

# MAURICE MOMENTS | NOVEMBER 2019

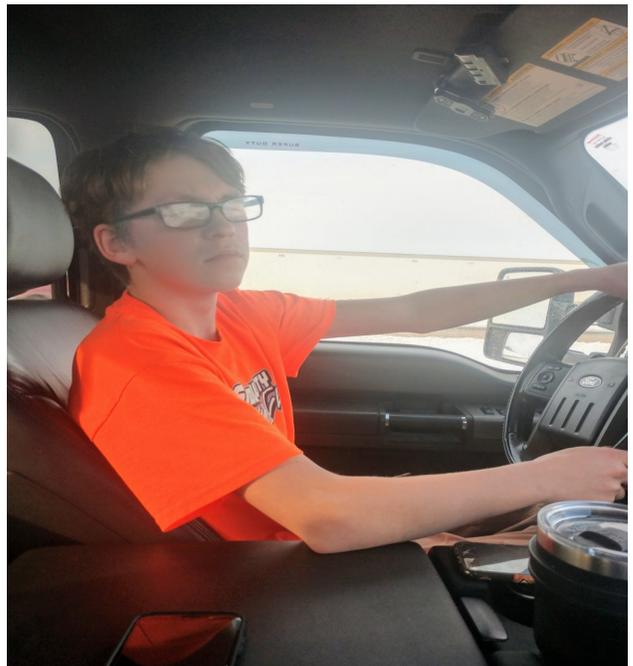


**SATURDAY  
NOVEMBER 9  
MRC FAMILY  
LIFE CENTER**

**BENEFIT FOR  
TEAGYN & CODY**

**SILENT AUCTION AND  
MEAL FROM  
5:00-7:30 PM**

**LIVE AUCTION STARTS  
AT 6:30 PM**



# MRC FAMILY NEWS

## Our members who are celebrating an "Over 80" birthday this month:

### **Norm Van Ommeren**

211 Kentucky Ave SW  
Orange City, IA 51041

\*Norm will celebrate his 82nd birthday  
on November 2



### **Hospitalizations or Health Concerns...**

- ◆ Continued prayers for: Val Dykstra, Brent De Kok, Teagyn Roorda, Cody Van Engen, Lorna Bylsma, Isaac Schmidt, Joan Punt, Ruth Heidebrink, Linda Zevenbergen, Janene Van Gorp

### **Congratulations...**

- ◆ To **Jason & Kayla De Weerd** on the birth of a baby boy, Knox Oliver, born on October 15! Knox was welcomed home by big brother Steele. God's blessings to you all!

### **Sympathies...**

- ◆ To **Ken & Jan Budden** and family in the passing of Chris on October 4. We pray for comfort & peace for them all during this difficult time.
- ◆ To **Debbie Hubers and family** in the passing of her brother, Larry Marlink. Our prayers go out to family and loved ones during this time.
- ◆ To **Rob & Sharon Schelling and family** in the passing of Rob's dad, Gilbert. Prayers for all during this time.

### **New Address...**

- ◆ **Alvis Van Beek**  
3664 Hickory Avenue  
Sioux Center, IA 51250

### **Congregation Thank You Notes**

- ◆ **Ken & Jan Budden** - *Ken and I would like to thank everyone who sent us cards, food, flowers, memorial gifts which all went to Happy Siesta Activity Programs, thoughts and all the many prayers that were lifted up to our Heavenly Father in the passing of Chris. It was hard to say goodbye but we know he is running, laughing, and talking with family and friends up in heaven. Thank you.*
- ◆ **Debbie Hubers** - *Thank you to my church family for all the prayers and love shown to me while I was once again laid up after surgery. It all makes a tough time much easier. I feel very blessed to be part of the Maurice Church family.*
- ◆ **Rog Van Regenmorter** - *I would like to thank MRC for all the cards and notes that were sent to me when I was on the Midwest Honor Flight. It was a great surprise to get all the mail and I appreciated the prayers very much. It was an awesome experience for me and I thank God that I was able to go on this amazing trip for us Vietnam vets. It was truly a healing day for many of us. Thank you so much.*
- ◆ **Janene Van Gorp** - *Thank you all for your kind words, cards and prayers offered during my recent time travelling to Iowa City. Update: Doctors helped determine that on top of the allergies which affected the sinuses, I was having episodes of asthma. I have begun a new medicine that has helped me resume most of my normal activities. I still have times of difficulty catching my breath and feeling congested. I would appreciate continued prayers as we will check back in at the University of Iowa in December.*
- ◆ **Tim, Molly, Collen, and Cody Van Engen** - *Thank you to everyone for all the love and support you have shown us the past few months since Cody's accident. The cards, prayers, calls, visits, texts and meals were very much appreciated.*
- ◆ **Marge Van Ommeren** - *I would like to thank everyone that sent me a birthday card. It seems each verse spoke just the right message that I needed.*

## **CHRISTOPHER M. BUDDEN**

Mr. Christopher Budden, age 43, of Maurice, passed away on Friday, October 4, 2019, at the Happy Siesta Health Center in Remsen.

