



GLOBAL PRAYER

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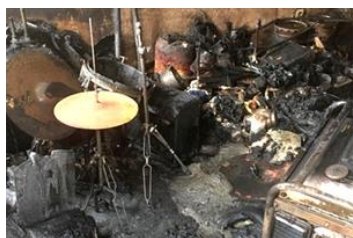
Sudan -- Apostasy Accusations Against Christians



Sudanese Christians are asking for prayer after a group of **12 believers** were arrested on October 13th in Nyala, South Darfur. As the Christians were gathered together, officers from the National Intelligence and Security Services entered and asked if they were Christians. After confirming their faith, all the confessing believers were detained. Upon further interrogation, the three from a Christian background were released but not those who had converted from Islam. For the next week, the nine converts faced severe

pressure and torture. They were assured that, if they chose to recant and express their return to Islam, they would be freed. Finally, all but one gave in and recanted rather than face a possible death penalty for apostasy. They were released on October 21st. The one remaining, a church leader named **Tajadin Idris Yousef**, was charged with apostasy and released on bail the next day. Reports do not give a specific date for his court appearance. Pray for these Christian converts and others facing uncertainty and threats from government officials. May they know the peace, strength and grace that comes from God, who embraces all who rest in Him. Pray that Tajadin will be able to stand confidently in the face of these charges and the threat of a death penalty, knowing Christ's presence is with him (Daniel 3) and that the Holy Spirit will be his advocate.

Niger -- Church Ransacked and Burned



For years, the small Christian minority in the west African nation of Niger has lived peacefully alongside the Muslim majority. In recent years, however, the rise of jihadist groups such as Boko Haram has led to an escalation in tension, including the destruction of church buildings and violent attacks on Christians. In an October 11th incident, unknown assailants looted and burned a church building in Niger's capital, Niamey. All that was left was a charred shell of the building with debris and broken musical instruments scattered across the floor. A local church leader, Pastor Eduard,

has asked: "Please pray that the Lord supports them and safeguards the churches of Niger." Remember the Christians throughout Niger as they face pressure from militant groups seeking to divide and destroy. Pray that the members of the recently attacked church will find the resources necessary to rebuild and replace all that was lost. May each believer be given the courage needed to reach out to their neighbors with the love of Christ and the proclamation of the Gospel.

Uganda -- Abducted 12-Year-Old Survives Strangulation

Emmanuel Nyaiti's father, Kauta Yokosofat. Photo: Morning Star News



While out on an errand for his grandmother on October 25th, 12-year-old Emmanuel Nyaiti encountered four men from his village. Knowing he was a Christian, the men tried to convince the boy that he should convert to Islam. When Emmanuel refused, one of the men named Ali Lukuman slapped him. After the child started screaming, the men attempted to strangle him. There are also indications that he was given chloroform. By the time searching neighbors located him, the assailants had fled and the boy was found unconscious. This incident is not the first encounter between the perpetrator and the victim's Christian family. Emmanuel's father, Kauta

Yokosofat had previously received text messages, as well as face-to-face confrontations. Kauta was repeatedly told he must become a Muslim or leave the village. This latest incident has been reported to the police who are investigating. At last report, the attackers had not been found. Praise God that the location of the abducted boy had been discovered before it was too late, and that he miraculously survived the strangulation. Continue to remember Emmanuel as he recovers both physically and emotionally from the trauma. Pray for his family's safety, and that the Lord will give them wisdom and guidance as they navigate how to best deal with this hostile situation.

PRAYER FOR MISSIONARIES

Mike and Renee Delorenzo – AIM (working in Atlanta)

Jonathan, Jodi, Jessica, Joshua, Joseph & Josiah Thar – Taiwan

The Sterns – Argentina via International Teams

C&MA: Carolyn Thorson – Gabon; The Wendels – Latin America; Westergrens – Spain; Cheryl P – Germany; Brian W – Malaysia; The Iversons – Taiwan; Dee Krueger – Guinea; M M – Israel; T & K – Bosnia; Livingstons – Ivory Coast

Muhotas in Kenya, Abba's House

The Churo School

The Gideons

OTHER MISSIONARY FRIENDS OF CANAAN

Beryl J. Pierce, Major, Salvation Army (Kinzi Wass Pierce's mother-in-law) – Zambia; **Christon & Kinzie Pierce** – Salvation Army—waiting for an assignment; **Kirk & Janis Reynolds**, Navigators (Kowalski) – Chicago Regional Ethnic Ministry; **Steve, Heather, Austin & Evan Webb** (Leonard & Linda Webb's son) – Thailand; **Jeff & April Davies** – Captivated Praise; **Vincent Mekubo** pastor & teacher of orphans in the Kissi-Kingoris area; **Ann Baenziger** (Dr Garnet Harris' daughter)—Ireland.



