them out of their former Cathedrals to the mango shade will be a great challenge.

We have serious need of worship centers in the following places:

Kua- Benue state

Gwer West- Benue state etc

Matanzo – Kebbi state.

Manpower challenge:

the counsel is that due to our mega resources employment has been halted, what then do we do with the new territories? This is a serious challenge that can pull us backwards.

Employ and train indigenous workers especially in the new territories where they neither speak English nor Hausa, only their dialect. They in a different language as a foreigner who has come to cheat on them. In this case, we want to engage the young people among the new converts, train them and send them back home to reach their people in their own way, consequently solidifying the work done.

• **GRATITUDE**

We thank God for sustaining us in our Union through this covid-19, insurgency and the herdsman/ bandits attacks.

We are thanking the WAD administration in a special way for your closeness and support in our evangelism drive. Your support through the WAD Missionary Volunteers is greatly appreciated. Like Oliver Twist, “we appeal for more.” Looking at our territory is enough of discouragement, but with God on our side we will pull down the Goliath

We will not forget the one-year in mission program from the youth department of WAD, please we need more of this because it has helped us in entering some un-entered areas.

OYIM Converts



We are putting it on record to appreciate the following for assisting us during the lockdown with some palliatives:



We received palliative assistance from WAD and people were happy when they received the food items as coordinated by the stewardship department of the Union





The support from Eld. Dr. Adedeji Adeleke was widely felt positively in our territory. Members and non-members, widows, retirees and pastors all benefited.



There were two laymen in our field who also supported with some palliatives.

With this we say, yes! The SDA church is a big family and we felt it during this lockdown.

We thank the over 50,000 members for their support in faithfully returning their tithes and offerings. We give God the glory. Thank you all.