

Pray for the Persecuted Church: Uganda

Young Man Beaten Unconscious in Eastern Region Source: Morning Star News

On November 16th, a young Christian man was severely beaten by a group of militants to the point of unconsciousness. Mulangira Ibrahim, 27, was on the way to his pastor's house after a church service in the Mayuge District when he received a telephone call from an unknown person claiming that the pastor wanted to see him back at the church compound. En route to the church, four men confronted Mulangira and proceeded to attack. Prior to the assault, the men had threatened to kill him if he did not recant his faith.

When Mulangira finally regained consciousness, he found himself surrounded by police, the pastor and church members. Shortly thereafter, he was rushed to a nearby clinic for medication. As a result of the beating, Mulangira suffered multiple injuries, including backaches, from which he is now recovering. The incident was reported to the police who are continuing their investigation. At the time of receiving this report, no arrests had been made.

Mulangira, a former sheikh (Islamic teacher) had first declared his faith in Christ two years ago, a move that a group of local militant Muslims didn't respond to kindly. Upon hearing of his newfound decision, they kidnapped his wife, Nalunkuma Joweria, and the couple's three children (ages 8, 6 and 4). Furthermore, the men took over the home they had rented for him and sold his property, rendering him homeless. Mulangira has been in hiding ever since, residing at a church compound 1.5 kilometers away.

Ask God to minister healing to this young man who has suffered much physical and emotional pain for remaining true to his faith. Pray that Mulangira's troubled soul will be overshadowed by the Lord's loving assurance and comfort so he will be further encouraged to remain strong spiritually and not lose hope. While waiting with expectancy for the day he will be reunited with his abducted wife and children, may Mulangira continue standing steadfastly on the promises of our Almighty God who commands His angels to guard them in all their ways (Psalm 91:11). Please also intercede for the militants who incited the attack, as well as those who abducted his family, praying that they too will experience a dramatic, life-changing encounter with Jesus...our Risen Savior and Lord.

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Sunday, January 7, 2018

Accompanist: Pam Osmanon and Jan Questad

Greeters: Doris Conradson Scripture Reader: Joan Murphy

Nursery: Ginger Nelson and Katrina Nelson Usher: Mike Kresak

Children's Church: Trevor Skogen and Andrea Skogen

9:30 am

Worship Service

Welcome, Announcements, and Christian Greetings

Hymn #234....."Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Pastoral Prayer

Offering/Offertory

Doxology (*Hymn #625*) – please stand

Hymn #245....."What If It Were Today?"

Children's Moments with Pastor Randy Battey

Scripture Reading.....I Thessalonians 1

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

Sermon..."First Lessons".....Pastor Randy Battey

Main Points:

I. Works of Faith (v.3)

II. Labors of Love (v.3)

III. Unwavering Hope (v.3)

Hymn #274..... "Break Thou the Bread of Life"

The Lord's Supper

Video and Love Offering – White Cross

Closing Hymn #239....."Jesus Is Coming Again"

Benediction

Postlude

*****Nursery 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

- Preschool - 1st Grade in the Nursery with LaDell Hanson
- 2nd - 5th Grade in the Cubbies room with 2D Gerdes
- 6th - 8th Grade in Pastor's office with Judy Preston or Erica Skogen
- High School study on James in the Youth room with Mike & Stacy Frost
- Adult Bible Study on I Peter in Fellowship Room with Mike Benson
- Adult Video Study in Sanctuary (topic to be announced)

For Your Information and Prayer

- Today: 11:30 a.m. Potluck Meal & White Cross Love Bandage rolling (For potluck: Last Name A-M does setup, Last Name N-Z does cleanup)
- Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Awana Clubs
- Thursday: 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study at Charlotte Rottluff home, 1413 Rushmore Dr (Autumn View I), Brandon
- Saturday: 8:00 a.m. Leadership Team meeting

Upcoming Events:

- January Alpha Center World's Largest Baby Shower (all month)
- January 20: 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study

Next Sunday: January 14, 2018

- Greeters: Aaron & Erica Skogen
- Usher: Gene Preston
- Nursery: Dee Olson and Dan Hanson
- Scripture Reader: Kyle Skogen
- Children's Church: Sara Tiffany and Hailey Skogen

OUR GIVING:	Sunday, December 31, 2016
General Giving	\$ 2,170.00
Furnace Fund	\$ 500.00
Total	\$ 2,670.00

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

Our Prayer Partnership

- Blessed Redeemer Lutheran, Brandon
- Mountain View Baptist Church, Spearfish, SD

*** Praise & Prayer***

Josh Onnen, deploying for training

Marv Veldkamp, for recovery and healing from a recent stroke

Karen Miller, mother of Shawna James, for health issues

Pastor Randy Battey, having carpal tunnel surgery on Monday

Marlene Smith, pray for healing for broken arm

Joan Murphy, cancer has returned, pray for healing and wisdom for decisions

Mary Tripp, sister of Theresa Friesen, undergoing radiation treatment

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)