Steve & Claudia Irvin – Spain



Our ministry focus: to pour ourselves into developing leaders who live and lead like Jesus. The first week of November I was privileged to be in a MentorLink international gathering in Kenya. What a blessing to be with like-minded leaders who have made it a priority to pursue Christlikeness in life and leadership. It's not the world's model. It's not about being the "Big Man" (an African term), or about being the "Top Dog" (you know where that comes from). It's about serving others in humility. It's a process in which I am growing ever-so-imperfectly. Claudia and I are committed to living out this type of leadership. Please pray with Claudia and me

as we seek to exercise this servant leadership in our relationships with pastors and their wives in what they might call a mentoring relationship. As we invest time in their lives, they are touching the lives of many more in their churches. In addition, the leadership of INFORMA Bible Institute is challenging, and I am being stretched in administrative areas that, frankly, I would normally avoid. Please pray for ongoing wisdom and grace. This year has been a year of learning in the director's role, and we are looking forward to building on that learning in the new year. During the week in Kenya, one of our colleagues, David Toth, shared a summary statement of what he believes to be Jesus' philosophy of ministry: "Think big. Start small. Go Deep." Jesus came to seek and to save that which was lost. His vision was as big as the kingdom of God. But He started small with just a band of disciples he called apostles. He went deep into their training, sharing not just knowledge and content, but sharing His very life with them as well. Here are just two ways we're trying to think big, to start small, and to go deep in the coming year. We think the Lord has laid them on our hearts.

Prayer Requests/Answers to Prayer

- A missions conference at the level of our national church family. In the forty years the Alliance has been in Spain, to our knowledge we have never held a missions conference. It may be because the work here in Spain is so challenging, but the time has come to lift our eyes to the nations. With the blessing of our leadership, Claudia and I are laying the groundwork to mobilize our churches (over 25 works) for a missions emphasis scheduled for September 2019. Several speakers have committed to be a part of this effort. Our vision is that Christ be exalted in our family of churches becoming involved more intentionally in reaching the nations. Pray for us as we form the team for this huge effort.

- Mentoring groups with Bible Institute students. INFORMA is making an impact in the lives of students. One student recently wrote, "How wonderful is the Word of God! Reading and studying it not only edifies me, but also gives me knowledge, producing within me a hunger to continue to go deeper in the truths of Scripture." We believe that we must go beyond formal classroom training to go deeper into the hearts of the students. For this reason, we are looking to form mentoring groups outside of the classroom, both in Barcelona and Madrid, where we can work informally with students on life application. Claudia and I would take the Madrid students; the women meeting with Claudia, and the men with me. We hope to start this in January. Please stand with us in this new initiative, as we seek to think big, start small, and go deep.

- We praise the Lord for His grace in Claudia's life as she shared at the national women's retreat. The Lord's hand was also upon us in the ministry trip to the Canary Islands, and in Steve's teaching the book of Romans in Madrid and Barcelona. It has been a blessed fall!

- Ask the Lord to grant us wisdom as we look to begin mentoring groups with INFORMA students in Jan. Pray that God will use us to take students deeper in their walk with Christ. Ask the Lord to raise up leaders who live and lead like Jesus.

- Pray for a new initiative being planned for 2019 that will partner INFORMA with local churches in training leaders. Pray for wisdom and clarity as we put the pieces of this new effort together.

- There are many challenges to Steve's new role as INFORMA Bible Institute director. Ask the Lord to give much grace and wisdom as he grows in this role, and works with the administrative team, professors, and students.

CANAAN COMMUNITY CHURCH PRAYER CONCERNS NOV 18, 2018

SPOTLIGHT FAMILIES FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 18 – NOVEMBER 24, 2018

Pray for one another.....

✠ Duane & Kathy Wass ✠ Steve & Brenda Anderson ✠ Greg, Debbie & Ashley Arney
✠ Recent Visitor: Laura Leissner

PRAISES

Praise God for thankful hearts and the bounty of His provision!

