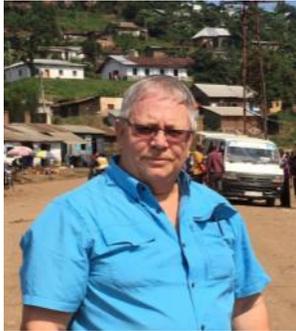


Pray for Galen Johnson *servicing with Wycliffe*



Over-staying the Welcome — President Joseph Kabila of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) has now been in power for 17 years in a country that is ‘technically’ limited to two five year terms.

In 2001, he took power when his father was assassinated. He won presidential elections in 2006 and again in 2011, but elections just didn’t happen in 2016. Or in 2017! Now elections are set for December 23. Already there are marches and riots, so the country is in peril.

Safe and dignified burials — You may have heard of the Ebola outbreak in West Africa in 2014. The practice of touching a loved one’s body in burial preparation caused many to become infected. I mention this because DRC is currently in another Ebola crisis. What’s concerning about this one is that it is in the war-torn region of eastern DRC.

The current Ebola crisis started early August and is not contained yet. The World Health Organization has devised a dignified protocol for burial, but unless the rebel factions stop their attacks, the health workers can not attend to the needs of the people.

A colleague will be visiting our partner organization in Central African Republic. He coordinates a team introducing Oral Bible Translation. We are finding that translations done orally are considered ‘natural’ and ‘understandable’. It brings God’s Word to people in their ‘heart language’. I am overjoyed!

Prayer Requests:

1. Pray for the presidential election on December 23 and for people’s safety.
2. That the rebel factions would stop their attacks in the area of the Ebola crisis so that the health workers can attend to the needs of the people.

The ABC’s of Becoming a Christian

A — Admit to God that you are a sinner. Repent, turning away from your sin.
“For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.” Romans 3:23

B — Believe that Jesus is God’s Son and accept God’s gift of forgiveness from sin.
“While we were sinners, Christ died for us.” Romans 5:8

C — Confess your faith in Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord.
“If you will confess with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.” Romans 10:9

Prayer: Dear God, I am sorry for my sins. I believe Jesus died on the cross for my sins. Please forgive me. I ask Jesus to come into my life to be my Savior and Lord. Thank you for loving me and saving me from my sins. In Jesus name, Amen.



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Welcome to Worship!—We're so glad you have joined us this morning. If you are a guest today, please fill out a Covenant Connect card and place it in the offering. **Children's Church** (10:30am service) is for 3-year olds—2nd grade. The children gather in the Cubbie's Room downstairs after the announcements are given.



Christmas Worship Schedule —

- ♥ Christmas Eve Service — December 24 at 5pm.
(No Prayer meeting)
- ♥ No Sunday School — December 23 or 30.

Announcement Guidelines — Do you have an announcement that you need to make? The Leadership Team has recently updated the guidelines for announcements. The guidelines are printed and available by the missions board.

Mailings —

- ♥ Family Messenger — December 26
- ♥ Psalm FM — December 27

Thank you — Please thank Rod and Beth Enns for creating the Christmas program today. Rod drew & built the characters, wrote the script and organized the whole thing. Beth supported him where needed. Also thank the children & adults who participated.

Heart for Missions? — Does getting to know missionaries interest you? Do you have a heart for missions? The Missions Committee is looking for 1-2 people to join them. Please talk to Carol Hauge or Lynn Peterson if you're interested.

Offering Envelopes — The 2019 offering envelopes are in your mailbox! If you have a question or need envelopes, stop in the office or talk to Melanie Clarity.

Community Opportunities ...

Community Christmas Dinner — will be held on December 25 from 1-4pm. They are looking for volunteers to help in many different way — people to give rides; music; dinner serving; busing tables, and greeting to list a few. Please contact Lee Grim at 240-5125 or ravenlhg@gmail.com if you have questions or would like to volunteer.

Bell Ringing — The Salvation Army is in need of bell ringers. If you, your family or friends would like to help, please call 283-3394.

Community Clothes Closet—is looking for people who can transport clothing to other thrift stores in Duluth, Bemidji, or the surrounding area. Please contact Betty Williams at 807-861-3765, if you are able to help or have questions.

The Sacrificial Word

John 1:29: Behold the Lamb of God, who _____.

1. The Lamb and _____.

'Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, 'Father?' "Yes, my son,' Abraham replied. 'The fire and the wood are here,' Isaac said, 'but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?' Abraham answered, 'God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.'

Genesis 22:7-8

Jehovah Jireh: The Lord will _____

2. The Lamb and _____.

The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt.

Exodus 12:13

This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord – a lasting ordinance.

Exodus 12:14

This shall be a continual burnt offering throughout your generations at the door of the tabernacle of meeting before the Lord, where I will meet you to speak to you.

Exodus 29:42

In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.

Hebrews 9:22

Isaiah 53:4 –12 – a picture of the Lamb of God

Matthew 20:28

3. The Lamb and _____.

I Peter 1:18-21

Revelation 5:12