Christopher Michael was born on June 7, 1976, in Orange City, the son of Kenneth Edward and Janet Lee (Jasper) Budden. He grew up on his parent's farm near Maurice and graduated from the MOC-Floyd Valley High School in 1995. His natural mechanic ability and curiosity about how things work led him to enroll in the Mechanical Engineering and Instrumentation Program at the Northwest Iowa Community College in Sheldon.



After graduation from NCC in 1997, Chris was employed at several area food processing plants including Tyson Foods in Orange City and Quick to Fix, which later became Golden Crisp, in Sioux Center.

He was united in marriage to Lara Blythe, and was blessed with two sons, Casey and Kevin; this marriage later ended. On July 2, 2009, while traveling in Kansas, Chris was involved in a head-on collision which resulted in a traumatic brain injury. After being hospitalized in Joplin, Missouri, he has spent the last ten years of his life in residential treatment facilities in Lincoln, Nebraska; Waterford, Wisconsin; Carbondale, Illinois; Waterloo, Iowa; and Remsen.

Chris was a life-long member of the Maurice Reformed Church. Prior to his injury, he enjoyed playing paintball, and riding four-wheeler and dirt bike with his boys.

He is survived by his two sons, Casey Gene Budden and Kevin Dean Budden, both of Sr. Charles, Missouri; his parents, Ken and Jan Budden, of Maurice; a sister and her husband, April and Robert Alexander, and their children, Adalynn, Moriyah, and Elliott, all of Granville; two aunts and their husbands, Judy and Don Gralaap, of West Bend, Iowa, and Laurie and Roger Scheitler, of Las Vegas, Nevada; and an uncle and his wife, Stacy and Teresa Jasper, of Alton.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Raynold and Gertrude Budden, and Clarence and Betty Jasper; and an uncle, Michael Jasper.



## **PROFESSION OF FAITH - KORTNEY HOFMEYER**

Kortney is the daughter of Rob and Heather Hofmeyer. She has an older brother, Landon, an older sister, Karlee, and a younger sister, Khloe. Kortney is 12 years old and in 7th grade at Orange City Christian School. She plays the baritone and cello and enjoys playing volleyball, basketball, and track. She loves to smile and give hugs. She has an outgoing, sweet, joyful personality. Her passions are youth praise team, being outdoors, playing volleyball, and encouraging others. What she loves about MRC is the opportunity to grow in her faith and the generous people in our congregation, of all ages, who care, encourage, and support her.

***Welcome to the fellowship of MRC, Kortney!***

## **BURNOUT**

Burnout happens when a person keeps doing the same thing over and over until it becomes so monotonous you just don't want to do it anymore. Burnout happens when you say "yes" to too many good projects and you get overwhelmed and burdened down with all that is being asked of you. Burnout can bring a person to the point of emotionally, physically, and spiritually crashing.



Of course for Christians who are volunteering to help out in church, they never burn out. If you believe that, there is a salesman coming to your door soon to sell you an igloo in Phoenix. Christians can overcommit at church and it can lead to wanting to back out of everything in church. We know that isn't right either, so what does a person do? This is what the Apostle Paul writes, "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest, if we don't give up." (Galatians 6:9) Not giving up does not mean to just keep plodding along until you drop.

Here is an idea to help you not overcommit at church, or in life. Join a Life Group! 'What, that is just one more thing to do!' People in Life Groups watch out for each other, they care for each other. Friends tell friends when they are doing too much. Friends encourage friends to step back and take a look at life so you don't burn out. Here is what else Paul wrote, "As we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially those who belong to the family of believers." (Galatians 6:10) If we could paraphrase this teaching it could easily say, "Friends watch out for friends." That's what we do in Life Groups. Joining a Life Group might be just what you need. Is it time to give it a try?



### **THINKING ABOUT POINSETTIAS**



I know it seems early, but it's time to start thinking about Christmas and decorating our church sanctuary. We will again be purchasing poinsettias for Christmas. The cost is unknown at this time and will be payable to the church office. If you wish to purchase a poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved one, please sign the sheet at the information center!

