

Missionary Highlight



Craig Wickstrom – Serve Globally

I plan to be home in the United States from April through July and I am hoping that I can use that time to meet supporters.

These last three months have been busy. In January I traveled to Congo with Africa Coordinator for Covenant Missions, Rev. Josef Rasheed, to observe the CEUM bi-

ennial business meeting. It was a time of peaceful and unified celebration with delegates from all 46 regions of the CEUM.

Rev. Rasheed gave the opening message and assured the CEUM that the American Covenant remained committed to our partnership and to the administration of President Theophile Duale Langba. Peace, Unity, and Partnership were the three central themes of the meetings.

Later I traveled by flying to Bangui, then crossing the river to Zongo, to catch a ride to Geneva and Karawa. There I joined the CEUM in celebrating a delegation from Serve Globally, including our new Executive Minister, Grace Shiva.

After they left, I remained to work with CEUM department heads on project proposals. Our goal will be to complete a collection of integrated proposals and submit them to our Covenant partners soon.

I praise each of you who care about the Congo.

Prayer Requests:

1. For the CEUM – That peace would come & Christ's body would grow in maturity.
2. For the Bible translators who continue to work on translations into dozens of languages in the Ubangi.
3. For my travels, safety and smooth; physical health.

April 2023	YTD Giving	YTD Expenses
General Fund (Calendar Year)	\$ 85,138	\$ 77,079
Missions Fund (Budget Year)	\$ 6,611	\$ 5,416



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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**.
- **Name Tag Sunday** – Please grab a name tag, write your name on it, and tag yourself! We have gained many new faces & the name tags will allow us to become better acquainted with one another.
- **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.
- **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.
- Pastor Seth will be sharing about his trip to the **Middle East** on Friday, May 12, at 6:30pm at the home of Andy & Laurie Hedlund; 3465 Duluth Street; Ranier.
- Sunday Morning **Prayer Time** will continue to meet from 9:30-10:15am in Room 200. We will be praying for the Worship Service & other requests. Please join us!
- **All-Church Camp** will be July 21-23 Sign-up in the lobby!
- The current **Faith Promise** amount stands at \$59,855. We need \$4,695 more to meet the bare-bones budget of \$64,550. To date, 41 people have given in faith. Have you? Thank you so much to those who have prayed, trusted and given.

Our Father in Heaven

Matthew 6.9-13

Our Father, who is in Heaven
Hallowed be Your Name
Your Kingdom come, Your will be done
On earth as it is in Heaven
Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive us of our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil
For Yours is the Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory
Forever and ever. Amen.