

Pray for the Persecuted Church: Yemen

Abducted Missionary's Urgent Appeal

Sources: International Christian Concern, Times of India

Father Tom Uzhunnalil, a mission aid worker abducted by terrorists in strife-torn Yemen, has made a recent video appeal for urgent help after getting "poor response" from governing authorities in India. The video-taped message addresses his deteriorating health and the fact that he urgently requires hospitalization.

Originally from Kerala, India, the 58-year-old ministry worker had been captured from the southern Yemeni city of Aden after the Islamic State (ISIS) militant group attacked a seniors' home run by Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity. During the attack, gunmen stormed the 'refuge for the elderly' on March 4th, 2016, killing a Yemeni guard before tying up and shooting at least 16 other employees. Foreign missionaries serving as nurses were among those killed.

In the video, the frail-looking mission worker gave the following appeal:

"I am Father Tom Uzhunnalil. My date of birth is August 18th, 1958. I received the message of concern that you sent me, my dear family people. I am thankful to you. Thank you very much.

"They (abductors) are treating me well to the extent that they are able. My health condition is deteriorating quickly and I require hospitalization as early as possible. They contacted our Indian government authorities several times and I have seen the message of their response. It was very, very poor."

May the presence and protection of our Lord continue to sustain our Christian brother as he awaits deliverance from captivity which we hope will be soon. In the meantime, pray for the healing virtue of Jesus to be upon him physically, emotionally and spiritually -- ministering renewed strength, health and hope. Please also be mindful to intercede for the members of ISIS involved in the abduction, realizing that they also need deliverance from the evil one who is using them to do his bidding -- to "kill, steal and destroy." May they, too, be set free from bondage and experience the abundant life that Jesus offers in John 10:10.

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

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Sunday, May 28, 2017

Accompanist: Jan Questad and Pam Osmanson

Greeters: Paul & Pam Osmanson Scripture Reader: Justin Tiffany

Nursery: Aaron Skogen Worship Leader: Doyle Young

Children's Church: Barbara Young and Kyle Skogen Usher: Gene Preston

9:30 am

Worship Service

Welcome, Announcements, & Christian Greetings

Praise Affirmation.....Psalm 107:1-3, 31-32

Hymn #575....."Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

Prayer of Praise

Offering/Offertory

Doxology (*Hymn #625*) – please stand

Memorial Video

Scripture Reading.....Matthew 14:22-33

Hymn #335....."Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus"

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

Sermon... "Fear or Faith".....Chaplain Harlan Moss

Prayer Response

Closing Hymn #572....."America, the Beautiful"

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.

No Sunday School classes today

For Your Information and Prayer

- Today: -High School Sunday School Social (after church)
- Thursday: -7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study (location TBA)
- Friday: -church office closed

Next Sunday: June 4, 2017

- Greeters: Lindy Johnson
- Usher: Paul Osmanson
- Nursery: Pam Osmanson and Hailey Skogen
- Scripture Reader: Pat Lacey
- Children's Church: Dee Olson and Garret James

Upcoming Events:

- June 18** – SONrise Gospel Music Ministries (Harlow & Jarene Rudolph) will sing during the worship service
- July 2** – The Allen Family will sing during the worship service
- July 17-20** – Vacation Bible School
- July 26th** – Meal Serving at St. Francis House, please sign up to serve or provide food that evening

OUR GIVING:	Sunday, May 21, 2016
General Giving	\$ 1,775.00
Building Fund	\$ 25.00
Total	\$ 1,800.00
(Approximately \$2,500 is needed each week to meet expenses)	

Our Missionary/Church Planter of the Week: May 21



Julie Stone, NAB Missionary, Cameroon. Dr. Julie Stone serves in Cameroon at Bansa Baptist Hospital. Most of her focus is on teaching, but Julie also considers it a privilege to care for patients in a setting where she can freely share the truth of Jesus and what He has done to deliver people from the second death. Julie is currently on a year-long home assignment, which began in January. Pray for her time visiting supporters and traveling, that she would still be able to find time to rest in God. Find more information online at nabonmission.org/missionaries/julie-stone.

***** Praise & Prayer*****

Daphne Dunger, (retired missionary) healing from surgery on broken leg, now in rehabilitation at Bethany Lutheran Home in Sioux Falls

Kevin Van Malsen, resting in hospice care at The Cottage in Luverne

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 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
- Student Ministries Director, Hillcrest Baptist Church, Sioux Falls

Voice of the Martyrs Conference in Sioux Falls

Many Christians around the world today are persecuted because of their faith in Christ, yet they continue to advance the gospel through their lives and words. At the VOM Advance Conference you will meet persecuted Christians and hear their inspirational testimonies. There is no charge to attend the VOM Advance Conference. Register online today and bring a friend!

Please join us **Saturday, August 12**, for the VOM Advance Conference at Community Reformed Church, 6800 E 41st Street, Sioux Falls (9am-4pm). Doors open at 8 a.m. for registration, resource-center access and prayer. Lunch will be on your own from 12 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. at area restaurants. Register online by going to <https://www.vomadvice.com/conference/12/> or register by phone at 800-747-0085

The conference will feature the following speakers: Dr. Hormoz Shariat, who came to the United States in 1979, is the founder of Iran Alive Ministries; Sarah Liu lived a life of faith in her homeland of China. Her unapologetic Christian beliefs ultimately led to her arrest, torture and imprisonment for six years; Pastor Benny is president of IMPACT Leadership Development with Alpha Bible Churches of India; Cole Richards serves as Executive Vice President of The Voice of the Martyrs (VOM). In this role, he leads VOM's global ministry work, which includes significant outreach both in the U.S. and abroad, and music and worship guest Amy Shreve, who along with her husband, Gary, lived in Nashville, Tennessee, for many years, and have recorded 16 CDs, ranging in style from harp instrumental to vocal with full instrumental accompaniment.