



NEWSLETTER

GRACELAND CHURCH OF BEATITUDES

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Vision

GCB exist to transform lives, communities, and the world through God's Word, compassionate service, and discipleship.

Mission

Empowering Holistic Transformation Through: Church Planting, Medical Care, Education, Humanitarian Services, Scripture Translation, Language Development and Global Mission Mobilisation.

MANAGEMENT

Dear Friends and Partners,

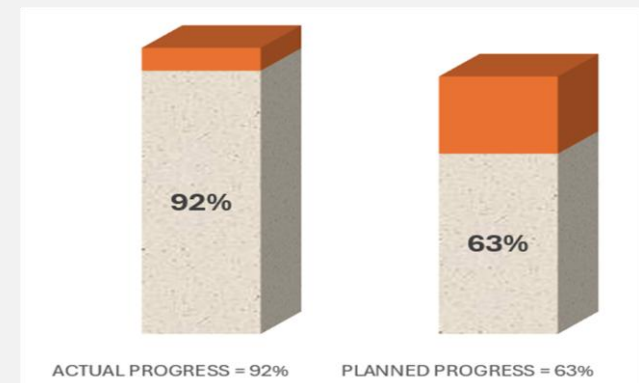
With hearts full of gratitude, we celebrate God’s enduring faithfulness through the joint ministry of the Graceland Church of Beatitudes (GCB) and the Umar Benjamin Medical and Endowment Foundation (UBMEF). Driven by our shared commitment, we continue to transform lives spiritually, socially, and physically. This past year, we celebrated a monumental milestone: the successful translation of the first five books of the New Testament. By bringing God’s Word to communities in their own language, we are opening vital new doors for evangelism, deep discipleship, and lasting spiritual growth. Simultaneously, our community development and healthcare initiatives are reshaping everyday realities. Through clean water projects, sustainable agriculture, tree-planting campaigns, and free medical services, we are empowering families and strengthening local communities. In tandem with these efforts, we have planted new churches and revitalized existing fellowships, expanded our reach and deepened our impact. Even in the face of rising regional challenges and insecurity, GCB remain a beacon of hope. We continue to provide critical relief assistance, free healthcare, and compassionate support to vulnerable, underserved populations. Looking ahead, our mission remains unchanged. We press forward in Bible translation, church planting, humanitarian aid, and community development. Thank you for standing beside us. Your faithful partnership is changing lives and advancing God’s Kingdom in remarkable ways.

In His Service,

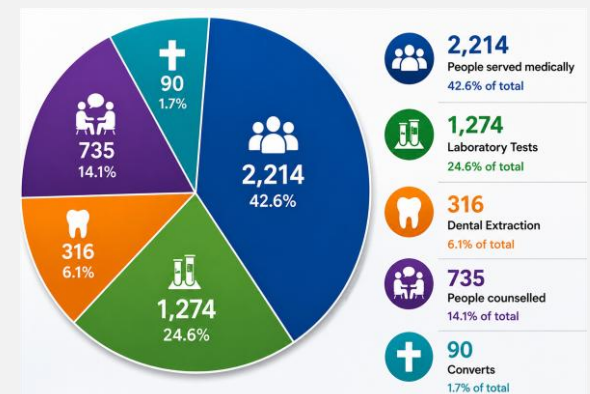
Umar Benjamin Simon
CEO/Executive President, GCB/UBMEF

Highlight

Bible Translation



GCB/UBMEF – Medical Outreach Kwassam, 2025



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BIBLE TRANSLATION

Our Bible Translation programme is bringing God’s Word closer to people in twelve Nigerian languages through the Albarka, Mare, and Bakwe-Demang-Sya (BDS) language clusters. This work is not only preserving languages but also transforming lives as communities encounter Scripture in the language of their hearts.

