

Card Shower for Amanda Benson:

We would like our church family to write a note/card of encouragement to Amanda. She would love to hear from all of you. Mike and Jolene will be going to Manila at the end of May. Please put your card in the basket by Sunday May 21. We will bring them with us. Thanks for your support!

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## Pray for the Persecuted Church: Sudan

### Mob Attack of Guard's Residence Source: Morning Star News

Three weeks after an elder was killed in an attack on church property in Sudan's historical city of Omdurman, a mob accompanied by police ransacked the living quarters of the compound guard and arrested his family.

On April 24th, the mob demolished part of the room where the family lived, after first destroying its padlock at the compound of the Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Church. The officers then took Mona Matta, wife of guard Azhari Tamba (who was not home at the time of the attack), and their three children -- ages six, four and two -- from their room at the church compound and detained them for 12 hours.

When Mona and the children, including one who is disabled, were taken away in a police van, they were accused of opposing authorities, lacking ownership papers, and betrayal of the country. Thankfully, they were later released with no charges filed against them. However, upon their return home, it was discovered that all their belongings had been destroyed. Officers then prevented them from re-entering their living quarters. The guard and his family are unsure where they will now take shelter.

While thankful for the release of Azhari's family from detainment, and the fact that no charges have been laid against them, we ask the Lord to provide a safe place for them to live. In fact, may He supply for this family's spiritual and practical needs in ways that exceed their expectations (Ephesians 3:20), demonstrating His loving kindness toward them. Pray that wisdom, patience and peace will be granted to Sudan's church leaders and members as they face the attempts of those trying to illegally confiscate church properties. Intercede on their behalf, asking for an end to the mounting pressure and that the Lord's justice will prevail.

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Needed: Summer Sunday School Teachers for the K-4th grade class for June-August (one teacher per month, if possible)

Our Prayer Partnership

- Brandon Valley Assembly of God
- Tim Brenner, Executive Director, Crystal Springs Baptist Camp, Medina, ND

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Sunday, May 7, 2017

Accompanist: Jan Questad and Jackie Kramer

Greeters: Justin & Sara Tiffany Scripture Reader: Pat Lacey

Usher: Scott Sittig Nursery: Dee Olson and Dan Hanson

Children's Church: Lindy Johnson and Trevor Skogen

9:30 am

Worship Service

Welcome, Announcements, & Christian Greetings

Praise Affirmation.....Ephesians 1:6-8

Hymn #215....."Alleluia! Alleluia!"

Prayer of Praise

Offering/Offertory

Doxology (*Hymn #625*) – please stand

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

Crystal Springs Baptist Camp Report

Scripture Reading.....Acts 1:1-11

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

Sermon... JESUS' LAST JOURNEY AND ENCOUNTERS:

"Men of Galilee".....Pastor Merv Kramer

Prayer Response

Communion Service

Hymn #170 (1,4,7)....."One Day"

Love Offering - Crystal Springs Camp

Closing Hymn #228....."Rejoice, the Lord Is King"

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:

- Bible Study on 1 Peter with Mike Benson in Fellowship Room
- Video study with Pastor Kramer in Sanctuary. Today's topic is Neil Anderson's "Freedom in Christ" session 3 – "Living by Faith"

For Your Information and Prayer

-Today: -11:30 a.m. Meeting to discuss pastoral search
-Thursday: -7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study on Ecclesiastes at Lindy Johnson home, 413 Heatherwood Dr.

Next Sunday: May 14, 2017

-Mother's Day
-Greeters: Doyle & Barbara Young
-Usher: Justin Tiffany
-Nursery: Scott & Nora Sittig
-Scripture Reader: Joan Murphy
-Children's Church: Matt Murphy & Hailey Skogen

Upcoming Events:

Now thru May – Collecting clothes (size Kids to Adult Medium), shoes, crutches, canes, and wheelchairs for Guatemala

June – We will again be **servicing at the St. Francis House**. We need four people to sign up to serve at 6pm. We also need people to sign up to make: barbecue sandwiches, chips, seven layer salad, beans, and vanilla ice cream and pop (two treats they usually do not get).

We need you to sign your name with the amount of food you're providing or indicate if you wish to be a server. Also mark your first and second choices for serving dates from the list of eight options in June. The signup is on the kitchen counter.

OUR GIVING:	Sunday, April 30, 2016
General Giving	\$ 4,585.90
Awana	\$ 439.00
Building Fund	\$ 25.00
Total	\$ 5,049.90

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

*** Praise & Prayer***

Kevin Van Malsen, resting in hospice care at The Cottage in Luverne
Maxine Savage, for healing and strengthening
Elmer Gerdes, healing from hip fracture surgery, at Garretson nursing home
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 Montecuello, 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 Missionary/Church Planter of the Week: May 7



Tony Campos, Casa de Luz, Sacramento, California.

Casa de Luz is a Hispanic church, but decided last year to launch an English service as well. Because of this, they have seen people from different backgrounds and ethnicities come to know the Lord. Casa de Luz is also involved in two new church plants: one in Natomas, a neighborhood in north Sacramento, that has already seen some fruit; and one in Lodi, a rural city south of Sacramento, that is still in the early stages of evangelism and discipleship. Tony and his wife, Fabiola, have three children. Pray for the development of new leaders within the English ministry. Pray as well that the new church plants will effectively reach out and disciple those within their community. For more information, check out www.casadeluz.net.

Healing Hope Ministries will be hosting its **2nd Annual Walk to Remember, Pancake Feed and Raffle** at the **VFW in Brandon on Saturday, June 3** starting at **9:30am**. The **Pancake Feed** will be from **10am-12pm** and is a free will donation. The Walk will start at the VFW and then go up to the Elementary Track. No matter the length of life, every child leaves an impression on a parent's heart. We invite you to Walk, Share, Remember the life of a child. Whether you're a parent who has lost a child of any age, a family member, friend or caregiver of a child, all are invited to walk for any child gone too soon. If you'd like to have your child remembered with a memorial sign and their name printed on the t-shirt, please email karri@healinghopes.com by **May 10**. T-shirts can be purchased for \$20 at www.healinghopes.com (**pre-order by May 10**). All proceeds will go to helping Healing Hope Ministries develop a Retreat Center for families who've lost a child at any age, to any cause of death.