



GLOBAL PRAYER

FEBRUARY 17, 2019

Ethiopia -- Two Injured in Arson Church Attacks

The town of Alaba Kulito in southern Ethiopia was the scene of a horrific attack against Christians on February 9th. According to a VOMC source, at least **13 churches were burned** --some completely destroyed --along with other church-owned property. While there were no fatalities, two church workers were admitted to hospital. Both have since been released after receiving needed medical treatment. The trouble flared after a false rumor was spread that one or more mosques in the area had been burned. The area is predominantly Muslim, with constant tension between Christians and Muslims in this community. Last week, the Meserete Kristos Church was vandalized and local Christians have faced intimidation and threats. The violence does not appear to be related to evangelistic work in the area, which has been very fruitful. VOMC, together with Steadfast Global, participated in various projects within the region, along with local partners. As a result of the devastation, emergency funds have been sent to provide needed assistance for the churches directly affected. A representative from Steadfast Global will be assessing the damage and presenting ways in which VOMC's Canadian ministry partners can join in to help. Please prayerfully uphold the two ministry workers who were injured. Pray also for all the members of the attacked churches who presently have no place to meet for worship. Ask the Lord to oversee the fruitful ministry that has been accomplished within the region, so that it will continue to flourish despite opposition. May those responsible for the attacks come to understand the Gospel message and turn in faith to Christ. Additionally, we appreciate you lifting up the partnering ministries involved in this united endeavor to assist every one of the recently attacked Ethiopian churches.

Burma (Myanmar) -- Kidnapped Pastor and Others Assassinated



Pastor Tun Nu, who served with Gospel for Asia in Rakhine State, was kidnapped by five gunmen on January 19th. Despite searches conducted by church members, police and military, there was no trace of his whereabouts. Regrettably, he was found shot to death on February 1st, along with others who had also been kidnapped. Members of a rebel army in the area are believed to be responsible. Pastor Tun, 41, leaves a wife and three children, plus a church of more than 50 members. Christians in the area have joined together to provide an offering to help meet some of the family's financial needs. Gospel for Asia reports that the pastor's assassination is the first incident of this kind faced by their workers in Burma. Please remember Pastor Tun's wife and children in their time of grief. Pray that God will provide for their every need, including the provision of His reassuring peace, comfort and strength in the days ahead. May this family, and other Christians serving in Burma, be greatly encouraged by the presence of God's Holy Spirit working in and through them. While Pastor Tun has already gone on to receive his eternal reward, ask that his family and church members will be empowered to take up the mantle and carry on in faithful ministry.

Turkey -- Verdict Upheld in Malatya Murder Case



On April 18th, 2007, **three Christian workers** at a publishing house in Malatya, Turkey, were tortured and murdered. Ultimately five men were convicted and given three consecutive life sentences. Although an appeal was heard on January 23rd, the sentences were upheld. The Association of Protestant Churches in Turkey had also filed an appeal requesting further investigation, believing there was a wider network involved in the crime. The courts have denied the request, including upholding an acquittal of two military officers accused of participating. Unless taken to the Constitutional Court, these decisions are final. While it's a relief for many that the case is finally over after almost 12 years, questions still remain about suspected involvement of other organizations and perhaps political ties. May those who continue to be affected by this case find needed comfort and peace, especially the loved ones and friends of the three slain Christian men. In addition, please pray for all the followers of Christ represented throughout Turkey, asking the Lord to grant them strength when facing opposition for their faith and courage to boldly stand for Him.

PRAYER FOR MISSIONARIES

Mike and Renee Delorenzo – AIM (working in Atlanta)

Muhotas in Kenya, Abba's House

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

The Churo School

The Sterns – Argentina via International Teams

The Gideons

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

OTHER MISSIONARY FRIENDS OF CANAAN

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.



Randy & Deanna Harrison – Côte D'Ivoire



This week is exams week at FATEAC. The end of one semester and then beginning a new semester. Teaching at the West Africa Alliance Seminary keeps us pretty tied down to Abidjan. However, every once in a while, we get the privilege of traveling and visiting other African countries.

