

Upcoming Events

- Sermon Series through 11/12 - "Biblical Church Life"
- Through 11/26 - IDOP / Collecting for Bibles
 - Cash / Checks payable to VOM
 - Please place payment in box in foyer (\$6 per bible)
 - Please see Marie Bodine with questions
- Wed 11/15 @ 6-8PM - Sisters by Grace - "Friendsgiving Fellowship" Tea
 - BY TODAY - PLEASE RSVP to: Marie Bodine
 - See Diane Maytag (Food Coord) & Marie Bodine (Hostess Coord)
- Sun 12/17 @ 1PM - Christmas Outreach @ La Cascata
 - Donate: NEW Winter hats, gloves & scarves / ADOPT A FAMILY
 - List of names & ages in need will be available by 12/3
 - See Ivis Quann or Carmella McMurray
- Wed 12/20 - 6PM @ Silas Hall - "A Family Christmas Celebration Dinner"
- Recommended Resource - *Church is a Team Sport: A Championship Strategy for Doing Ministry Together* by Jim Putman (\$11.49 @ Amazon)
- 10% of ALL our Giving goes to Global Missions
Designated Offerings can be made to - Local Outreaches, Changemakers, Etc.
- Get CONNECTED with God, His Church & His People via our CONNECT Card
- 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.
- On which MISSIONAL TFAM should I be Serving?
 - Internal / Discipleship - Don & Carm Hickson
 - External/Outreach - Jose & Ivis Quann
 - Bldg. & Grounds - Bill & Laura Dolhansky
 - Technology - Mark & Jillaine Couse

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HOPE AFTER THE EARTHQUAKE

- On September 8, 2023, a massive 6.8 earthquake rattled parts of Morocco, killing nearly 3,000 & affecting roughly 300,000. One Christian family lives near the epicenter of the quake & shared their experience. They were awoken around 11 PM & rushed outside as buildings around them shook & collapsed. "It was a dramatic experience," said the front-line worker. "We were on the street all night long as the village we had lived in for 20 years was destroyed." The worker reported that 1,000 people died in that village alone. Even through their heartache, Moroccan Christians intend to be a beacon of hope, & they ask the global body of Christ to pray for their witness amid this tragedy. One Moroccan church leader told VOM that the Lord put Isaiah 61 on his heart, & he hopes the local church will "comfort those who mourn" & serve as God's conduits to bestow "oil of joy instead of mourning."
- Nearly all Moroccans are Sunni Muslims. Morocco is ruled by a monarch who is purportedly a direct descendant of the prophet Muhammad & intends to govern the nation with Islamic principles. The North African country has experienced over 1,100 years of Islamic oppression since Morocco's historic people group, the Berbers, were forced into Islam by invading Arabs in the eighth century. Today, only a fraction of 1% of the population is Christian. The growth of Christianity has been slow, with a major setback occurring in 2010 when hundreds of missionaries were forced to leave the country. With the rise of digital technology & social media, more Moroccans are coming to faith in Christ.
- The government is the main persecutor. Family, friends & communities also persecute Christian converts.
- There are no church buildings in Morocco. Bible distribution & missionary activity are not allowed in the country. Christians have difficulty finding fellowship, but networks of underground churches have developed. A number of Christians have been imprisoned on charges of apostasy & proselytizing.
- About 35 million people live in Morocco, but few printed Bibles exist in the country. It is difficult to get a Bible, but believers access Scripture through creative methods such as digital files on SD cards, which they can use on their mobile phones & tablets.

PLEASE PRAY:

- That Bibles will become more accessible throughout the country.
- That believers will boldly share the gospel with their families.
- For King Mohammed VI & other government leaders.
- For the wisdom of believers caught by secret police.
- For unity among Christians in Morocco.

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