

Pray for the Persecuted Church: Pakistan Source: www.persecution.com

Asia Bibi was arrested in 2009 after a disagreement with Muslim co-workers in Pakistan. She was convicted of blasphemy against the Prophet Muhammad and sentenced to death. She has appealed to the Supreme Court of Pakistan and is currently waiting for the court to hear her case.

Asia has been in jail for more than seven years, separated by walls and bars from her husband and daughters. She has been threatened in jail, and she often has to cook her own food as a precaution against the possibility of poisoning. Yet she has tenaciously held onto her faith in Christ.

Asia is one of many Christians who are imprisoned around the world because they follow Jesus rather than the edicts of their government or captors. They call out to God each day, and we can join in calling out to God on their behalf.

Pray that Christian prisoners will remain strong in their faith. Pray that they will have opportunities to be a witness for Christ to guards, officials and other prisoners. Pray that God will sustain their families during their imprisonment. And pray for their freedom.

Invite Christian friends to PRAY for Asia Bibi and others like her in prisons around the world. Simply forward this email to Christian friends, adding a request that they join you in prayer.

Our Missionary/Church Planter of the Week: Feb. 19



Eduardo Buldain, Field Coordinator, Hispanics for Christ, Buenos Aires, Argentina. It was at a Bible Institute when he was eighteen that Eduardo heard God's call for his life, to serve Him by planting churches. For more than thirty years, Eduardo has been doing this all across Argentina. He has taught church planting at Word of Life Bible Institute in Buenos Aires and mentored many young pastors. In Buenos Aires, Argentina, pastors are being prepared at the Pastor Training Center, which was founded by Eduardo. They have been training pastors since 2009, equipping them for ministry and sending them out to serve in churches across Latin America. Pray for Eduardo and his ministry through Hispanics for Christ. To learn more about Eduardo and his work with HFC, visit www.hispanicsforchrist.org.

REMINDER: TURN IN OUTSIDE MUSIC GROUP SURVEYS – please place in the box in the foyer, there are extra copies available if needed

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Sunday, February 19, 2017

Accompanist: Jan Questad and Jackie Kramer

Greeters: Doyle & Barbara Young Scripture Reader: Justin Tiffany

Nursery: Aaron Skogen Usher: Mike Kresak

Children's Church: Theresa Friesen and Cade Fox

9:30 am

Worship Service

Welcome, Announcements, & Christian Greetings

Praise Affirmation.....Ezekiel 11:9-20

Hymn #440.....“O for a Heart to Praise My God”

Prayer of Praise

Offering

Offertory.....Jackie Kramer

Doxology (*Hymn #625*) – please stand

Ministry of Music.....Chet & Rachel Hsiao

Children's Moments with Pastor Merv Kramer

Scripture Reading.....I Corinthians 11:4-12

Children may be excused for Children's Church (3 yrs-2nd grade)

Sermon... “The Fruit of the Spirit – Patience, Kindness Goodness”

...Pastor Merv Kramer

Prayer Response

Closing Hymn (insert).....“More Holiness Give Me”

Benediction

Postlude

*****Nursery care is available for children infant thru 3 years old**

(Please contact an usher for information and/or direction)

*****Hearing Amplifier Available – Please contact an usher**

Please join us after the worship service for coffee and treats in the fellowship room.

Sunday School for All Ages

Combined Preschool-1st Grade with Aaron Skogen or Jan Questad in Nursery
Combined 2nd-5th Grade with 2D Gerdes and Mindy Roeder in Cubbies Room
6th-8th Grade with Erica Skogen or Judy Preston in Pastor's Office
9th-12th Grade "Truth Project" with Mike & Stacy Frost in Youth Room
Adult Classes:

- "Grace" Bible Study with Mike Benson in Fellowship Room
- Video study with Pastor Kramer in Sanctuary. Today's topic is "The Six Days of Creation" part 1

*** Praise & Prayer***

Maxine Savage, for healing and strengthening

Elmer Gerdes, healing from hip fracture surgery, now at Garretson nursing home

Ruth Ortiz, possible cornea transplant surgery (previous one was unsuccessful)

Ruth Hansum, recovering at home from back surgery

Lajeanne Wright, wife of Jim Wright, for continued strengthening, dealing with side effects of medication; encouragement and endurance for Jim

Lorrayne Montecuallo, for healing from broken hip, now home recovering

Ron Benson, brother of Mike Benson, for heart health issues

Amanda Benson, as her sending church, Amanda has asked that we lift her up in prayer as she is in the mission field.

Serving Our Country: Josh Onnen, Air Guard; Chad Carlson, Air Guard (Son-in-law of Carl & Lindy Johnson); Devon Lee, Army, and Kristina Lee, Air Force (Grandchildren of Ray & Dee Olson)

Our Prayer Partnership

- Faith United Church, Brandon
- First Lutheran Church, Valley Springs

OUR GIVING:	Sunday, February 12, 2016
General Giving	\$ 2,562.49
Sunday School	\$ 900.00
Building Fund	\$ 125.00
Total	\$ 3,587.49

For Your Information and Prayer

-Today: -5:30 p.m. Fellowship & Sharing Time with Missionaries *Missionaries Ron and Jeannie Seck (NAB Hungary Field Director) will be joining us for the Congregational Prayer Service. They will be accompanied by Marijana and Emil Cizmanski from Novi Sad, Serbia. Marijana is an NAB National Worker that we support when we support the Secks. This event will give you an opportunity to meet them and hear an update on what is going on in Central Europe.*

-Tuesday: -2:00 p.m. Bingo Social at Helping Hand

-Wednesday: -6:30 p.m. Awana Clubs

-Thursday: -No Women's Bible Study Fellowship this week

Next Sunday: February 26, 2017

-Greeters: Lindy Johnson and Marlene Smith

-Usher: Scott Sittig

-Nursery: Shawna James

-Scripture Reader: Joan Murphy

-Children's Church: Barbara Young and Kyle Skogen

Alpha Center Legacy Dinner

Alpha Center is commemorating 33 years of serving the Sioux Falls community with a Legacy Dinner on Friday, April 28 at the Sioux Falls Convention Center. There will be musical entertainment and the guest speaker is former abortion provider Dr. Anthony Levatino. Please register online at <http://alphacenterfriends.com/dinner/>

Please call 605-361-3500 or e-mail info@alphacenter.org for more information about hosting a table.