### **WINTER WORK PROJECT**

Just a friendly reminder of the winter work project dates. The winter work project will be February 8-15 in Tarboro, NC. We will be working on homes damaged by flood waters from past year's storms. So mark your calendars and let me know if you have any questions! There is a sign-up sheet available at the information table, along with an information sheet from World Renew on the site information.

Thank you!  
Jerry Vermeer  
The Mission Committee

## **DISCIPLESHIP PASTOR**

At the consistory meeting on Tuesday, October 8, the consistory voted to offer the Discipleship Pastor position to Missy Dokter from First Reformed Church, Orange City. She is currently the Director of Women's Ministries there and is planning to start at MRC in the beginning of January 2020. Missy is also enrolled in Western Theological Seminary in the Distance Learning Program and hopes to be ordained in 2022.

The search team made up of Tracy Cleveringa, Dan DeVries, Dan and Lana Bruxvoort, Rob Hofmeyer, Kim Van Klompenburg, and Deb Walter thanks you for your prayers in this process.





**The MRC cropland was harvested on October 18, resulting in a soybean yield of 69.8 bushels per acre. The grain was sold for a total income of \$28,625.76. The Deacons and cropland committee say a big thank you to all who donated seed, herbicide, machinery and labor this year!**

*“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.”  
1 Peter 4:10*



## 2020 Elder Nominees



Roger De Weerd



Lee Maassen



Daryl Muilenburg



Denny Vander Sluis



Ray Van Gorp



Dan Venema

## 2020 Deacon Nominees



Eric Cleveringa



Josh Dorhout



Brent Hooyer



AJ Smit



Sean Schuller



Michael Vander Schaaf

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

## CHILDREN & WORSHIP

Children ages 3 and 4 are welcome to attend Children & Worship during the service on November 10 and 24. This program teaches children how to worship and they can worship at their level. Watch the screen to know when to bring your child down to Room 2 (this generally happens right after the congregational/offering prayer). After church your child will be brought directly to their singing room, so you do not have to pick them up until after Sunday school.

## AWANA ANNOUNCEMENTS



The kids have been bringing an offering to Awana each week. They voted on where they wanted the money to go. Three mission opportunities were presented to them. Our offering from September through December is going to Midwest Honor Flight!

Awana will have a theme night on November 20. This month's theme is "Pastor and Popcorn Night"! The kids, along with the volunteers, are encouraged to dress like Pastor Ross! During Bible time on this night, the kids will eat popcorn while asking Pastor Ross any questions they want! It should be a fun night.



**NO AWANA ON NOVEMBER 27—THANKSGIVING BREAK**

## SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS



Please continue to encourage your child to work on memorizing the verse of the month! Memory verse for the month of November is: *"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."* 1 John 1:9

**THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY SCHOOL ON NOVEMBER 17.**

Thank you to everyone who helped with our October mission project! Many hygiene products were collected, and 150 hygiene kits will be made to send along with the wheelchairs going to Costa Rica!

**THANK YOU!**

*Ps. 127:3*  
Children  
— ARE A —  
HERITAGE  
— FROM THE —  
Lord

# Worship MINISTRY

## ADULT CHOIR

### Practice

Wed, Nov 6 - 7:45 Room 9

Wed, Nov 13 - 7:45 Sanctuary

### Leading in Worship

Sunday, November 17

## Piano / Organ Schedule



### November 3

9:30 Praise Team

### November 10

9:30 Praise Team

### November 17

9:30 Janene Van Gorp / Donna Muilenburg

### November 24

9:30 Judy Vlietstra / Kristi Hargens

## KIDS PRAISE

Leading in Worship:  
Sunday Morning  
November 10

### Leading in Worship

Sunday Morning  
November 24



# MAURICE HARVEST SUPPER

On Veteran's  
Day!

MAURICE REFORMED CHURCH

NOVEMBER 11 | SERVING FROM 5:00 - 7:00 PM

Free will donations going towards Midwest Honor Flight

Catered by Triple Box

Also featuring "Homemade" Salads & Desserts

SPONSORED BY MAURICE WOMEN'S MINISTRY

## 4H Annual Bake Sale

Sioux Stockmen 4H Club will be hosting their annual bake sale during the Harvest Supper again this year. We use this money to buy our t-shirts and insurance for the fair in July. We say thanks for your continued support of the 4H youth!

