

## Missionary Updates ...Craig Wickstrom serving with Serve Globally

My name is Craig Wickstrom and I am preparing to serve as liaison between Serve Globally of the Evangelical Covenant Church of America (ECC) and the Covenant Church of the Democratic Republic of Congo (CEUM).

I will be helping to maintain the relationship between the ECC and the CEUM that began in 1937 when the former missionaries sent to support a new church planted in the northwest corner of Congo. Today that church serves over one million people with the ECC still walking alongside it.



In October of 2017 the call I received was from Congo asking if I would consider replacing retiring missionary Keith Gustafson as liaison between the ECC and the CEUM. I already possessed a deep love for the people of the Congo because I have served as missionary in Central African Republic and Congo. I consented.

However the call was confirmed when I visited the Congo in April of 2018 asserting the importance of missionary advocates to help maintain the relationship between the ECC and the CEUM. The call that excites me is a call to help strengthen all manner of relationships between these two churches.

I don't know exactly when I will begin to travel to Congo, but my hope is that my financial support will reach critical point by August so that I can begin helping with planned trips by September.

### Prayer Requests:

1. My greatest challenge is to stay focused and positive.
2. To use my work experience in public administration wisely.
3. For financial support as I continue to contact potential partners.

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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.

**Communion Sunday** — Today is Communion Sunday and all who have accepted Christ as their savior are welcome to participate. The bread that is being served is gluten-free for the convenience of all participants.

**Compassion Offering**—will be received today to be used for emergencies or other unforeseen needs of those in our congregation or community. The collection plate will be at the rear of the church. You may use your offering envelope and mark the section "other" as Compassion Fund.



**Waffles & Widows** — will be meeting on Saturday, June 8 at 10am in the gym. Please contact Tucky Dill at 218.742.6040 with questions.

**Congratulations** — to our high school graduates! Erika Hufnagle, Maggie Morgan, Ryan Todd, and Shelby Layman. Upcoming celebration...  
• Shelby Layman — Monday, June 3 • 5-8pm • gym



**60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party** — All are invited to come celebrate with Rodney & Judy Lofgren on Sunday, June 16, from 1-3pm in the gym.

**Summer Office Hours** — Monday-Thursday, 8am-12pm.

**Summer Newsletters** — are available by the Mission's Center.

### Community Opportunities ...

**Community Clothes Closet** — Drop-off on Wednesday, June 5; shopping Thursday, June 6; 10am-1pm.



**Memorial Butterfly Release** — A fundraiser for Fairview Range Home Care & Hospice. Order deadline is July 1. There is additional information and order sheets in the lobby.

**Northern Options for Women**— is hosting it's Baby Bottle campaign through Father's Day. All proceeds will support our center for life.

### Will God Provide?

Matthew 6:25-33

God's \_\_\_\_\_

And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:19

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Your \_\_\_\_\_

1. If \_\_\_\_\_

You do not have, because you do not ask God. James 4:2

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6, 7

You haven't done this before. Ask, using my name, and you will receive, and you will have abundant joy. John 16:24 (NLT)

2. If \_\_\_\_\_

But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. 1 Timothy 6:6-7

I know how to live on almost nothing or with everything. I have learned the secret of contentment in every situation. Philippians 4:12 (LB)

3. If \_\_\_\_\_

Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. Luke 6:38

Honor the Lord by giving him the first part of all your income, and he will fill your barns... Proverbs 3:9-10 (LB)

4. If \_\_\_\_\_

...your heavenly Father already knows perfectly well that you need them, and he will give them to you if you give him first place in your life and live as he wants you to. Matthew 6:33 (LB)

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. 1 Timothy 6:17

He gives food to those who trust him; he never forgets his promises. Psalm 111:5 (LB)

I sought the LORD, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears. Psalm 34:4