

Missionary Highlight ...Galen Johnson *servicing with SEED Company through Wycliffe*

Well, it is 2020 and where did the time go? In the end of October, I returned from the Congo with a number of high points to keep me engaged and joyful. I want to share these now.



New Testament desktop publishing (DRC): All three of the Ubangi Cluster language teams have now compiled their New Testaments for printing. With the help of Wycliffe United States, 6,500 copies will be printed of each New Testament, and be shipped to DRC in a single container. It will take 12-18 months to arrive; plans for the dedication are being made for 2021.

Jesus Film (DRC): 9 languages (8 SEED Company supported projects) have completed the script for the Jesus Film. Four teams have recorded the film and now have digital copies of the film to show, share, and copy. The other five teams will complete their recording later this month.

Travel to the Central African Republic: Last month, our travel evacuation agency issued the following travel advisory, "Do not travel to Central African Republic due to civil unrest." Fortunately, I have trusted national colleagues who assess the situation on the ground so this week I will travel to work with our national partner.

Prayer Requests:

1. For Galen's protection and safety as he travels to these African countries.
2. For health, energy and continued strength.

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** is for 3-7 year olds; 8 yrs old and older need to stay with their parents. Parents, drop off your children prior to joining the service. (10:30am service)

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 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.

Annual Meeting — Sunday, February 9, at 11:45am. An agenda for the meeting is available on the Mission's Barrel. We will be enjoying pizza & salad for lunch; please bring a sweet to share with others. Ministry leaders, please have your report in to the office by February 3.

Our Condolences — are extended to Von & Kris Morgan and family on the recent loss of Von's father, Pete Morgan.

- **Ladies Bible Study** — Mondays at 1pm in Room 200
- **Prayer Meeting** — Mondays at 6:30pm in Sparky Room #1
- **Ladies Bible Study** — Tuesdays at 9:15am in Room 200
- **Prayer** — Tuesdays at 6:45pm in the Prayer Room
- **Celebrate Recovery** — Tuesdays at 7pm in Room 200
- **Awana** — Wednesdays • Supper at 5; Clubs at 6pm
- **Teens** — Wednesdays at 7-8:30pm in the Teen Room
- **Divorce Care** — Thursdays at 6:30pm in Room 200 (Feb 6)
- **Young Adults** — Thursdays at 7pm in the Teen Room
- **Grief Share** — Saturdays at 10am in Room 200

Community Opportunities...

Waffles & Widows — Saturday, February 8, at 10am.

Fairview Range Candlelight Memorial Service — Tuesday, February 18 at 7pm. Please RSVP to 283.3031.

Community Café — Tuesday, February 25 at 5pm.

Community Clothes Closet — You can drop off gently used clothing or household items on Wednesday, Feb 5; all are welcome to shop for needed items on Thursday, Feb 6. The Closet is open 10am-1pm.

A Blessed People

Ephesians 1.1-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ.
Ephesians 1.3 (NASB)

1. God _____ us.

For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will – to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves.
Ephesians 1.4-6

For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, 'Abba! Father!'
Romans 8.15

2. God _____ us.

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding.
Ephesians 1.7-8 (NIV)

Because of the sacrifice of the Messiah, his blood poured out on the altar of the Cross, we're a free people – free of penalties and punishments chalked up by all our misdeeds. And not just barely free, either. Abundantly free!
Ephesians 1.7-8 (Message)

So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. John 8.36 (NIV)

3. God has _____ for us.

He thought of everything, provided for everything we could possibly need, letting us in on the plans he took such delight in making. He set it all out before us in Christ, a long-range plan in which everything would be brought together and summed up in him, everything in deepest heaven, everything on planet earth. It's in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for. Long before we first heard of Christ and got our hopes up, he had his eye on us, had designs on us for glorious living, part of the overall purpose he is working out in everything and everyone.
Ephesians 1.9–12 (Message)

It's in Christ that you, once you heard the truth and believed it (this Message of your salvation), found yourselves home free – signed, sealed, and delivered by the Holy Spirit. This signet from God is the first installment on what's coming, a reminder that we'll get everything God has planned for us, a praising and glorious life.

Ephesians 1.13-14 (Message)