# VOLUNTEERING & SCHEDULES

## Prayer Room - November

| Date    |                  |
|---------|------------------|
| Nov. 3  | Lori Van Gorp    |
| Nov. 10 | Don Van Horssen  |
| Nov. 17 | Miranda Maassen  |
| Nov. 24 | Colette Hofmeyer |

## NURSERY

If anyone would like to be added to the Nursery Volunteer list, please contact Lisa Smit for more information. Thanks.

|         | Volunteers  |
|---------|---|
| Nov. 3  | Mike & Jennifer Vermeer,<br>Jocelyn Mulenburg           |
| Nov. 10 | Brent & Kelli Hooyer, Emilee Schrock                    |
| Nov. 17 | Eric & Jen Cleveringa, Tye Borchers                     |
| Nov. 24 | Sharon Vermeer, Ciana Van Donkelaar,<br>Brittini Oolman |

### November Welcome Schedule

Main door - Dave & Eunice Koopmans  
Gym door - Leroy & Joan Punt

**NEWSLETTER ITEMS ARE DUE  
NOVEMBER 20**

### Wednesday Night Meal Schedule

**November 6:** Creamed chicken on a bun, chips, green beans, Oreo fluff, pumpkin bar

**November 13:** Pulled pork on a bun, chips, BBQ beans, apple crisp

**November 20:** Tater tot casserole, roll, snicker salad, peaches, bread pudding, cookie

**November 27:** Thanksgiving Eve Service



# JR. GAP MINISTRIES



“...thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven...”



## SCHEDULE:

- Nov. 6 - *The Lord's Prayer, Part 2*
- Nov. 13 - Small Group Service Night
- Nov. 20 - *The Presence of the Kingdom/Avent* led by Dana VO
- Nov. 27 - NO JR. GAP - Thanksgiving Break
- Dec. 3 - *The Lord's Prayer, Part 3*

## LUNCH SCHEDULE: 2 dozen bars/cookies

- Nov. 6 - Colton R, Kelsey O, Aiden M, Seth M
- Nov. 13 - *In Small Group*
- Nov. 20 - Ayden M, Addy L, Eden K, Karter H
- Nov. 27 - NO JR. GAP (Thanksgiving Break)
- Dec. 3 - Kortney H, Jacob H, Jackson F, Jenna DJ

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:



Sioux City Musketeers Hockey Game, Military Appreciation Night—November 9—**Tickets are Free!** **Greg Van Beek has offered us tickets, that were gifted to us because of MRC's help with the Midwest Honor Flight. There are just over 20 tickets still available – these will be first come first serve. Contact Jon if you would like to attend.** We will leave MRC from the bus barn at 6:00 pm. Game begins at 7:05pm in Sioux City. For those going along, we encourage you to support the Van Engen/Roorda Fundraiser, by grabbing supper there first, which begins at 5:00 pm in the Family Life Center.

## Refuge Live—November 20—7:25-7:55 pm in The Refuge

Do you love God? Do you enjoy praising our Lord and Savior? If you said yes to either one of those questions, then Refuge Live is the place for you. Join us on November 20 for an awesome night of worship down in The Refuge from 7:25-7:55 pm. Grab a friend and head on down. All are welcome!



**Jr. GAP Mission Focus**—In light of our theme this year of *Thy Kingdom Come*, we are continuing to support, take in offering during youth group, and helping 3 different ministries (1 local, 1 regional, 1 global) over the course of the year. The ministries were decided upon by the students and those ministries will be Katelyn's Fund, Delivering Hope, and Remember Nhu. We are excited to be a small part in having a Kingdom impact by supporting these ministries! Each small group has set goals in how they want to support each ministry – including collecting clothes for the Katelyn's Fund Orphanage in Haiti, donating items for their auction, collecting items for the comfort bags for Delivering Hope, sponsoring a child as a small group through Remember Nhu and through prayer. Thank you for encouraging your Jr GAPper to be a part of building God's Kingdom – God is at work!



**Summer Mission Trip – Denver, CO – June 12-19** – Our summer dates for our mission trip have been set – June 12-19. We will have the opportunity to serve in Denver, CO working alongside Mile High Ministries (an RCA partner), Open Door Ministries and Extreme Community Makeover. Some of our service opportunities will include serving the homeless, being challenged in the area of evangelism, some physical labor and learning more about ourselves and the Lord. There will be more information, including a Parents Meeting, coming after the new year!

