

Upcoming Events

- Today's Nursery Attendants: Ivis & Diane
 - Children ages 0-5 years
 - Parents/Guardians - Nursery attendant will escort you.
- All of March (Every Sunday) - New Members Class @ 9-10AM
- March 11th (Tues) - Monthly in-person Board Meeting @ 7PM
 - Members welcome
- Starting April 6th (Every Sunday) - L.I.F.E. Groups@ 9-10AM
 - Groups of All Ages
- April 6th @ FBC - Joint Worship Service - FBC & Living Word
- 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 see - CONNECT Card
- Join us Wednesday nights @ 7:00PM - Bible Study & Prayer Time
 - www.fairmeeting.net/fbcblackwood

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Papua New Guinea

- Jeremy & Mandy Hambrice

Persecuted Christian

- BANGLADESH -

PERSECUTION SPURS MUSLIM FAMILY TO SUPPORT CHRISTIAN BROTHER

- Like many Bangladeshi Christians in the months since the August 2024 overthrow of the government, Arif has faced increased pressure from Muslim extremist groups because of his faith in Christ. Witnessing this, Arif's brothers, who are still Muslim, have declared their support for him & their opposition to the Muslim clerics who have harassed Arif. Pray for Arif to stand firm in the truth of 2 Cor. 4:17-18, verses he shared with front-line workers: "For this light momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen." Pray also that Arif's brothers, & all Muslims who are disillusioned by Islam because of extremist violence, will find peace & comfort in Jesus Christ.
- Until the 21st century, Bangladesh was considered one of the poorest countries. Though there are signs of economic growth, governmental instability continues. Churches are careful when offering relief to the poor & needy as they do not want to encourage false conversions among people claiming faith in Christ solely for economic benefit. While Bangladesh is a majority-Muslim nation, the government avoids undue influence from Islamists & actively fights extremism. Millions of Bangladeshis are learning about Christ & the Bible through media outreaches.
- 87% are Sunni Muslims & 2% are Shia Muslims. About 1/2 of 1% are Christians.
- Local Muslim authorities, Islamic extremist groups, families & communities persecute Christians. Hindus persecute believers in the N.W. part of the country, & Buddhist extremists persecute believers in the S.W.
- Christian groups meet publicly, while others worship in unregistered churches. If Muslims convert to Christianity, they're often forced to leave their community.
- The Bangladesh Bible Society/missions community have made Bibles available in many languages. But, in rural areas it is difficult finding & acquiring them.

PLEASE PRAY:

- For Juhel, who was beaten in the street after telling others about his faith in Christ.
- Praise God for the bold faith of Shebona, a teenager who led her siblings to faith in Christ.
- For Rojina, who has faced opposition while leading evangelistic teams into slums to share the gospel.
- For Abdul, a former imam who was beaten by his nephew because of his faith in Christ.
- That Christians who are rejected by family members because of their faith will show God's love to them.

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