

Missionary Highlight



Tim & Mary Sue Austin –
Converge in Senegal

Information about Senegal: Many of the people of Senegal know Jesus as a prophet in Islam. They have not had a chance to hear the Good News because they have little access to the Gospel– inaccessible Bibles, no relevant churches, few believers or missionaries nearby.

Of the 19 unreached people groups in Senegal, translation work has begun in all the groups except one. Two have the complete Bible, while eight have only the New Testament in their language.

After five decades of diligent work, the Wolof and Pulasí Bibles are almost complete. This is significant because nearly 13 million Senegalese (80%) speak Wolof. Since Wolof is a widely used trade language, the Wolof Bible could be understood by over twenty other groups.

Once these scriptures are available, missionaries and national Christians will pursue creative and effective ways to get the Word of God into the hands of the Christians for discipleship and into the ears of the Muslims for Gospel outreach.

Missionaries have come and gone over the decades. Presently, only 40-50 missionaries are working or preparing to work directly with these two ethnic groups.

Prayer Requests:

1. For health, strength, encouragement for national Christians and missionaries as they labor to bring Jesus to the people of Senegal.
2. The translation work would soon be available and God would be preparing hearts to receive His message.



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Weekly Events & Opportunities

- A Parent's Room (back of the sanctuary) and Nursery (downstairs) are available for **families with young children.**
- **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** – We will be collecting a Compassion Offering as you exit our time of worship. Gifts received will be used to help individuals or families with unexpected expenses.
- **Adult Sunday School** – Room 200 at 9:30am.
- **Annual Congregational Meeting** – Today, Feb 5 at 11:45am.
Nominees for the Leadership Team:
Financial Officer – Austin Homkes
Administrative officer – Milt Layman
Vice Chair – Andy Hedlund or Wayne Schrock
- Nominees for the Nominating Committee: (2 will be elected)
Phyllis Holm Will Davies Priscilla Schrock
Howard Hauge Rod Mortenson
- **MN Teen Challenge Choir** – Sunday, Feb 19. The choir will provide a time of music & testimonies. There will be a meal following that all are invited to.
- **Mark your Calendars** – for March 5-12! Plans are still being made, but mark your calendar to join us for as many activities as you can.
Mark & Tina Mast will be joining us on March 5. If you are interested in their missions trips to Guatemala, look on Facebook under 'Mark Tina Mast'. They are in Guatemala Jan 23-31.
- Northern Options for Women would like to thank the church for hosting the annual Baby Shower. It was a fun event and many gifts were received for the center.

Journey to the Cross: Communion

Mark 14.12-25

¹² And on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, his disciples said to him, "Where will you have us go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?" ¹³ And he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him, ¹⁴ and wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, 'The Teacher says, Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?'" ¹⁵ And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us." ¹⁶ And the disciples set out and went to the city and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

¹⁷ And when it was evening, he came with the twelve. ¹⁸ And as they were reclining at table and eating, Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me." ¹⁹ They began to be sorrowful and to say to him one after another, "Is it I?" ²⁰ He said to them, "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the dish with me. ²¹ For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born."

²² And as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." ²³ And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. ²⁴ And he said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. ²⁵ Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."