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- December 18 - Christmas Party
- January 22 - Tubing Outing
- February 2 - Super Bowl Party
- March 4 - Waffle Fundraiser
- April 3-5 - Middle School Retreat
- April 26 - Jr. GAP Youth Sunday

## JR. GAP NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- Colton Roorda - Nov. 3
- Brandon Van Klompenburg - Nov. 13
- Jackson Feenstra - Nov. 22



# SR. HIGH MINISTRIES



**"...thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven..."**

- Matthew 6



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- Dec. 3 - The Lord's Prayer, Part 3

## LUNCH SCHEDULE: 2 dozen bars/cookies

- Nov. 6 - Rachel L, Brooklyn L, Samantha M, Katie P
- Nov. 13 - In Small Group
- Nov. 20 - Caleb S, Brandon VS, Hope VZ, Autumn VD
- Nov. 27 - NO SR. HIGH (Thanksgiving Break)
- Dec. 3 - Caylee VD, Teygan H, Collen K, Zach R

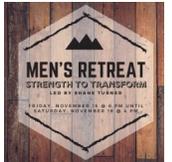
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**Men's Retreat – November 15-16 – MRC – 6pm Friday to 4pm Saturday** - Fathers, sons, grandpas...all men are invited to enjoy this men's retreat put on by Shane Turner - survival coach & life coach - of School of Survival based in Alaska ([schoolofsurvival.org](http://schoolofsurvival.org)). Shane ministered to our Sr High students while on their mission trip to Alaska this last summer. Our theme for the retreat is "Strength to Transform" based on 2 Timothy 2. "You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus." Over the course of the retreat (November 15-16), Shane will lead us through experiential learning lessons - based on biblical truth with group discussion, interaction and worship. **We will be staying at the church overnight, however, if that does not work to stay overnight – it is not required – we would still love to have you. Register by November 10. The cost is \$10 per person. Contact Jon Eveland or sign up at the information booth in the fellowship hall. Questions or thoughts - contact Jon Eveland.**



**Sr. High Girl's Retreat – November 15-16** – Calling all high school girls! November 15-16 is our high school girls retreat. The retreat will be at Terry & Renae Schuiteman's loft in Sioux Center (Jon's in-laws). For all those interested, please contact any female Sr High leader by November 10. There is no cost.

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### DATES TO REMEMBER

- November 15-16 - Guys & Girls Retreat
- February 6 - Sweetheart Banquet
- March 29 - Sr. High Youth Sunday
- May 11 - Senior Supper
- July 24-29 - Rocky Mountain High

### SR. HIGH NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- Kye Krogman - November 11
- Edyn Dekkers - November 25





# Moments in Missions

The **special offering** for the month of November is: **Wreaths Across America**

This November and December, MRC is given the opportunity to partner with Wreaths across America by laying wreaths on each of the 56 veteran graves in the Sherman Township cemetery. Wreaths across America's mission is to REMEMBER our fallen US veterans, HONOR those who serve, and TEACH children the value of freedom.



**Why do this?** Veterans Day in the fall and Memorial Day in the spring are days we honor our veterans. Service members sacrifice their time and safety every single day of the year to preserve our freedoms. In many homes, there is an empty seat for one who is serving or one who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. During the holiday season, among the hustle and bustle, this is a way we can express our appreciation to our veterans and their families, so we do not forget their service.

Starting on November 10, sponsorship of wreaths, for \$15 each, to honor and remember one of the 56 veterans will be available. On December 15, after our Sunday worship service, you can also choose to lay this wreath or wreaths at the gravesite of the veteran. There will also be a group who will lay all the remaining wreaths of the 56 veterans. Our special offering will cover any additional costs of the wreaths of the Maurice Veterans.

**Remember our service men and women in your prayers as they train, and serve around the world. Pray for their leaders and the decisions they make daily for maintaining peace throughout the world. Pray also for our veterans who have served for the freedoms we enjoy in this country.**

*Please clearly mark your envelope or check.*

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## **HOLIDAY GIVING OPPORTUNITIES—Starts November**

This Thanksgiving Season, on Wednesday evening, November 27, we will be doing a reverse offering for our local food pantries, (Orange City Food Pantry & Hope Food Pantry in Sioux Center) and the Genesis House and the Family Crisis Center. Slips for suggested donations will be available on Sunday November 17.

