

Pray for the Persecuted Church: Sri Lanka

Church Forced to Stop Worship Services Source: National Christian Evangelical Alliance of Sri Lanka (NCEASL)

On the morning of February 10th, while the youth of Calvary Church in Morawaka were engaged in a prayer meeting, a police officer accompanied by approximately 30 villagers arrived at the church demanding that the youth stop their religious worship activities. The villagers then forcefully attempted to take away their Bibles.

After being instructed to attend a meeting at the Morawaka Police Station that same day, the pastor's wife and two other congregants met with the Officer in Charge early in the afternoon. The officer instructed them to first register their place of worship with the local Divisional Secretariat, and then obtain a certificate of registration for submission to the police station. He further stated that, until such time, they should stop conducting religious worship activities.

"According to Sri Lankan law," states a legal representative of NCEASL, "there is no legal requirement to register places of religious worship with the government." This incident follows a series of unwarranted attacks on various churches in Sri Lanka since January.

Prayerfully uphold the pastoral leaders of Calvary Church, and those legally representing them, as they meet with governing authorities regarding the worship services. May the Holy Spirit serve as their Advocate during the mediation process, granting them wisdom, the appropriate words to speak, as well as the ability to rejoice in trial (Mark 13:11; Romans 15:13). Also pray for the young people who were unfairly interrupted during their prayer gathering, asking the Lord to strengthen their spiritual resolve and fervency in prayer -- further impacting the ministry of the church and its vital outreach in the community.

Life 96.5 March Hands & Feet "On a Roll" with Necessities for Neighbors!

Life 96.5 invites you to be part of a ministry to families in our community called *Necessities for Neighbors*. While many programs are in place to feed the hungry, the need continues to emerge for the items that food stamps cannot buy. *Necessities for Neighbors* relies on donations to help meet the need for essentials like toilet paper, diapers, feminine hygiene products, and laundry detergent. Distributions are the first Sunday of each month from 3-4 pm.

During March, let's work together to help! Here's what you can do:

- Donate packages of toilet paper! Hundreds of rolls are needed each month! Let's see if we can reach or even surpass the 1,000 roll goal! Bring TP donations to Sunshine Foods, 530 S. Second St., downtown Sioux Fall (6 am-10 pm daily), the Life 96.5 Studios, Peace Lutheran Church, or East Side Lutheran Church.
- Volunteers are needed at the distribution on Sunday, April 2 at Peace Lutheran Church. Families are welcome, but kids under age 14 need to work alongside a parent/adult. We need just 30 volunteers. If you want to volunteer April 2 from 2:30-4:00 pm, register using the form at life965.com

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Sunday, March 26, 2017

Accompanist: Jan Questad and Jackie Kramer

Greeters: Paul & Pam Osmanson Usher: Dave James

Scripture Reader: Lindy Johnson Nursery: Justin & Sara Tiffany

Children's Church: Barbara Young and Kyle Skogen

9:30 am

Worship Service

Welcome, Announcements, & Christian Greetings

Praise Affirmation.....Ephesians 1:3-5

Hymn #89....."Our Great Savior"

Prayer of Praise

Offering/Offertory

Doxology (*Hymn #625*) – please stand

Ministry of Music

Children's Moments with Pastor Merv Kramer

Scripture Reading.....Mark 10:46-52

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

Sermon... JESUS' LAST JOURNEY AND ENCOUNTERS:

"Bartimaeus the Blind Beggar".....Pastor Merv Kramer

Prayer Response

Closing Hymn #510....."Jesus is All the World to 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 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 "Why Won't They Listen?" part 2

*** 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

Lajeane Wright, wife of Jim Wright, thankful for her increasing physical strength, continue to pray for increasing mental clarity; also 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

- Split Rock Lutheran Church, Rural Corson
- Associate Pastor, West Center Street Baptist Church, Madison, SD

For Your Information and Prayer

-Tuesday: -11:30 a.m. B.V. Ministerium

-Wednesday: -6:30 p.m. Awana Clubs (Cubbies last night)

-Thursday: -No Women's Bible Study Fellowship this week. You are encouraged to attend the one night showing of the Franklin Graham movie "Facing Darkness."

Next Sunday: April 2, 2017

-Greeters: Terry & Chris Kramer

-Usher: Gene Preston

-Nursery: Aaron Skogen

-Scripture Reader: Theresa Friesen

-Children's Church: Chet & Rachel Hsiao and Garret James

OUR GIVING:

Sunday, March 19, 2016

General Giving \$ 1,706.00

Building Fund \$ 25.00

Total \$ 1,731.00

(Approximately \$2,500 is needed each week to meet expenses)

Our Missionary/Church Planter of the Week: March 26



Roger and Carrie Liegmann, WestMOUNT Church, West Kelowna, British Columbia. Roger and Carrie Liegmann have lived in the Okanagan Valley in British Columbia for a decade. It was a few years ago that they felt prompted by the Holy Spirit to plant a new church in West Kelowna. Their

greatest desire is to proclaim the glory of God and invite people into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. They launched worship services in October 2013. Pray for experienced, mature elders with a heart to train, serve, and equip the body of Christ. Also pray for volunteers to step up and take ownership in different ministries, especially in web design, video, and graphic design. You can find them online at westmountchurch.com.