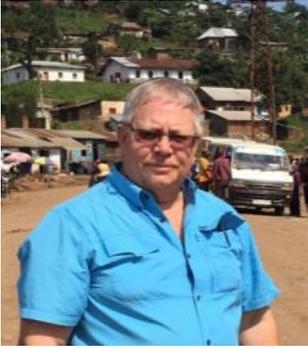


## Missionary Updates ...Galen Johnson



I recently was a desperate traveler! I had learned that my mother had a blood clot in her lung and very little time to live. The setting was Gemena, Democratic Republic of Congo. There were two flights a week, but mine was abruptly canceled. I was able to change my ticket from Kinshasa departure over to Bangui (in the next country). Now I had to get there. Short story is: after a 5.5 hours motorcycle ride, 5 police stops, running out of gas, immigration office, dug-out canoe across the Ubangi River,

another immigration formalities, another motorcycle ride, more hassle with immigration, checking in for a flight without a printed ticket. I made it to the boarding lounge with 30 minutes to spare. Once the Air France flight taxied in, I could finally call home to announce that I would be home in 20+ hours.

The Lord granted that mom was still lucid upon my arrival and I had 60 hours with her. We miss her dearly.

Friends, my trip to DRC and CAR are often complicated and challenging. We restarted three Bible translation language teams. Their translation work is nearly finished, so publication is becoming a reality. We are getting the Jesus film produced and creating oral Bible Stories for village storytellers.

Thanks to all of you that partner with me as I serve.

### Prayer Requests:

1. For my travels; for protection and safety.
2. My work with Bible translators—for unity and love among the brethren.
3. The leadership crisis in Bangui over translation to unite and come together.

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### 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 Cubbies Room downstairs after the announcements are given.

**Good Friday Service** — will be on Friday, April 19, at **7pm**.



**Easter Flowers** — This is your last Sunday to order a plant for Easter! You can purchase an Easter Lily, Tulip, or Begonia plant for \$15. How? Pick up an envelope in the lobby, fill out the information, insert the money and give to an usher, place in the offering plate, or bring to the office by April 15.

\*\* Please pick up your plant following the 10:30am service on April 21.



**Bridal Shower** — Ladies, you are invited to a bridal shower for Jess Pollino on Sunday, April 28 at 11:45am. See her online registry at [www.theknot.com/us/wayne-schrock-and-jess-pollino](http://www.theknot.com/us/wayne-schrock-and-jess-pollino). She is also registered at City Drug. Bring a copy of a favorite recipe for Jess as she starts her married life.

**Senior LinkAge Presentation**— There will be a presentation for seniors on Saturday, April 27, 1-3pm in Room 200. Medicare A-D and other services will be discussed. Please call 1.800.333.2433 to register.

**Newsletter** — April newsletter is available online or in the lobby.

**Community Café** — Tuesday, April 23 at 5pm. Please sign-up in the lobby if you can help serve.

**Our Sincere Sympathies** — are extended to Pastor Seth on the loss of his Grandma Beulah Bjornrud who passed away on Friday.

### Serving Opportunity ...



Please fill out, tear-off, and place in the offering plate or give to an usher in the back if you are interested in helping with funeral lunches.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

You can contact Connie Magnuson with questions at 283-3513.

## Encountering Authority

John 12:12-19

### 1. \_\_\_\_\_ Followers

Read John 12:12–18

The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, “Hosanna!”

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

“Blessed is the King of Israel!”

Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written:

“Do not be afraid, Daughter Zion; see, your king is coming, seated on a donkey’s colt.”

At first his disciples did not understand all this. Only after Jesus was glorified did they realize that these things had been written about him and that these things had been done to him.

Now the crowd that was with him when he called Lazarus from the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to spread the word. Many people, because they had heard that he had performed this sign, went out to meet him.

### 2. \_\_\_\_\_ Followers

Read John 12:9–11; 19

Meanwhile a large crowd of Jews found out that Jesus was there and came, not only because of him but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests made plans to kill Lazarus as well, for on account of him many of the Jews were going over to Jesus and believing in him.

So the Pharisees said to one another, “See, this is getting us nowhere. Look how the whole world has gone after him!”

Fear of man will prove to be a snare.

Proverbs 29:25

### 3. \_\_\_\_\_ Followers

Read John 12:20–26

Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the festival. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. “Sir,” they said, “we would like to see Jesus.” Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus.

Jesus replied, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.