**In addition, please consider giving to our two mission partners for your Thanksgiving offering:**

**\* The Heytsi Family in the Ukraine**

**\*Hope Haven Costa Rica Wheelchair Ministry.**



## Vasya & Maranda Heytsi family

The Heytsi's are one of our mission partners in the Ukraine. Besides church planting, they are working on a building project for their church. In addition, they have felt a need to open a shelter for homeless individuals. Last November they began fostering 3 children from a family that they have worked with through their church for a number of years. The Heytsi's are now a family of 7 with Victor (8) Valaria (4) and Yura (1) living with them in a very small house. They are also considering 2 more additional members. Vasya's mother is needing more assistance, and they feel the need to take her to live with them. More recently, the adopted children's mother had another baby, and "mom" is now in a psychiatric hospital and her baby needs a home. They are open to both Vasya's mom and the newborn joining their family, but would need a bigger home. By law, their newest daughter is not supposed to share a room with her brothers, and there is supposed to be more room for the amount of children they have. Miranda writes "the government authorities are choosing to close their eyes to this problem but it is not guaranteed for the future." The Heytsi's related that financial concerns are their biggest prayer need at this time. They need to sell their house, Vasya's mom's house, and get a large sum of money. Maranda writes, "We are trying to live tight to save money but as the kids get bigger it is getting harder." Miranda asks, "Please pray for God's grace on our family for this. Pray for a miracle that we need for buying a bigger home."



## **Esperanza Hope Costa Rica Mission Opportunity (One Goal—Advancing Hope)**

March 3-9, 2020, MRC has committed to join Hope Haven in distributing 194 wheelchairs for 194 individuals. This is our GOAL! A goal to change lives of over 194 individuals, and we are on our way! Pray for our 10 member team from MRC.

The 215 hygiene kits are being collected! **WAY TO GO KIDS! Ask Bonnie how you can help to complete these kits.**

Stitches of Love has been planning for some of the blankets, and ordering material. **YES! (Any one can make a blanket) Watch for more details about this coming soon!**

Contribute our spare change to raise the cash in our Piggy bank!

A timeline is coming together for the shipment of wheelchairs. Opening boxes for inspection of Wheelchairs at the end of November or first week of December. **We will need volunteers—watch for the announcement about times and places.**

Packing crates and blankets and hygiene kits will happen in mid-December. January 14 projected prayer send-off of shipping container.

Hope Haven's, Rich Koele writes, "The commitment your church has made to sponsor this wheelchair distribution is a big deal for us at Hope Haven, Thank You! Our contacts in Costa Rica area also excited and have been busy making plans." Sylva the contact in Costa Rica writes, "This is great news and we are very thankful and Praise the Lord for the huge blessing!"

Advancing Hope takes all of MRC towards this one Goal! We have committed to covering the whole wheelchair shipment of \$32,500. Each refurbished adult wheelchair costs \$100, and pediatric wheelchair \$275. **Please pray for how you feel God can use you to advance hope in Costa Rica, and give toward this project for your Thanksgiving offering.**

# *Christmas is just around the corner...*

As is our tradition at MRC, there are many ways to give this Christmas season and we will be **starting our collection of items in November—watch for the displays in the Fellowship Hall.**

**On November 24-December 11** we will be partnering with **Prison Ministries Angel tree.** We will be able to purchase gifts that would benefit 25 children who have a parent that is incarcerated. Overall, there will have over 50 gifts suggestions hung on the tree for children and their caregivers. From December 14-21 we will also be delivering to these gifts to homes in Rock Valley and Sioux City to the families affected. Please stop by the Angle Tree table to pick up a gift suggestion or sign up to deliver after all the gifts are collected. Any questions, contact Kelli Bartlett at 712-441-4220 or ksukelli@yahoo.com.



**On November 17-December 1** we are partnering with Atlas Orange City Area in their **ATLAS Christmas Store** project. You can help stock the Christmas store that benefits financially challenged families & the ATLAS office during the holiday season by picking up a suggested item from the tree, and bringing it back unwrapped to be used in the store on Dec. 7.

ATLAS Orange City Area is one of MRC's mission partners who helps those who are struggling, wanting to grow, or seeking a mentor. Together they work through a helping process by walking alongside and supporting those who are hurting. At Christmas, people and families are welcome to shop and purchase new items at greatly reduced prices, creating an experience of dignity, respect, and stewardship for all involved: customers, donors, and volunteers. Items are suggestions for store inventory, but if you have something you would like to donate that would make a good gift this can be donated as well. If you would like to volunteer at the store on December 7, Saturday, or have questions contact La Donna De Vries 712-441-4229 or ladonnadevries@gmail.com.

