

Wow ! It has already been a year since I arrived here. I have learned so much culturally.

Language learning continues and these days I have specifically been trying to work on memorizing some prayers and not be struggling and stuttering along which is one of the hardest things not to do. But I am coming to realize how hard it is to pray in a language other than your own.

Of course language learning was a big part of my goal for the first years of being here, but I didn't know much of what I would be doing after that; like teaching English, medical volunteering or health teaching since I am a nurse-midwife by profession.

But I have been amazed by the ways in which He has placed others on my team with similar vision for health care teaching and with ideas as to how to do it as a business in the country.

Also, my second language helper is pregnant and she was willing to have health education from me while I learned medical and baby vocabulary.

Because of changes in the tourist visas on how long you can stay, I am working on a business visa in the line of health education which I pray that the government will accept.

Prayer Requests:

1. For continual progress in language learning.
2. Open doors for a business visa to be able to stay in the country.

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.



We will be having Kids Club at the South Falls Apartments on Wednesdays, July 24-September 4, 3:00-4:30pm. Please pray about how you can help, then sign-up to help using the Kids Club insert that is in the bulletin. We need teen and adult helpers who can organize activities or come and help on Wednesdays. Put your completed insert on the table in the lobby. Also, there is a sign-up sheet for snacks and invitations to pass out to families.

This ministry is taking the place of VBS this year. Children and families can come any of the Wednesdays. If you have questions, see or call Lynn Peterson, 218-324-0508.



Pack the Pew — The Expo Crew is helping the local Falls Hunger Coalition replenish the food shelf during the month of July. If you wish to give monetary donations, please make a check out to 'Falls Hunger Coalition'.

Prayer Meeting — Join others every Monday night at 6:30pm in the Sparky Room for a time of prayer.

Celebrate Recovery — every Tuesday at 7pm in Room 200. CR is open to anyone who struggles with hurts, habits and hang-ups.

Prayer Chain — If you have a prayer request or would like to be added to the prayer chain, please email Sue Natysin at ifeccprayer-chain@gmail.com or snatysin@gmail.com.



Learning & Serving Opportunity — Do you have a love for kids? We are looking for someone who would like to train to be an Awana Commander. If you are interested, please contact Tom Holm Jr. or Melissa Holt.

Community Opportunities ...

Community Café — Tuesday, July 23 at 5pm at Backus Community Center. If you would like to help serve, please sign-up in the lobby.

Overcoming Fear

Psalm 27

When evil people come to devour me ...
when my enemies and foes attack me
though a mighty army surround me ...
even if I am attacked ...

Psalm 27:2,3 (NLT)

1. Remember God's _____.

The LORD is my light and my salvation— so why should I be afraid? The LORD is my fortress, protecting me from danger, so why should I tremble?
Psalm 27:1 (NLT)

In him was life, and that life was the light of all men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. John 1:4, 5 (NIV)

This is the message we heard from Jesus and now declare to you: God is light; and there is no darkness in him at all. 1 John 1:5 (NLT)

2. Seek God's _____.

One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple. For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling, he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent and set me high upon a rock. Psalm 27:4, 5 (NIV)

I am the vine and you are the branches. If a man abides in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. John 15:5 (NIV)

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me. Psalm 23:4 (NIV)

3. Ask for God's _____.

v. 7 Hear my voice when I call, O Lord, be merciful to me and answer me.
v. 9 Do not hide your face from me, do not turn your servant away in anger --- Do not reject me or forsake me.
v. 12 Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes.

Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand.

Philippians 4:6, 7 (NLT)

4. Trust in God's _____.

I am still confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD. Psalm 27:13, 14 (NIV)