

Pray for the Persecuted Church: North Korea

Shortwave Broadcasts Reaching Multitudes Source: The Voice of the Martyrs

A shortwave radio program created by North Korean defectors in partnership with VOM is reaching an estimated two million North Koreans nightly. Each 90-minute program includes a Scripture reading, encouraging messages from Christians around the world, and readings from Pastor Richard Wurmbbrand's testimonial book, *Tortured for Christ*. Although largely isolated from their worldwide Christian family, North Korean believers now have access to God's Word and an indirect connection to other followers of Christ.

Despite the possible penalties, North Koreans continue to listen to the broadcasts. Pray that the broadcasts will continue to reach new believers -- as well as unbelievers -- and that those who hear the daily messages will grow in their Christian faith and find ways to share the Gospel.

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**NEEDED: Summer Sunday School Teachers** for the PreK-3<sup>rd</sup> grade class for June-August (one teacher per month, if possible)

### Voice of the Martyrs Conference in Sioux Falls

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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.

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Sunday, June 4, 2017

Accompanist: Jan Questad and Jackie Kramer

Greeter: Lindy Johnson Scripture Reader: Pat Lacey

Nursery: Pam Osmanson and Hailey Skogen Usher: Paul Osmanson

Children's Church: Dee Olson and Garret James

9:30 am

Worship Service

Welcome, Announcements, & Christian Greetings

Praise Affirmation.....Psalm 35:27-28

Hymn #76....."O for a Thousand Tongues"

Prayer of Praise

Offering/Offerory

Doxology (*Hymn #625*) – please stand

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

Children's Moments with Pastor Merv Kramer

Scripture Reading..... John 17:20-23

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

Sermon..."Can't spell the word "Unity" without "U"!".....Chet Hsiao

Prayer Response

Closing Hymn #116....."Take the Name of Jesus with You"

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-3rd Grade in Cubbies room

Combined 4th-8th Grade in Youth room (TREK)

Adult & Youth Class: Video study with Pastor Kramer in Sanctuary.

Today's topic is Neil Anderson's "Freedom in Christ: Renewing the Mind"

For Your Information and Prayer

-Today: -5:30 p.m. Congregational Prayer

-Thursday: -7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study (location TBA)

-Friday-Sunday: -Various events to meet with Pastor Candidate Randy Battey (details to be announced)

Next Sunday: June 11, 2017

-Communion Service, Love Offering for St. Francis House

-Greeters: Ray & Dee Olson

-Usher: Mike Kresak

-Nursery: Theresa Friesen and Cade Fox

-Scripture Reader: Gene Preston

-Children's Church: LaDell Hanson and Maegan Questad

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 16-20 – 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 28, 2016

General Giving \$ 842.00

Building Fund \$ 25.00

Total \$ 867.00

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

*** 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 Montecucollo, 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: June 4



Alcides Gonzales, Field Coordinator, Hispanics for Christ, San Lorenzo, Paraguay. Hispanics for Christ is a ministry focused on planting Hispanic churches. They provide vision casting, strategic planning, and coaching for church planters in the Americas. Alcides started out overseeing local Bible clubs in Paraguay. In 2010, he started an orphanage

to serve a needy community. He is now focusing on planting new churches across Paraguay even as he serves as the pastor at Iglesia Cristiana Evangelica Florida in San Lorenzo, where he has pastored since 1995. Pray for Alcides and his ministry through Hispanics for Christ. Visit www.hispanicsforchrist.org for more information.

Our Prayer Partnership

- First Lutheran Church, Valley Springs

- Missionaries Tim & Tonya Vennell and family