

Upcoming Events

- May & June

8 TRUTHS OF THE GOSPEL - Good Soil Training

New Church Directory Forms:

Please direct completed forms & any Questions to:

Ivis Quann or Karin DelPercio

Directory photo scheduling - TBA

CONNECT Card - New bulletin format

- Pray About Sponsoring Dr. JD Smith's 450 mile 5 Day Bike Ride that has been completed - 2.222 X \$450 = GOAL of 1 Mil.

MISSIONAL TEAMS:

- Internal / Discipleship - Don & Carm Hickson
- External/Outreach - Jose & Ivis Quann
- Bldg. & Grounds - Bill & Laura Dolhansky
- Technology - Mark & Jillaine Couse

— MISSIONARIES —



Angelyn McMurray

- "We Are Free"
- <https://www.wearefree.us/>

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- AFGHANISTAN -

FRONT-LINE WORKER REQUESTS PRAYER FOR CHRISTIANS, TALIBAN

- Since the Taliban took control of Afghanistan in 2021, life for Christians is difficult. Most Afghan Christians fled, but some remained. "It is very challenging for the normal Afghan & very, very hard for Christians," a front-line worker shared. "Persecution has escalated from the government, local religious authorities, family, & community, and it is still escalating." Remaining Christians struggle with isolation, but some cautiously reach out. "Our Afghan brothers & sisters feel pressure, like sheep among wolves, but the desperation there is leading to opportunities for them to share 'God stories' that can lead to conversations about Christ. Pray for the Taliban," the front-line worker added. "They are fighters, not governors. Pray that they will lead by peace, do what's good for the country & that they will come to Christ."
- The good news of Christ reached Afghanistan by the second century, but today there are no church buildings. Cultural & religious opposition to the gospel as well as significant security issues remain great challenges for all missions efforts in this Central Asian nation, & sadly, most Afghans have never heard the gospel, do not know a Christian & have been indoctrinated to follow Muhammad's teachings without question. Radical Islam & violent tribal political activity make the nation a difficult & dangerous place for Christians to practice their faith. There is, nevertheless, a special unity among Christians laboring for the gospel in Afghanistan. Indigenous, near-culture & expatriate believers are boldly taking risks & using every possible opportunity to help believers grow in faith & connect with local house churches. While church growth has been slow among the more than 40 unique people groups, significant Christian growth has occurred among the Hazara people, & members of other people groups are also coming to know Christ.
- 99.8 % of Afghans are Muslims, with 90 % Sunni & 10 percent Shiite.
- PLEASE PRAY:
- For the peace, protection & provision of believers & their families.
- For believers who gather in small groups for prayer, encouragement, training & worship.
- For front-line workers involved in evangelism, discipleship & house churches.
- That Bible translation, radio, TV & social media ministries will bear much fruit.
- That our brothers & sisters will persevere through opposition & persecution.
- For greater access to God's Word in every language & for every tribal group.

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