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## **"I'm just a nobody, trying to tell everybody..."**

We love the question - how was the Imagine Music Festival in Atlanta? It is always an adventure, always filled with God-moments and yet, usually difficult to put into words. We would describe our first year as very dark; we knew we were stepping foot in Satan's playground. We still know we are going where Satan doesn't want us, but we also believe God is using us and allowing us to come alongside Him to show us what He is doing, and allowing us to be a part of His work. We get to bring LIGHT into the darkness!

In Atlanta, we hear there's "something" that draws festival-goers to us, that they feel safe and see light radiating from us. They share things they haven't shared before and "can't talk about" with others. We get to hug people that can't remember the last time they've gotten a hug. We hand out toiletries - free, in a place where everything costs. We have conversations about past hurts - from others and from the church. We get to help others with physical needs as well as sharing the love of Christ. We get to be hands and feet.

Atlanta is an opportunity that we are very grateful to be a part of - where we get to be a part of bringing light into darkness, connecting with others, and trying to flip the belief that love is conditional and that we aren't worthy of it. We cannot say thank you enough for your continued support, encouragement and prayers.

Specific details of our adventures are best left unwritten at this time. If you have additional questions, please feel free to talk with us in person.

**... "Living for the World to see, Nobody but Jesus" . Casting Crowns**

# November 2019

## MRC Mission Prayer Guide

| Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday  | Saturday  |          |
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|  |  |  |   |  | Pray for <b>Vasya and Maranda Heytsi</b> in the Ukraine as they balance their church and family needs. Pray for funding for a larger home and wisdom in parenting their growing family. | Pray for our <b>MRC Esperanza Costa Rica mission project planning</b> . Pray for ways God can bless those who will receive a wheelchair in March.       |          |
| <b>3</b>   | <b>4</b>   | <b>5</b>   | <b>6</b>  | <b>7</b>   | <b>8</b>  | <b>9</b>  |          |
| Pray for <b>deepening love for Jesus through MRC Life Groups</b> . Pray that families can come, grow, and serve God together   | Pray for <b>S &amp; A K</b> as they equip pastors translating the Bible. Pray that opinions, language differences and politics do not hinder work and they will continue to see God working. | Pray <b>spiritual protection for Bob Abel and Remember Nhu missionaries</b> as they work with those affected by sex trafficking. Pray for ongoing financial needs in the ministry. | Pray for <b>Steve and Tara Dekkers to become more like Christ</b> , as they train new mission workers for the Eastern Asia region. Pray also for complete healing for Tara.                             | Pray for <b>Sierra Borchers</b> as she goes through training with YWAM in Texas. Pray for God to grow her in unique ways for her next calling.     | Praise God with <b>John and Lynne Hubers</b> that they have their support raised. Pray for them as they prepare for their work at the Mekane Yesus Seminary in Ethiopia.                | Pray with the <b>S family in SE Asia</b> , as they connect with their new small groups, to build up their faith. Pray for healing for Corban.           |          |
| <b>10</b>  | <b>11</b>  | <b>12</b>  | <b>13</b>   | <b>14</b>  | <b>15</b>   | <b>16</b>   |          |
| Please pray <b>God's spirit to direct the mission decisions at MRC at the Congregational meeting</b> . Pray for God's blessings on our 2020 budget and new leadership. | Give thanks for our <b>service men and women</b> as they train, and serve around the world. Pray for their leaders as they make decisions that impact peace around the world.                | Pray for our <b>church consistory leaders</b> as they meet as teams and plan for the next year in ministry at MRC.   | Praise God with <b>Paradise Bound Ministry team</b> that Bruce Van Fleet who was involved in the plane crash was able to travel home to Florida. Continue to pray for his healing and for the ministry. | Pray for <b>Tom Johnson</b> as he supports the chaplains working with participants of Many Hands for Haiti. Pray for Aichatou's healing.           | Praise God with <b>Meggan &amp; Pavlos</b> for a healthy growing family, and church plant in Kypseli. Pray for their discipleship ministry.   | Pray for <b>Jon &amp; Erin Haverdink</b> as they lead Bible Studies at Nebraska. Pray for deepening relationships with God as they study with students. |          |
| <b>17</b>  | <b>18</b>  | <b>19</b>  | <b>20</b>   | <b>21</b>  | <b>22</b>   | <b>23</b>   |          |
| Pray for each member at MRC to have <b>open hearts in giving</b> through food, gifts for children or families or financial gifts this holiday season.                  | Praise God with <b>Brad Schelling</b> for 399 students coming to know Jesus in October through First Priority club! Pray for ongoing boldness for Jesus in schools.                          | Pray for <b>Christians around the world who are persecuted for their faith</b> and worship and pray in secret.   | Pray for the ministry of the <b>Genesis and Family Crisis Center meeting with women and children in crisis</b> .  | Pray for <b>Pastor Wick and care team leaders</b> ministering to individuals and families at MRC.  | Pray with <b>Brian Renes working in South Sudan</b> . Pray for their director, Edward, the Bible translator's safety and endurance to complete and continue their work.                 | Pray for God to break down barriers to the gospel so <b>Words of Hope</b> media ministry can build the worldwide church in hard to reach areas.         |          |
| <b>24</b>  | <b>25</b>  | <b>26</b>  | <b>27</b>   | <b>28</b>  | <b>29</b>   | <b>30</b>   |          |
| Pray for <b>Mark &amp; Deb Wilson</b> in Cambodia, for Mark as he teaches students, and Deb as she helps with a counseling center for healing from trauma.             | Pray for <b>ATLAS mentors</b> as they walk alongside those who struggle with daily issues and challenges. Pray for God's love to be seen through the ATLAS Christmas store volunteers.       | Pray for <b>Pastor Deb Rensink</b> as she meets with survivors. Pray that they may feel God's love and know that they are not forgotten or laid aside by God.                      | Pray for our <b>interns</b> as they teach and share with our youth. Pray that our youth may be able to see and hear what it means to be a disciple of Jesus.  | <b>Thank God for the many blessings he has given you</b> . Thank Him for MRC and ways we have been able to share his love through missions at MRC. | Pray for <b>families at MRC who are caring for children in foster care</b> . Pray for each parent to have wisdom and love as they care for the kids in their home.                      | Pray for <b>organizations and churches working with refugees around the world</b> , that God's love may be seen and felt by those in need.              |          |

