

Upcoming Events

- Nursery Available (Ages 0-5) - Parents > attendant will escort you
- Every Sunday - L.I.F.E. Groups @ 9-10AM - All Ages
- Thank you FBC! - 32 Pounds of diapers donated to SJ Dream Center!
- August - No Monthly Board Mtg. We will regroup September 9th
- Aug. 5th - "National Night Out" @ La Cascata
- Aug 11th -15th - Family Retreat →
IF YOU HAVE RESERVED A ROOM(S)
 - ASAP - Please email Laura @ Laura.Dolhansky@gmail.com with -
 - (1) Your address (2) # of adults (3) Ages of any kids under 17
 - Adults (18+) > \$335 per person (Includes gratuity)
 - Ages 12-17 > \$200
 - Ages 5-11 > \$155
 - Ages 0-4 > Free
- Sept. 10th (Wed) - WAF Auction Donations Due (Please see Letter for Details)
 - Ques? > to Deb Simone
 - Please place donations in Silas Hall. Tagged with Giver Name
 - Monetary donations > Deb Simone/Karen Wells (Checks @ We Are Free)
- Sept. 25th (Thursday) - "We Are Free" Golf Tournament @ Valleybrook
- Now through Aug 31st - Gift Donations for Ladies Retreat (Ramie Hood)
 - All donations in foyer please
- 10% of ALL our Giving goes to Global Missions
Designated Offerings can be made to - Local Outreach, Changemakers etc.
- Get CONNECTED with God, His Church & His People see - CONNECT Card
- Wednesdays @ 7:00PM Bible Study & Prayer www.fairmeeting.net/fbcblackwood



Arizona (Arabic Church Plant)

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Persecuted Christian - BHUTAN -

FRONT LINE COUPLE FAITHFUL IN TRIALS

A pastor & his wife remain firm in their faith despite persecution & family troubles. The government holds strict policies regarding non-Buddhist religions. Pastor Tshewang lost his government job & retirement when he was arrested & refused to recant his faith in Christ. Since then, with the help of the body of Christ,

Tshewang & his wife have built a business that provides chances to share the gospel in their community. They have continued to disciple & baptize new believers, including 5 recent converts. However they have also experienced heartbreak as their son has fallen into drug use. Pray for their ministry, healing & restoration for their son.

Until the 80s, Bhutan was isolated from the rest of the world by its Himalayan geography, poor infrastructure & international relations. In '08, the country adopted a multiparty constitutional democracy & implemented a new constitution that affords a greater level of religious freedom. Most Christians in Bhutan are of Nepali heritage, & believers are focused on reaching the ethnic Bhutanese with the message of Christ.

88% are Buddhists & approx. 1% are Christians. Christians are restricted by laws & persecuted by local authorities.

The king defends Buddhism & the government discourages the spread of Christianity, enacting an anti-conversion law punishable by imprisonment. Christians are viewed as followers of a Western religion. There's no opportunity for legal church registration. Christians often lose their jobs & are unable to find work due to their faith. They can lose citizenship & privileges for being a Christian, so many must worship in secret. Few Bibles are allowed legally & widespread distribution is restricted. Most must be smuggled in.

PLEASE PRAY - That God's Word will reach Christians & seekers like Pema & family despite restrictions > For Christians like Karna, Deki & Ratno who have lost jobs & citizenship because of their faith > That secret Christian meetings fuel a bold witness for Christ > Using Isaiah 54:17 as a guide, pray that government efforts to stop the spread of Christianity will fail. > For effective discipleship efforts to prepare new leaders for local churches.

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