

Upcoming Events

- Nursery Available (Ages 0-5) - Parents > attendant will escort you
- Every Sunday - L.I.F.E. Groups @ 9-10AM - All Ages
- July 8th (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 —



Mexico

- Grady & Denise Johnson
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- BURKINA FASO -

ISLAMISTS INCREASE ATTACKS ON CHRISTIANS

- According to Burkinabe church leaders from 2 denominations, attacks on Christians by Islamist insurgents are rapidly increasing. Leaders from one denomination say that from Jan. 2024 until the beginning of 2025, 10 pastors were murdered, 220 displaced, 7 abducted, 179 churches closed, 22 churches burned or destroyed, & 177 Christians murdered. Nearly 31,000 of the denomination's church members have been displaced. Another denomination reports that 797 pastors (70%) have been displaced, 7 killed, & 97 churches burned or destroyed with 946 churches closed & 115 Christians killed. Additionally, more than 100,000 of that denomination's church members have been displaced. "These are current numbers," said a front-line worker. "We need to increase prayer support for our Burkinabe brothers & sisters, for their protection, for provision, & for their persecutors to come to faith in Christ."
- Burkina Faso has seen a sharp rise in Islamist activity since 2016. Militants linked to the self-proclaimed Islamic State (ISIS) & al-Qaida have crossed porous borders in the north to broaden their influence in the Sahel region. Christians have been a primary target of the Islamists' campaign since April 2019, when approximately 70 Christians were killed & 5 churches were attacked. More than 200 churches have reportedly closed in northern & eastern Burkina Faso because of security issues & threat of attack. Islamist activity also has increased in the southwestern part of the country, with more attacks on churches & the murder of several pastors. As many as 10,000 Christians have fled their homes as a result of violence & threats against Christians throughout the country. More than 2 million people in total have been displaced by the conflict, adding to an already strained economy amid political uncertainty.
- Large churches operate openly in the capital, & until recently even Christians living among Muslims in some villages had freedom to practice their faith. However, attacks against Christians have increased dramatically in recent years & today, few Christians remain in the north & southwest of the country.
- Bibles in French & the Moore language are available in the capital, but few are in minority languages. Distribution is difficult due to security issues in the countryside. The literacy rate is less than 35% nationwide.

PLEASE PRAY

That God will provide every need of Christian widows, who have few ways of supporting themselves.

Pastor Hamadou was shot to death by Islamists opposed to his bold witness. Pray that God will comfort his family.

Islamists burned Pastor Laurent's church & later abducted him. Pray for his protection & release.

For increased access to print & audio Bibles in local languages.

That Christians forced to flee their homes will find fellowship with other believers while they are displaced.

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