

Pray for the Persecuted Church: Ethiopia

Ethiopian Attacked for Evangelizing Source: World Watch Monitor

On July 16th, while alone in his home, an Ethiopian Christian was attacked by a group of local Muslim militants with machetes. As a result, the 27-year-old man suffered deep wounds to the back of his head and required life-saving surgery.

The man, who cannot be named for security reasons, was attacked in Hirna, a rural town about 400 kilometres east of the capital, Addis Ababa. The local clinic in his community referred him to a hospital in nearby Asebe Teferi. From there, he was sent to Adama where a doctor, believing the injured man could die en route to a larger hospital, immediately operated on his wounds. Although the victim is still unwell, the surgery stabilized him enough to be taken elsewhere for specialized treatment.

The militant group had first attacked the local Full Gospel Church, damaging its roof and a wall of the building before going to the man's house. Upon noticing he was engaged in an evangelistic activity, the militants became angry and proceeded to attack him.

This year alone, more than a hundred incidents of persecution have been recorded within these areas of Ethiopia involving attacks on people and businesses, imprisonment and murder. In addition, Christians have frequently faced other forms of harassment, including rejection by family members, deprivation of inheritance, and the denial of child custody rights.

Please petition this case before our Righteous Judge who is seated in heaven's throne room, asking God to help the victimized young man overcome the terrible ordeal he has endured due to the attack. Pray there will be no lasting physical injuries and that he will be granted the courage to continue sharing the Good News of the Gospel. Also intercede for those who have been blessed by his evangelistic efforts. May they not be fearful but rather spurred on to seek the truth of the Scriptures, faithfully serve the Lord, and walk in His love. Also pray that the authorities will ensure justice is upheld so the perpetrators will come to realize the error of their harmful ways and turn to the Lord for mercy and salvation.

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Sunday, August 13, 2017

Accompanist: Pam Osmanon

Greeters: Doyle & Barbara Young Scripture Reader: Lindy Johnson

Usher: Doyle Young Nursery: Hailey Skogen

Children's Church: 2D Gerdes & Maegan Questad

9:30 am

Worship Service

Welcome, Announcements, and Christian Greetings

Praise Affirmation.....Revelation 7:9-10

Hymn #17....."Ye Servants of God"

Prayer of Praise

Offering

Offertory.....Pam Osmanon

Doxology (*Hymn #625*) – please stand

Ministry of Music – video

Children's Moments with Pastor Merv Kramer

Scripture Reading.....I Corinthians 3:5-9; 4:1-2

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

Sermon...WHAT IS A PASTOR-SHEPHERD?

"A Servant...".....Pastor Merv Kramer

Prayer Response

Closing Hymn #445....."Something for Thee"

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 & High School Class in Sanctuary – today’s topic is “Answers to Some Apologetic Questions” part 1

For Your Information and Prayer

-Tuesday: 2:00 p.m. Bingo Social at Helping Hand
-Friday: 7:00 a.m. Annual Brandon Area Prayer Breakfast (at BVHS) (church office will be closed August 18 and 22)

Next Sunday: August 20, 2017

-Greeters: Dan & LaDell Hanson
-Usher: Mike Kresak
-Nursery: Erica Skogen
-Scripture Reader: Hannah Frost
-Children’s Church: Theresa Friesen and Cade Fox

Upcoming Events:

-Wednesday, August 30: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Awana registration and staff meeting (please contact Joan if you cannot attend the staff meeting)
-Sunday, September 3: Love Offering for B.V. Ministerium
-Wednesday, September 6: first night of Awana Clubs (HS starts at 6pm, 6th-8th starts at 6:15, everyone else starts at 6:30)
-Tuesday, September 12: Awana Staff Training at Lincoln Hills Bible Church (Sioux Falls) 6 p.m. snacks, 6:30-9 p.m. training

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**AWANA** – Please **REGISTER** your child online as soon as possible. You also may register in person during office hours or August 30<sup>th</sup> 6:30-7:30pm. Regular Awana clubs start September 6<sup>th</sup>.  
**We need volunteers** to be a grades K-2 story person and a special events coordinator. We’re also seeking a volunteer for Commander.

**Our Prayer Partnership**

- Blessed Redeemer Lutheran Church, Brandon  
- Regional Minister, Dan & Geri Herring

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"Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you....so that their work will be a joy, not a burden." Hebrews 13:7, 17

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

Carol Kline, mother of Theresa Friesen, recovering from a stroke
Lajeane Wright, wife of Jim Wright, has been moved from the hospital to Garretson Palisades Nursing Home (room 301), continue to pray for increasing mental clarity, and also encouragement for Jim
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); Amir Rottluff, Navy (grandson of Charlotte Rottluff)

OUR GIVING:	Sunday, August 6, 2016
General Giving	\$ 1,926.00
Love Offering – NAB Pastors Retirement	\$ 116.00
Men’s Bible Study books	\$ 5.00
Furnace Fund	\$ 500.00
Building Fund	\$ 25.00
Total	\$ 2,572.00

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

-UPDATED AGAIN: Please use the **UPDATED Communication Chain (revised 8-1-2017)**. Copies are labeled with your names on the kitchen counter, and spare copies are also available in the foyer. *The chain is only as strong as its weakest link.* – The Care Team