"THEREFORE I TELL YOU, WHATEVER YOU ASK FOR IN PRAYER, BELIEVE THAT YOU HAVE RECEIVED IT, AND IT WILL BE YOURS." MARK 11:24



Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

*thankful*

**1**  
8:30-9:30 AM  
Fellowship  
Through Fitness

**2**

**3 — Daylight Savings**  
9:30 AM Worship  
Pastor Ross  
10:45 Sunday School  
4:00 PM Awana  
Mentor Meeting

**4**  
8:30-9:30 AM  
Fellowship  
Through Fitness  
6:30 PM Bells

**5**  
9 AM Staff  
Meeting  
1-5 PM Stitches  
of Love

**6**  
5:30 PM Meal  
6:20 PM Awana  
6:20 PM Jr. GAP  
7:45 Adult Choir  
*\*Room 9*  
7:50 PM Sr. High

**7**

**8**  
8:30-9:30 AM  
Fellowship  
Through Fitness

**9**  
5:00 PM Benefit  
for Teagyn &  
Cody

**10**  
9:30 AM Worship  
Pastor Ross  
10:45 Sunday School  
6:30 PM  
Congregational  
Meeting

**11**  
8:30-9:30 AM  
Fellowship  
Through Fitness  
5:00 PM Harvest  
Supper

**12**  
9 AM Staff  
Meeting  
6:30 PM  
Consistory  
Meeting

**13**  
2 PM Golden Hour  
5:30 PM Meal  
6:20 PM Awana  
6:20 PM Jr. GAP  
7:45 Adult Choir  
*\*Sanctuary*  
7:50 PM Sr. High

**14**

**15**  
8:30-9:30 AM  
Fellowship  
Through Fitness  
5:30 PM Recycled  
Teens at  
Lally's (LeMars)

**16**

GUY'S & GIRL'S RETREATS

**17 — Adult Choir**  
9:30 AM Worship  
Pastor Ross  
**No Sunday School**

**18**  
8:30-9:30 AM  
Fellowship  
Through Fitness  
6:30 PM Bells

**19**  
9 AM Staff  
Meeting

**20**  
5:30 PM Meal  
6:20 PM Awana  
*\*Pastor &  
Popcorn Night*  
6:20 PM Jr. GAP  
7:50 PM Sr. High

**21**

**22**  
8:30-9:30 AM  
Fellowship  
Through Fitness

**23**

**24 — Master's Ringers**  
9:30 AM Worship  
Pastor Wick  
10:45 Sunday School

**25**  
8:30-9:30 AM  
Fellowship  
Through Fitness  
1-4 PM Yarn  
Connection  
7 PM Faith Bible  
Study

**26**  
9 AM Staff  
Meeting

**27**  
7:00 PM  


**28**  
*Happy  
Thanksgiving!*  


**29**

**30**  
6:30 AM Elder's  
Breakfast