The Albarka Cluster languages have completed the Four Gospels and Acts. During the first three-year phase of partnership (September 2023–March 2027), the goal was to complete five books of Scripture: The Synoptic Gospels and Acts. By God’s grace, these five books, plus Romans, have been completed in just two years. Translation work continues, with confidence and anticipation for even more achievements before the contract period ends. In the Mare Cluster, the three Synoptic Gospels have been completed in all three languages, while the BDS team is currently reviewing the Gospel of Mark with the Translation Consultant. Several translated portions have already been launched in project communities, allowing the message of Scripture to be heard and understood more clearly than ever before.

The true impact of this work is seen in changed lives. Simon, a former Sunday school teacher, once relied mainly on memorization when teaching the Bible because he struggled to grasp its meaning fully. His experience changed when he joined the Sya translation team. Through the translation process, he gained a deeper understanding of Scripture and discovered new confidence in communicating God’s truth.

“Everything has changed,” Simon shared. “I now teach with clarity, confidence, and real understanding. I no longer just pass on information; I communicate God’s Word with meaning and conviction.”

The translation team has also embraced the teachings they translate, striving to model Christ’s example in their relationships and daily lives.

As Simon explained, they seek to let God’s Word transform them before sharing it with others. Today, the impact of Scripture translation is spreading across the Sya, Gyem, Fyalu, Sigidi, Gura, Ganang, Jaku, Bakwe, Dimang, Takad, Duhwa, and Mindat communities. As people engage with God’s Word in their own languages, hearts are being transformed, faith is growing, and lives are being renewed.



Translators having a pair check session

SCRIPTURE ENGAGEMENT

The Scripture Engagement (SE) team is helping communities experience God’s Word through storytelling, Scripture memorisation, and group listening sessions. In the Albarka Cluster, awareness of the Bible translation project was initially low, but through visits to community and church leaders, home outreach, sports, and other engagement efforts, trust grew, and interest increased. The introduction of audio Scriptures had a profound impact, as many felt God was speaking directly to them in their own language. Beyond spiritual ministry, the team promotes community well-being through clean-up campaigns, tree planting, and other initiatives. Through the Scripture Engagement programs, 38 people gave their lives to Christ, while 48 rededicated their lives. These life-changing responses demonstrate the transformative power of God’s Word as it reaches people in a language they understand and connects deeply with their hearts.

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Engaging youth with the scripture after sport



Tree planting as community development activity and youth engagement through group bible study and prayers.

LITERACY AND LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT

Orthography and dictionary development continue to make strong progress, laying the foundation for lasting literacy. Each project language now has at least 2,000 documented words, with the collection steadily growing toward a 5,000-word dictionary. These dictionaries are preserving linguistic heritage, strengthening cultural identity, and leaving a legacy for future generations. These ongoing efforts help communities read, write, and celebrate their own languages. As children learn from alphabets and dictionaries in their mother tongue, they gain confidence, identity, and opportunity. Your support is helping preserve languages and empower lives for generations to come.



Roger and Michael having orthography and dictionary development with a team



Terna having orthography and Word Collection with a team

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MISSIONS UNIT – CHURCH PLANTING

Since the birth of Graceland Church of Beatitudes (GCB), church planting has been at the heart of our calling. By God's grace, more than 30 churches have been planted across Kebbi, Katsina, Kano, Borno, Kaduna, and Plateau States, each faithfully nurtured by local denominations and serving as a light of hope in their communities.

At our head office, God continues to gather His people. Weekly fellowships on Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays now bring together over 50 worshippers for prayer, Bible study, and encouragement. In January 2026, we celebrated another milestone with the commencement of our regular Sunday worship service.

The Lord is opening new doors. Our vision now reaches Borno, Yobe, Gombe, Bauchi, Plateau, Kaduna, and the Federal Capital Territory, trusting God to establish thriving churches where Christ is least known. In June 2026, missionaries, Pastor Maina Yakubu and Pastor Jesse Daniel began a church-planting mission in Uba and Askira (Borno State) and Kumo (Gombe State). Today, we rejoice that a church has already begun in Uba, with 40 members and growing, while a fellowship is taking root in Askira as we trust God for a full church.