COMMUNITY PRAYER LIST

Roth's daughter, Sue, recovering from surgery to remove the tumor in her throat. They had to remove her voice box. **Our newest members:** Sarah Collisi, Starla Collisi, Sandra Runner & Kitzie Pallas. **Donna Draper** needs a diagnosis for digestive issues. **Ann Nesbitt, Brenda Anderson** and **Noble Neier** recovering from shoulder surgery. **Kathy Thompson's mom** is in hospice in the Boston area. **Natalie**, Millers granddaughter (13) is in treatment for anxiety and panic attacks. **Pray** for Chris & Kelli Destremps. **Pray** for families in crisis. **Health concerns: Pam Roth; Kathy Thompson; Larry Nesbitt's dad; Bob Mitchem; Jim & Marianne Ash; Sue Neier; Kay Dlugos; Pam Miller;** Miller's granddaughter, **Natalie (inpatient care); Rita Bedwell's husband, Bill & step-daughter, Crystal** (home receiving health care); Wass' former daughter-in-law, **Vickie**, (Crohn's & ulcers); **Pastor Buddy Goss**, New Winchester Baptist, his wife, **Phyllis**. **Dealing with pain: Vicki Kendall; Ray Robertson; Ann Nesbitt; Debbie Arney; Bob Mitchem; Sharon Doty; Mike Black; Rich Roth; Claudia Wooden; Donna Draper; Ron Kowalski; Starla Collisi.**

MILITARY PERSONNEL

Rob Skillern—stateside Ft Hood	Robbie Skillern—stateside
Carlos Kline, USMC (Raley's grandson)	Todd (friend of Mike Anderson)
Jared Holtane	Rob Lamb
James Myers – (Audrey Birtchman's great grandson)	

KEEPING OUR PARTNER CHURCHES IN PRAYER

Regional C&MA Church Fellowship Cluster

Hope Church (CMA, North Indy)
Fall Creek Community Church (CMA Fishers)
Cityview Christian Center (Inner City)
Christ Fellowship of Indianapolis (South Indy)
Current Church (Franklin)
International Churches
Vincent Mekubo of Kissi-Kingoris -- An Independent church that cares for orphans

COLLEGE STUDENTS

Jaclyn Davidson	Haley Purcell
Virginia Muhota	Anna Simms
Olivia Benner (Roth)	Claire Simms
Jackson Benner (Roth)	Rachel Simms
Abby Schubert	Katie Schubert
Amelia Delorenzo	Jessica Thar
Ashley Arney	Chris Destremps

2018 BOARD &

FRIENDS AND FAMILY CANCER CONCERNS

Claudia Wooden	Sue Neier (breast, bladder)
Rick Miller (bladder cancer)	Tracy Morehead (Rick Miller's sister)
Judy McEachern, Kathy Thompson's sister	Cheryl Roth (Rich's sister-in-law)
Bob Srstka, Medin (Anderson)	Bob Stern (missionary) leukemia
Avery (6) & Jeff (Marilee's gr grandtr & brother)	Sarah Dvorak (Jaclyn Davidson)
Dawn (Cindy Ware's stepdaughter)	Jessica Snyder (Donna Draper)
Heidi, Linda, Joe, Aliza, Laura, April (Kowalski)	Heather (Pastor Kevin's sister)
Carolyn Ditto	Kelly (Collins) Thompson (Zac's mom)
Lucille (Kitzie)	Leanne (Mitchem's daughter)
Sue Benner (Roth's daughter)	Carla (Sandra Runner)
Kay Robertson & Marylu (Robertson)	Kenny (Flater)
Karen D (C&MA missionary)	Ray Robertson
Florence Dockey (Nicki Vance's grandmother)	Debbie O'Neal (Debbie Arney)
Keith King (Raley)	Debra (Thompson)
Mary Williams (HL resident)	

MINISTRY LEADERS

Pastor Kevin & Kathy
Ray & Norma Robertson
Mike & Sharon Black
Mike & Dreama Doolittle
Chris & Sarah Schubert
Rick Miller
Kim Hyten
Bea Jones
Greg & Debbie Arney
Mike Collins
Jim & Brenda Davidson
Steve & Brenda Anderson
Ron & Carol Kowalski
Rich Roth
Donna McGinley