

There are 4 health institutions namely:
 College of Health Technology, Mkar;
 School of Nursing;
 School of Midwifery, Mkar;
 Len Gabriele School of Medical
 Laboratory, Mkar

Education

The Tiv people, fourth largest in Nigeria are first cultured on western education by missionaries in 1911. The missionaries initially taught the Tiv to read and write. They reduced the Tiv language into writing and developed the Tiv orthography. The missionaries learnt the Tiv language and translated the Bible into the Tiv language and it was dedicated on November 1, 1964; and the Bible has become an outstanding custodian of the Tiv language. At present, there are about five hundred (500) NKST Primary Schools in Benue and Taraba; fifty-three (53) Secondary Schools in Benue and Taraba States. There is also a University (the University of Mkar, Mkar) established in 2005, and a Seminary (Reformed Theological Seminary, Mkar) established since 1971. NKST has an evangelist training school – Reformed Bible College, Harga. Inarguably, God has changed the lives of millions through the NKST. NKST fully acknowledges the role played by the missionaries in Tivland. Please, let someone from heaven tell those who have departed that NKST is fully appreciative of your role individually and as a group.

AJOR CHALLENGE

Since 2012 to 2017, there has been an intermittent Fulani herdsmen attack on local farmers which has drastically affected the NKST Church. Over 70 organized ministries of the NKST are badly affected.

Most of these worshipping places have been completely destroyed and become desolate or occupied by the Fulani and their herds. Hundred Thousands of lives destroyed and property worth Millions of Naira have also been destroyed, with no singular intervention by the Federal Government. This has brought a serious setback and decline to the NKST Church as most of her departments are not able to cater for the needs and salaries of their staff ranging from 8 to 22 months.

PRAYER POINTS

- i. The boko haram attacks on Christians and other Nigerians especially in the Northern part of Nigeria.
- ii. The incessant attacks of farmers by the Fulani that graze with their cattle around in Nigeria
- iii. Finances for our new university, the University of Mkar, Mkar.
- iv. ICT education to help the NKST ministries meet today's standard...
- v. Tivoid languages are just discovered in Cameroun that are yet to receive the Gospel of Jesus Christ...(Icive, Iyive, Ipulo, Ugare/Mesaka) We request fervent prayers for these people that they would also receive the gospel of Jesus Christ.
- vi. Training of NKST Pastors beyond local and basic need...so that they may be available to serve the universal Church. NKST hereby calls on all her founders and donor agencies all over the world to come over and help her burst her services for humanity in Nigeria and beyond.

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NKST TODAY



The Dutch Reformed Church Mission (DRCM) from South Africa on the 17th day of April, 1911 about 106 years ago, started a mission station in West Africa, Central Nigeria and in Tiv land. Little did they know that this mustard seed would be grown into what is known today as NKST.

NKST is an acronym in the Tiv language of central Nigeria fully written as **Nongo u Kristu u i Ser u sha Tar**. This literally means, **Universal Reformed Christian Church**.

NKST TODAY

This Reformed church is registered with the Corporate Affairs Commission of Nigeria as a self-governing and self-propagating indigenous Church with this name "Nongo u Kristu u i Ser u sha r -NKST-Universal Reformed Christian Church (RC 543).

On the 17th day of June 2017, NKST gave birth to another indigenous Denomination known as **Biblical Reformed Church of Christ for all Nations (BIRCCAN)**.

The NKST is the dominant Church in the Tivland but also spans through Nigeria and Chad with at least one organized Church found all over these areas.

VISION

A multiethnic Christian community united in doctrine and purpose to offer wholistic services to reach the unreached.

MISSION

To glorify God through worship and proclamation of the Good news of Salvation responsibly and wholistically care for humanity.

STANDARD OF FAITH

NKST as a Reformed Church holds to the following forms of unity:

- The Heidelberg Catechism
- The Canon of Dort
- The Belgic Confession

NKST CORE VALUES

- Preaching the whole Word of God
- Upholding Doctrinal Standards
- Evangelism
- Accountability
- Wholistic Ministering
- Fellowship
- Dedication
- Community
- Honesty
- Good Christian Testimony
- Effective communication

Organizational Structure

The NKST operates a semi-Presbyterian system of government with the General Secretary as the Chief Executive Officer, advised by the synod committee of seven people, reflecting a federal character, called *Komiti U Sinodi (KUS)*. The highest decision-making body is the Synod that meets in July and November of every year, chaired by the President.

The executive committee (the KUS)

All the officers run a 3-year tenure, not beyond two terms. The offices under this are:

President, Vice President, General Secretary, Assistant General Secretary, and three other members.

The committee decides the budget, plans and executes certain projects on behalf of the General Synod.

Classes/organized congregations/pastors

There are sixty (59) classes, three hundred and Eighty-one (381) consistories and Eight hundred and Eighty-Three (883) ordained Pastors since 1957;

Seven hundred and Ten (710) are alive while one hundred and Seventy-Three (173) have passed on. There are more than seven hundred evangelists (700) and a followership of about a million (1,000,000) people spread across the World.

The NKST has many departments as enumerated below:

Mission, with a Director: (twenty-seven [27] mission stations, eighteen [18] outside of Tivland)
Health Services, Education, Orphanage, Women Fellowship, Literature, Media Services, NKST Translation centre, Youths, Sunday School (also known as *Makeranta u Iyange i Memen - MIM*)
Choir, Internal Audit, Christian Agricultural Company, under University of Mkar, Mkar.

Health services

This department cannot be overemphasized. It has nine (9) hospitals, with one hundred and three (103) Primary Health Centres in Benue, Taraba and Cross Rivers States. Meanwhile, the hospitals include:

Mkar Christian Hospital, NKST Hospital, Zaki-Biam, NKST Hospital, Jato-Aka, NKST Hospital, Apir, NKST Hospital, Mbaakon, NKST Hospital, Sai, NKST Hospital, Anyiin, NKST Hospital, Adikpo, NKST Leprosy and Rehabilitation Hospital, Mkar.

There is also an HIV/AIDS section headed by a Pastoral counselor.