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## ABSTRACT

This study is a research work into the missionary activities of the Men's Missionary Union of the Nigerian Baptist Convention. It is designed to reveal the stages of development of the union in terms of its history and organisational structure within the period 1916 and 1998. Here, emphasis is laid on Mission Education, Ranking systems and mission programmes of the order of Royal Ambassadors.

Chapter three of this project deals specifically with MMU and Missions. Activities of M.M.U. in terms of mission study, mission actions, mission developmental projects, mission strategies and mission education through literature are treated. In addition, MMU fellowship meetings and annual events are highlighted as tools for mission promotion.

The Role of MMU in Mission is given a prominent place. Readers are given the privilege of knowing the role played by the MMU in the church, in mission study, in leading men and boys to participate in mission activities, in praying and giving to missions and in the execution of the Great Commission.

Concluding the project, the author observes the Nigerian Baptist Conventions need of Men fully enlisted and spirit-led as a great source of power for Christ. As such some dynamic recommendations are made to make the MMU more effective within the framework of the evangelistic programme of the NBC. The recommendations include improvement on literature materials, involving MMU in "Bold Mission Thrust", having a joint mission action project with WMU and organising men into visiting brotherhood.

## CHAPTER SIX

## 6.0 CONCLUSION

The Nigerian Baptists have set a challenging goal for themselves through the programme Operation Reach All. It is a bold attempt to provide an opportunity for everybody in Nigeria to hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ by the year A.D. 2000. The MMU definitely has a role to play if the Convention must achieve a reasonable measure of this bold mission trust. MMU must tap the vast energy and resources of their men.

In this concluding chapter we will examine the desirability of the proposed change and the challenge before the MMU about the concern or other wise of the Baptist men for global missions. There is also a need to make some recommendations to the MMU foremost and then the Convention in general. Areas for further research will be enumerated.