

Missionary Highlight

Craig Wickstrom – Congo

I have proposed a change in my ministry focus. Originally, my primary responsibility was to walk alongside those traveling between America and Congo.



My goal now is to visit all 46 regions of the CEUM and then to visit them again; I want to get to know both clergy and laity, encouraging them simply by my presence.

Many people in the CEUM have never seen an American Covenant, and my presence has encouraged them in ways I don't fully understand.

I believe that this ministry of presence must be central to the relationship between American and Congolese Covenant.

In September I will be 65 and it will take a new person to replace me, four or five years to raise funds, study Lingala and French, become culturally aware and learn how to listen in a constructive way.

Finally, the Covenant is raising funds to help the CEUM with some basic infrastructure needs. They need better solar power, office equipment and training are part of the Enhanced Technology project.

Prayer Requests:

1. For strength and efficiency as I travel to the Congo.
2. For God to prepare someone to replace me in the coming years.
3. For the continued reconciliation between ECC (America) and CEUM (Congo).

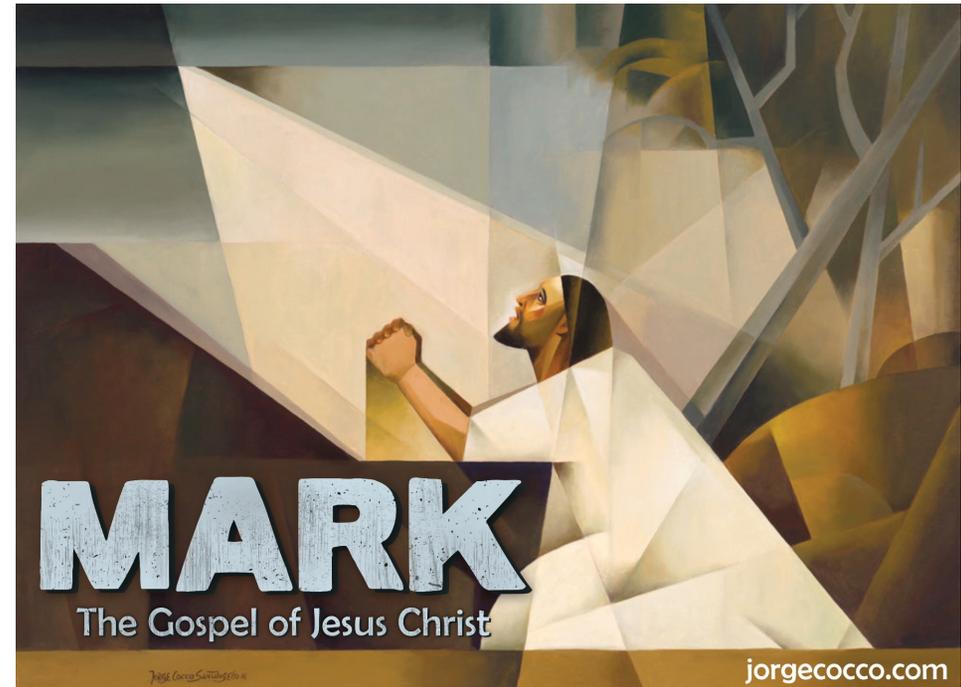
August 2022

	YTD Giving	YTD Expenses
General Fund (Calendar Year)	\$ 159,350	\$ 186,196
Missions Fund (Budget Year)	\$ 37,318	\$ 28,998



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Weekly Events & Opportunities

- A Mother's Room (back of the sanctuary) and Nursery (downstairs) are available for **families with young children.**
- **Prayer Gathering** – Monday, Sept 19 at 6:30pm.
- **Wednesday Night Activities:**
 - **Covenant Kids** – for those in K- Grade 5. Free family supper served from 5:15-5:45pm; club activities from 6-7:30pm.
 - **Teens** – for those in Grades 6-12 from 6-8pm; meal at 6.
- **65+ Campfire & Leaf Tour** – at the Magnuson's (3242 Cty Rd 24; Van Lynn Road) on Sept 22 at 5:30pm. Please eat before coming; snacks will be provided. The van will be available to transport you to Magnuson's; sign-up in the lobby. If you have a side-by-side that you are willing to drive or borrow, please contact Magnuson's.
- **Baby Shower for Rachel Griffith** – will be on Saturday, Sept 24 at 1pm at Francine Anderson's home (3501 Cty Rd 130). Rachel is registered at www.babylist.com/kdcityurr or City Drug.
- **Membership Class** – September 24; 10am-2pm.
- **Bluewater Covenant Women's Fall Retreat** – Sept 23-25; \$85; Kecia Stroot will be sharing; register online.

Why Jesus Came ...to Give His Life

Mark 10.32-45

³² And they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them. And they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. And taking the twelve again, he began to tell them what was to happen to him, ³³ saying, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles. ³⁴ And they will mock him and spit on him, and flog him and kill him. And after three days he will rise."

³⁵ And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." ³⁶ And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" ³⁷ And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." ³⁸ Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" ³⁹ And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, ⁴⁰ but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." ⁴¹ And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. ⁴² And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. ⁴³ But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant,⁴⁴ and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."