

MARCH 2026 WAGNER TRIP REPORT



On March, 2026, I travelled to Nigeria, west Africa for a month-long mission trip that country of 220+ million souls. I visited preacher schools, an orphanage, spoke multiple times, and even visited a slavery museum!

Chinedum Nwankwo, Abia State

At the beginning of the trip, I spent the first week in Abia State. One might consider Abia state part of the Bible Belt for Nigeria as there are many Christians and Churches of Christ. **Chinedum** has been doing a good work there for many, many years. I was blessed to be able to visit him and his area for the week.



During that week, we conducted **World Bible School (WBS)** enrollment in various schools in that area. We also participated in several preacher meetings (I love meeting with preachers!). All in all, it was successful week!



Another thing we did that week was visit the **HolyLand orphans home** and school. This



orphanage/school is run by Gideon Nwandire and his wife. They seem to be doing a good job in their work.

Lagos, Nigeria

Lagos is a city of **22 million people**. It is quite a big city with huge potential for the Lord! I spent a few days in Lagos with Uchechukwu and Timothy Iwe.

While in Lagos, I received Brad Burkett, TN, who wanted to visit Nigeria and see the good work going on (who is GOING next??). On his arrival day, our plans fell through, so we spent the day visiting a *slavery museum* in Lagos. Quite informative!



SWSE LEADERSHIP SEMINAR

Both Brad Burkett and myself travelled the long road to Ibadan, to the school called the **Southwest School of Evangelism**. It is located in Butubutu-London (no relation, of course). We visited this school to speak at their leadership seminar.



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Samuel Oladokun

Samuel is a good guy who works with Makinde Olufemi at the SWSE. He is a young man who has been helping carry the teaching load at the preacher school there. Recently, a church in America helped Samuel buy a car. He wanted to get this small bus as he is able to 1) carry animal feed back to his farm, and 2) carry people to church! What a dedicated a good guy. I foresee a long career of good work in this man! I'm happy he's on the team.



Abeokuta

Brad Burkett and myself worshipped one Sunday in Abeokuta, Nigeria with the church. The church is doing well!

We were in Abeokuta, in western Nigeria, for preparation for the upcoming Bear Valley Bible Institute Director's Retreat and the Great Workshop.



Bear Valley Bible Institute Director's Retreat

We took advantage of the fact that many of the directors of preacher schools in Nigeria would be in attendance for the Nigeria Great Workshop, we scheduled a first-annual director's retreat. This retreat served as a time of training, education, but also great fellowship among the team in Nigeria. It was a good day!



Nigeria Great Workshop

As we do each year, we held the Nigeria Great Workshop at the end of March. It was a fantastic week of training, lectures, fellowship, and truly a boost to the work in Nigeria. As you may remember, it is a gathering of 500-700 of the top-evangelists in the country of Nigeria. This year was no exception! We had attendees from Nigeria, Ghana, Cameroon, Sierra Leone, Chad, and also we had 13 visitors from the USA: Brian & Sondra Davis (WBS President), Daniel Gaines (WBS OceanBridge Coordinator), Bill Pennell, Hiram Kemp and family, Brad Burkett and myself. It was quite a week!



It is interesting to note that during that week, we had 12 baptisms in a youth prison! To God be the glory!



All in all, the trip was productive to the Glory of God. We are thankful for safe travels and good health during the journey. **Chad Wagner**