

Upcoming Events

- Nursery Available (Ages 0-5) - Parents > attendant will escort you
- Every Sunday - L.I.F.E. Groups @ 9-10AM - All Ages
- Now through Father's Day (Sun. 6/15)
 1. Baby Bottle Campaign - Pick up baby bottles in the foyer
 2. Diaper Drive - Need sizes 4, 5, 6 & 7
 - All donations in foyer please - (Marie Bodine)
- June 10th (Tues) - Monthly Board Mtg. @ 7PM (in-person/online)
- Aug 11th -15th - Family Retreat
 - IF YOU HAVE RESERVED A ROOM(S) →
 - 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
- 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
- Wednesday nights @ 7:00PM - Bible Study & Prayer
www.fairmeeting.net/fbcblackwood

— MISSIONARIES —



Romania

- Candra Barnett
- candrainromania@gmail.com

Persecuted Christian

- TAJIKISTAN -

PERSECUTED FOR DISCIPLING CHILDREN IN CHRIST

A Tajik Christian has been penalized for sharing the gospel with children. In Tajikistan, teaching children about Christ is illegal, but Christian parents & pastors continue discipling children. One church leader was caught trying to bring Christian children's books into the country & now faces expensive fines & multiple court appearances. "This restriction is a hard one, especially on parents," said a front-line worker. "Their kids cannot go to church on Sundays, but they are taught Islam on the streets. It's really hard to go against the flow without a church family supporting & encouraging children." Christians in Tajikistan request prayer for increased opportunities to discuss Christian faith with their children without interference, & for the Lord to help them be good role models. They also request prayer for the church leader facing penalties for importing Christian materials.

Most churches in Tajikistan have been forced to meet covertly for more than a decade, following the revocation of their registration. Economic hardship in the nation has forced many pastors & church leaders to seek work in Russia to support their families. Tajikistan lacks basic infrastructure, & its difficulties are compounded by corruption & the opium trade. The country has experienced an influx of refugees from Afghanistan & has the Taliban at its border.

Nearly all Tajiks are Sunni Muslims. Fewer than 1/2 of 1% are Christians. Christian converts from Islam are persecuted by family members, & unregistered churches are increasingly harassed by the government. New Christian converts receive the harshest treatment. Believers are sometimes beaten & abused, & they are frequently summoned for questioning by the secret police. Many churches meet openly, but government informants are often in attendance. The government restricts evangelism & the distribution of Christian literature, which it considers "extremist literature." Many have left Islam to follow Christ in recent years despite the extreme opposition.

PLEASE PRAY:

For Christian converts who suffer persecution from family members or the secret police.

That Christians will boldly share the gospel with Tajik children, even though it is prohibited by law.

Using Isaiah 52:7 - thank God for ministry w/ people in remote areas

For the courage, protection & perseverance of those working to translate the Bible into local languages.

Bibles are available only in some Tajik cities. Pray that every Tajik believer will own a copy of God's Word.

WWW.PERSECUTED.COM/STORIES