Yet the mission is not without tears. Years of violence and insecurity have left many families carrying deep emotional wounds. Pastor Maina shared:

"The people are deeply traumatised because of the recurring attacks by Boko Haram and bandits. We strongly recommend establishing a trauma healing centre here; the people desperately need it."

This cry is echoed across many communities in Northern Nigeria. Even so, we remain confident that no darkness is greater than the light of Christ, and no mountain is too great for our God. He is still restoring lives, rebuilding communities, and drawing people to Himself.

Please stand with us in prayer for open hearts, protected missionaries, healed communities, and many more lives transformed through the Gospel.

Together, may we continue advancing the Great Commission until every community has the opportunity to hear and experience the hope of Jesus Christ.



A Church established in Uba community Borno State

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MEDICAL OUTREACH AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

For over two decades, medical outreach has been at the heart of Umar Benjamin’s Medical and Endowment Foundation (UBMEF) and Graceland Church of Beatitudes (GCB). Across Kaduna, Kano, Katsina, Kebbi, and Plateau States, God has faithfully used this ministry to bring healing to the sick, hope to the hurting, and the love of Christ to thousands of lives and families. Each outreach is more than healthcare; it is a tangible expression of God's compassion, restoring dignity, strengthening communities, and pointing people to the Great Physician.

In 2024, a dedicated team of medical professionals, counsellors, and gospel ministers brought hope to the people of Puekoot in Shendam LGA, Plateau State. Over three impactful days, 550 people received compassionate medical care, while the love of Christ was shared through counselling and the Gospel. By God's grace, 24 people surrendered their lives to Jesus, and many others renewed their commitment to Him, demonstrating the life-changing power of holistic ministry.

In November 2025, God worked powerfully through the Mega Medical Outreach in Kwassam, Kaduna State. A dedicated team of 30 medical professionals and 15 counsellors brought hope and healing to more than 2,214 people. They carried out 1,274 laboratory tests, performed 316 dental procedures, and offered 735 counselling sessions. While thousands received medical care, the greatest miracle was eternal. Ninety (90) people accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour. Beyond healing physical ailments, broken hearts found hope, weary souls were restored, and many experienced the life-changing love of Christ through compassionate, holistic care.

As we prepare for the 2026 Mega Medical Outreach, we invite you to stand with us in prayer, trusting God to use this ministry to bring healing, restore lives, and reveal His love to even more communities.



The 2025 Outreach Team, carried out in Kwassam community, Kauru LGA, Kaduna State.



Your support is changing lives and building healthier, stronger communities

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Medical team attending to patients at the 2025 outreach in Kwassam



Laboratory Test and Counselling Units at the 2025 outreach in Kwassam



Distributing relief materials at the 2025 outreach in Kwassam



EMPOWERMENT

Restoring hope and creating opportunities for vulnerable populations, especially teenage girls, is at the heart of GCB and UBMEF. From 16–18 April 2026, through a partnership with the Compassion Initiative, 70 teenage girls in Damakasuwa, Kauru Local Government Area of Kaduna State, received practical skills training that can help shape a brighter future.

The participants learned how to produce liquid soap, petroleum jelly (Vaseline), hair cream, oil perfumes, and body sprays. Beyond learning new skills, they were encouraged to turn these products into small businesses, creating pathways to financial independence and renewed confidence. To further demonstrate love and care, each participant also received a gift of clothing. Through initiatives like this, GCB and UBMEF continue to empower lives, restore dignity, and inspire hope for a better tomorrow.





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IT/MEDIA Unit

The IT/Media unit captures and shares stories that inspire faith, encourage believers, and mobilise support for the Gospel through our website, gcb-missions.org, and social media platforms. The team also maintains translation software and project laptops to keep ministry work running smoothly. We are trusting God to provide ₦16 million for essential IT and media equipment to strengthen documentation, production, and outreach. Please join us in prayer.

PARTNERSHIP COLUMN:

“From Seeds to Harvest – Thank You for Walking With Us”

Grace and peace from our team at GCB/UBMEF.

