

Pray for the Persecuted Church: Afghanistan

Attack at Mission Guest House Sources: icommittoprav, Operation Mercy

Two women working for a Swedish mission, known as Operation Mercy, were targeted by unknown attackers at their guest house in Kabul on May 20th. A German national and her Afghan guard were tragically killed, while a woman from Finland was kidnapped. All the mission's other staff members, both national and international, are accounted for and safe.

The ministry worker from Germany had been serving in Afghanistan for 13 years, and was most recently leading a literacy project. Whereas her Finnish co-worker had only been in the country for three months, studying a local language to further her work there. Both ministry workers had a deep desire to serve the people of Afghanistan.

As no group has claimed responsibility for the attack, both the Afghanistan National Directorate of Security and the Finnish Ministry for Foreign Affairs are continuing their investigations of the incident. During this time, the mission's primary objectives include the safe return of the Finnish worker and the safety of all other in-country staff.

We join in the fervent prayers of all who've been directly and indirectly affected by this recent attack -- including the abducted Finnish worker whose safety in captivity is now of great concern. Pray that God's mighty presence will be experienced by this Christian woman...and her abductors. May the perpetrators be so strongly convicted of their wrongdoing, they will take swift measures to ensure her safe release. Additionally, pray for the protection of other believers serving in Afghanistan, while also being mindful to uphold the families and friends of the slain victims who are grieving great loss.

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.vomadadvance.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 11, 2017

Accompanist: Jan Questad and Pam Osmanon

Greeter: Pat Lacey and Scott Sittig Scripture Reader: Gene Preston

Nursery: Theresa Friesen and Cade Fox Usher: Mike Kresak

Children's Church: 2D Gerdes and Maegan Questad

9:30 am

Worship Service

Welcome, Announcements, & Christian Greetings

Praise Affirmation.....Psalm 95:1-4

Hymn #2....."Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Prayer of Praise

Offering/Offertory

Doxology (*Hymn #625*) – please stand

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

Scripture Reading.....I Thessalonians 1:4-10

Hymn #381....."Open My Eyes That I May See"

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

Sermon..."Choices we make to display the reality of who we are in Christ"

...Pastor Candidate Randy Battey

Prayer Response

Closing Hymn #349....."Trust and Obey"

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: Informal Q&A session with the Batteys

For Your Information and Prayer

-Today: -Potluck meal after Sunday School
-Leadership Team meeting after the meal
-Thursday: -7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study (location TBA)

Next Sunday: June 18, 2017

- SONrise Gospel Music Ministries (Harlow & Jarene Rudolph) will sing during the worship service
-Greeters: Ray & Dee Olson
-Usher: Doyle Young
-Nursery: Erica Skogen
-Scripture Reader: Lindy Johnson
-Children's Church: Theresa Friesen and Cade Fox

Upcoming Events:

July 2 – The Allen Family will sing during the worship service
July 16-20 – Vacation Bible School

OUR GIVING:	Sunday, May 28, 2016
General Giving	\$ 2,025.73
Love Offering – St. Francis House	\$ 25.00
Camp Scholarship Donations	\$ 500.00
Building Fund	\$ 25.00
Total	\$ 2,576.73

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

Hands and Feet project for June: Please remember to help a recent graduate head off to college or work by remembering them with love and things they may need while away at school or employment or a service mission.

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

*** 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 Montecuolo, 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); Kristina Lee, Air Force (Grandchild of Ray & Dee Olson)

Our Missionary/Church Planter of the Week: April 30



Lyndell Campbell-Réquia, NAB Missionary, Brazil. Lyndell serves in Brazil as a seminary teacher and as a church planter. Much of her work centers around the Pastoral Formation program at the Rio Grande Do Sul Baptist Theological Seminary. Her husband, Paulo, recently joined the mission TeachBeyond, and he is an NAB partner missionary. He works with church planters in poor communities to evangelize and improve the quality of life for children and adolescents. Pray for continued safety, as they live in one of the most dangerous cities in the world. Pray as well for both Lyndell's and Paulo's ministry. For more information, visit <http://nabonmission.org/missionaries/lyndell-campbell>.

Our Prayer Partnership

- Celebrate Church, Brandon
- Associate Pastor Paul Lloyd, South Canyon Baptist Church, Rapid City

*Meal Serving at the St. Francis House on July 26th has been **cancelled** due to schedule conflicts for our servers. If you would like to serve in August or September, please contact Joan.*