This last semester we were blessed to visit Burkina Faso, Guinea and Kenya. Randy taught seminars on the Holy Spirit with national pastors in Burkina and Guinea. We sent pictures of the Burkina seminar in a previous newsletter, so now you get to see the Guinean pastors at their seminar.

Our time in Burkina was wonderful. Our trip to Guinea was amazing. However, I have to confess that Kenya was the high point of all our traveling this semester, and the reason is not too hard to figure out. We went to Kenya to have Christmas with our daughter and son-in-law and their precious family, who serve in East Africa. We arrived in Africa in 1979, and this was our first time to do a safari. You name it, we saw it: zebras, gazelles, antelope, hippos, elephants, lions, giraffes, cheetahs, hyenas (a face only a mother could love!), wildebeests, wart hogs, ostriches, rhinos and more—all running wild and free against a back drop of savannah and mountains. It was absolutely breathtaking.

After the safari at Masai Mara, we joined two single ladies who work with Peter and Christy's organization and rented an AirBnB to celebrate Christmas. This Nana's heart was pretty full getting to spend a week playing with Moses and Celeste beside the beautiful Naivasha Lake.

Seriously, words cannot express our gratefulness for being able to spend quality time with Christy and Peter. We stand amazed at their passion and zeal for their work in East Africa, both in health and peace building.

I'll end this letter with Revised Deanna Version (RDV) of Proverbs 23:24:

The father and mother of righteous children have great joy; The parents who have wise sons and daughters rejoice in them.

Please write if you would like to receive the letter with pictures at randyanddeannaharrison@gmail.com

Prayer Requests/Answers to Prayer

Please pray for our last 8 months in Cote d'Ivoire before we return to the US.

1. Pray for inspiration as we transform our residential class material into modular courses.
2. Pray as we teach these courses in September and early October that we will be able to teach effectively and work out the kinks to be able to come back and continue teaching them each year.
3. Pray for travel and teaching seminars in Abidjan, Yamoussoukro and Dakar, Senegal on the power of the Holy Spirit in missions and evangelism.

CANAAN COMMUNITY CHURCH PRAYER CONCERNS FEB 17, 2019

SPOTLIGHT FAMILIES FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 17 – FEBRUARY 23, 2019

Pray for one another.....

✠ Paula Murphy ✠ Noble & Sue Neier ✠ Larry & Ann Nesbitt

PRAISES

Praise God for blessing the kick-off dinner for Marriage Matters Ministry!

COMMUNITY PRAYER LIST

Chris Destremps will have his licensing interview on Thursday. **Rick Miller** will have surgery on Tuesday. **Rich Roth** is recovering from another stroke. **Woody Napier** in Danville Rehab following his surgery. **Craig Brouhard** in Eagle Creek Rehab. **Ann Nesbitt**, and **Noble Neier** recovering from shoulder surgery. **Pray** for Chris & Kelli Destremps. **Pray** for families in crisis. **Health concerns: Rich & Pam Roth; Kathy Thompson; Larry Nesbitt's dad; Bob Mitchem; Jim & Marianne Ash; Sue Neier; Kay Dlugos; Pam Miller;** Miller's granddaughter, **Natalie; Rita Bedwell's** 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; Starla Collisi; Carol Fitzgerald; Nancy Schuch.**

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)	Kaila Cantillas, Airforce Reserve (Donna Draper)

KEEPING OUR PARTNER CHURCHES IN PRAYER

Local Church Fellowship Cluster

Lighthouse Fellowship (Coatesville)
New Winchester Baptist
Calvary Chapel Fellowship (H Lake/ Greencastle)
Bainbridge Christian Church
Roachdale Christian Church
Lifespring Christian Church
Whitestone Christian Church
Greencastle fellowship of churches

COLLEGE STUDENTS

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

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)	