This quarter, I’ve been reflecting on the picture of the farmer in Mark 4. The seed doesn’t grow because the farmer shouts louder at it. It grows because faithful hands till the soil, water the ground, and wait on God for the increase. That is exactly what our partners have done with us.

To our present partners:

Thank you for being those faithful hands. Because you stood with us, Bible translation is moving forward in communities that have never heard Scripture in their heart language. Because you gave, new churches are being planted where hope felt distant. Because you served, free medical outreaches brought healing and opened doors for the Gospel. Because you believed, community development projects are restoring dignity - clean water, skills training, and care for the most vulnerable.

Your partnership is not charity. It is co-labor. “I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth” _1 Cor 3:6. The growth we’re seeing is God’s, but the obedience to plant and water is ours together. Please don’t grow weary. The harvest is ripening. Stay with us in prayer, in giving, and in sending. Your continued commitment is the difference between a project started and a community transformed.

To potential partners reading this:

If your heart burns for the unreached, for the sick with no doctor, for villages where poverty steals hope, then there is a place for you here. We don’t just ask for support. We invite you into a story. A story of transformation, where God’s Word is translated, churches are born, clinics are held under trees, and communities learn that they are loved by God and by His people.

You can partner by praying for our teams, by giving periodically to sustain translation and medical work, by sending volunteers, or by connecting us with others who share this burden. Every partnership, large or small, pushes the Kingdom forward.

The need is great, but our God is greater. And He has chosen to do it through people like you.

Let’s keep sowing, keep watering, and watch Him bring the harvest.

In His service,

Kajam Gabriel Daura

Director of Partnership and Strategic Planning

SUPPORT

Partner financially, volunteer your gifts, or advocate for this mission. Every contribution is a conduit for God’s unstoppable Word.

1. Church Planting/Missions

Acct. name: **Graceland Church of Beatitudes**

Account number: **1310793363**

Bank: **Zenith Bank**

2. Medical Outreach/Community Development

Acct. name: **Umar Benjamin’s Medical and Endowment Foundation**

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PRAYER POINTS

Stand with us in prayer, believing that God's Word never returns empty (Isaiah 55:11). Every prayer you offer strengthens those serving on the frontlines and opens doors for lives to be transformed.

1. Pray for Pastor Maina Yakubu and Pastor Jesse Daniel, serving on the church-planting mission in Borno State. Ask God to protect them, grant them courage, wisdom, and abundant grace as they proclaim Christ in challenging communities.
2. Pray for the new church in Uba, that it will grow in faith, remain steadfast, and become a beacon of hope. Ask God to shield the community from the persistent insecurity affecting the region.
3. Lift the 2026 Mega Medical Outreach scheduled for October. Pray for God's provision of medical, dental, and eye-care supplies, laboratory equipment, essential medicines, and the financial resources needed to support the outreach and its logistics.
4. Pray for God's provision of ₦16 million to acquire essential IT and Media equipment, enabling us to tell stories of transformed lives and extend our Gospel witness.
5. Ask God to grant our translation teams wisdom, strength, and endurance as they work on Mark, Romans, and 1 Corinthians.
6. Finally, pray that God will open the right door for a permanent office space to support this growing ministry and expand its impact for His glory.

Dear Esteemed Partners,

Thank you for walking this journey with GCB and UBMEF. Your prayers, generosity, and faithful partnership are helping to advance God's Kingdom, bringing His Word, hope, healing, and lasting transformation to individuals, families, and communities. We are truly grateful to serve alongside you as co-labourers in His mission.

As you reach the final page of this edition, hold firmly to the promise of Isaiah 55:11: God's Word never returns empty but always accomplishes the purpose for which He sends it. With faith and expectancy, we look ahead to even greater opportunities to serve, reach the unreached, and witness lives transformed through Christ. Together, we are making an eternal difference, because every life matters, and every act of kindness counts.

Thank you for believing in this mission and for standing with us. By God's grace, the best is yet to come.

In His Service,

Shehu Patrick
Managing Director

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