

Pray for the Persecuted Church: Cameroon

Boko Haram Attacks Involving Children Source: World Watch Monitor

After a period of relative calm, the Far North region of Cameroon, along the Nigerian border, has witnessed an upsurge of attacks by Boko Haram. On August 17th, a church elder was killed in a night raid carried out by the militant Islamic group on Moskota village. Adamu Nguda, formerly a church elder in Mouldougwa, had been previously displaced to live as an "internally displaced person" in Moskota. Adamu's killers also kidnapped his six children -- who are between the ages of three and 15 -- leaving his wife behind in a state of total shock.

In a separate attack on the same day, attackers burned the house of Lazare Mahama, another Christian, along with an undetermined number of properties. The militant group also stole Lazare's wallet which contained money and identification documents.

Earlier on August 6th, eight children were killed in a suicide bombing attack that took place in the town of Amchide. The suicide bomber, who happened to be a young child, met the other children while they played outside in the evening -- then detonated his bombs. All eight children had regularly attended Sunday school at the Union of Evangelical Church in Amchide. These recent attacks have reignited fear in local Christians, causing some of them to flee their homes.

Unfortunately, the recourse to involve children as suicide bombers is nothing new. Since the beginning of this year alone, the group has sent out four times as many child suicide bombers in northeastern Nigeria as the recorded total for 2016. Since January 1st, 2017, 83 children have been used as bombers (55 girls, mostly under 15 years old, and 27 boys). One was a baby strapped to a girl. In the previous year, 19 children were used in such atrocious attacks.

Ask the Lord to mightily intervene on behalf of all the abducted children, prompting the kidnapers to safely return them to their distraught families. Pray also that His protection will be upon these vulnerable young members of Africa's communities -- whether they reside in Cameroon or Nigeria -- and that the terrorists' reign of violence will come to an end. In the meanwhile, may the Lord be dramatically at work... bringing greatly needed comfort to the grieving families of the slain victims, providing ministry and deliverance to those who've been abducted, and by changing the calloused hearts of the perpetrators so they will instead reflect the loving-kindness and compassion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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Sunday, September 10, 2017

Accompanist: Jackie Kramer and Jan Questad

Greeters: Scott Sittig Nursery: Dee Olson and Dan Hanson

Usher: Justin Tiffany Scripture Reader: Matthew Questad

Children's Church: LaDell Hanson and Hailey Skogen

9:30 am

Worship Service

Welcome, Announcements, and Christian Greetings

Praise Affirmation.....Ephesians 1:11-12

Hymn #75....."Praise the Savior"

Prayer of Praise

Offering

Offertory.....Jan Questad

Doxology (*Hymn #625*) – please stand

Ministry of Music

Scripture Reading.....I Peter 5:1-4

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

Sermon...WHAT IS A PASTOR-SHEPHERD?

"An Example...".....Pastor Merv Kramer

Prayer Response

Closing Hymn #387....."O to Be Like 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.

10:45 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages

Fall Sunday School Kick-off: combined session

For Your Information and Prayer

-Today: 11:30 a.m. Potluck Meal

-Wednesday: Awana Clubs (HS starts at 6pm, 6th-8th starts at 6:15pm, Preschool-5th grade starts at 6:30pm)

-Thursday: 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study at Lindy Johnson home, 413 Heatherwood, Brandon

Next Sunday: September 17, 2017

-Sermon by Jeff Hastings (Warrior 180), there will be an offering for Warrior 180

-Greeters: Ray & Dee Olson

-Usher: Terry Kramer

-Nursery: Aaron Skogen

-Scripture Reader: Gene Preston

-Children's Church: Scott & Nora Sittig

Upcoming Events:

-Saturday: September 23: 2-4pm **Community Open House** for Pastor Merv's Retirement; CHURCH MEMBERS - **please bring** a plate of bars, cookies, or other snacks for the open house Sept. 23rd by 1:00 p.m.

-Sunday, September 24: **Retirement party** for Pastor Merv Kramer

OUR GIVING:	Sunday, September 3, 2016
General Giving	\$ 1,748.25
Love Offering – Brandon Ministeruim	\$ 206.00
Sunday School	\$ 50.00
Furnace Fund	\$ 500.00
Building Fund	\$ 25.00
Total	\$ 2,529.25

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

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

Carol Kline, mother of Theresa Friesen, recovering from a stroke
Lajeane Wright, wife of Jim Wright, at 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)

Pastor Merv & Jackie will be on a "500th Anniversary of Martin Luther Tour" in Germany, leaving on September 13th and returning on the 22nd. Please hold them up in prayer.

Our Prayer Partnership

- Celebration United Methodist Church, Brandon
- Pastor Merv & Jackie Kramer, Brandon Valley Baptist Church

Hurricane Harvey Donations

As the North American Baptist Conference gathers to support our churches in times of need or crisis, we wanted to send an update that there are currently no reports of damage to NAB churches or member's homes in the Texas area at this time. Please continue to pray for the area affected and for God's provision as the torrential rain and flooding continues. Regional Minister Dan Heringer will keep us informed and updated as things progress.

Since monetary donations are the most effective way of providing direct aid and there are aid groups already at work on the ground, we encourage you to give through Samaritan's Purse to provide assistance to those impacted by Hurricane Harvey.

Donations can be made online at www.samaritanspurse.org