

## Fellowship Findings

### SULLY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH February 2023

OurMission

WHAT GOD IS CALLING US TO DO

Our Vision

WHAT GOD IS CALLING US TO BE

Cultivate space for people to experience the transforming love of Christ.

A family of believers experiencing personal transformation, *Romans* 12 using their unique gifts, *Ephesians* 4 to glorify GOD *I Corinthians* 10:31 and edify others. *I Thessalonians* 5:11

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Pastor Joel continues the series based on Galatians on God's Will.

February 5 AM	"God's Will—Spirit-filled Life Inheritance"
	Galatians 3:10-14; 4:1-7
PM	"Handling Loss in Life's Transitions"
	I Samuel 20:28-42
February 12 AM	"God's Will—Developing Spiritual Strength"
	Galatians 5:1-6; 16-26
PM	Small Group Bible Study
February 19 AM	God's Will-Restoring Others:
	Galatians 6:1-10; 14-16
PM	"Caught in the Tide of Indecision"
	James 1:5-8
February 26 AM	"A Priestly Blessing"
	Numbers 6:24-26
PM	Small Group Bible Study



I thank my God every time I remember you. Philippians 1:13

Our sincere appreciation and thanks to the congregation for their prayers, cards, food, telephone calls, visits and texts following my stroke. A special thank you to Pastor Joel and Gary and Lynnette for their visits. We thank the Lord for answered prayers and a caring church that walked with us during that time.

Roger and Marlene.

Brothers and Sisters in Sully,

Thank you so much for your faithful prayers and financial support for our ministry in Zambia. We thank God for you. Your recent gift was a great encouragement to us. We are doing well. The homeschool continues for Jody and our children. The 2023 academic year is now underway at Justo Mwale University. We thank God for the privilege of serving him here, equipping laborers for His harvest fields throughout southern Africa. In 2022, Ryan taught students from seven countries in our region: Zambia, Zimbabwe, Tanzania, Malawi, Mozambique, Botswana, and Namibia!

God bless, Ryan & Jody Faber

We just want to say thank you for your overwhelming support for families and communities experiencing poverty. While much of what is happening in the world today is deeply concerning—like ongoing conflict and a growing food crisis—your generosity in 2022 has meant so much to thousands of families around the world.

World Renew

#### Sully CRC,

The Bible League International Ambassadors of the Central Iowa Division are praising God for your generous support over the past six months. By giving over \$10,000, the churches of this area helped place 2,250 Bibles in various countries around the world. May God be praised and you be blessed for your continued support of the Bible League International.

Offering Schedule			
February 5	Sully Christian School		
February 12	The Well		
February 19	Benevolence		
February 26	Christian Education Encouragement Fund (CEEF)		

#### **FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much... Luke 16:10a

2022 –23 Budget—January				
Cotogory	Amount	Year to Date	Year to Date	
Category		Received	Budgeted	
General Fund (includes Ministry Share)	\$30,129.43	\$270,780.08	\$237,426.32	
Missions	\$ 2,878.38	\$ 22,263.18	\$ 21,664.00	
Building and Grounds	\$ 2,539.40	\$ 19,900.40	\$ 20,000.00	
Total	\$35,547.21	\$312,943.66	\$279,090.32	

Offerings Received			
Date	Recipient	Amount	
January l	Lake View Camp	\$1,661.00	
January 8	Sully Christian School	\$1,853.00	
January 15	Pregnancy Center of Central Iowa	\$1,590.00	
January 22	Christian Education Encouragement Fund	\$1,446.00	
January 29	Justin Van Zee/Amy Hoogeveen	\$3,188.00	

**Bethel Mission Ministry:** 

January -412 Youth, March -Outreach Committee, May -Care Team , July - Share Your Faith, September - Couples for Christ, November - Truth Seekers.

We are assigned to the second Monday of each of the above months. If your group is unable to go in the assigned month, please notify Glenda in the church office (594-3491) so other arrangements can be made.

### SERVING ONE ANOTHER

...serve one another humbly in love. Galatians 5:13

Greeting Schedule		Coffee Time Servers	
Date	Greeters	Date	Greeters
February 5	(N) Rick and Carla Fopma	February	Jason and Kallie Van Zee
rebruary 5	(S) Tim & Rindy Vd.Schel	February 6	Ed and Joyce Dieleman
February 12	(N) Jeff and Sue Pastoor	Debrare 10	Wes Van Wyk/Ron De Nooy
	(S) Jaden and Kelly Vos	February 12	Mike & Marlene Van Soelen
February 19	(N) Verlan VW/Steve VS	Dahamana 10	John and Jodi De Berg
(Communion)	(S) Loren & Shawna Fopma	February 19	Nathan and Rachel Nikkel
February 06	(N) Melvin & Wanda Lanser	Taba a 00	Dwight & Glenda VanderLeest
February 26	(S) Roger & Caroll Jansen	February 26	Frank and Karen Van Soelen
March 5	(N) John & Jacie Kramer	Manah C	Kevin & Melanie Van Maanen
March 5	(S) Steve & Sharon Fopma	March 5	Loren & Shawna Fopma
March 12	(N) Craig & Linda Zylstra	Marsh 10	Jud & Pam Vos
March 12	(S) Stuart & Sheila Pleima	March 12	Heather Hastings/Kelsie V Haaften
March 19	(N) Tyler, Derek, Emily VS	Marsh 10	Gary and JoAnn Fynaardt
March 19	(S) Merl & Candy Van Zante	March 19	Mike & Denise Arkema
	(N) Ed & Judy Van Kooten	Maush 00	Clarence & Judy Van Zee
March 26	(S) Darrell & Angela Veenstra	March 26	Dan & Sharla Dunsbergen

NOTE: If you are unable to greet on your assigned Sunday, please trade with someone for a different week. If you would like to have your name removed from the greeter list, please contact Steve Van Sant.

Make juice on Saturday so that it has time to chill. Meet in the church basement before the service to set up. Instructions are in the kitchen. If unable to serve, please trade with someone.

## Nursery Schedule

	Linda Menninga	
February 5	Lily Vander Leest	
	Bethany Kramer	
	Jen Lowry	
February 12	Breckyn Lowry	
	Averie Plowman	
	Karla Vos	
February 19	Erica Vos	
	Isabelle Vos	
	Sheila Pleima	
February 26	Erika Van Maanen	
	Larissa Pleima	
	Norma/Harlan Beerends	
March 5	Abbie De Berg	
	Trevor De Berg	
	Jana Van Zante	
March 12	Alexa Van Zante	
	Alicia Fynaardt	
	Candice Vos	
March 19	Adrianna Vos	
	Allison Pleima	
	Jentri Van Wyngarden	
	Kara Van Wyk	
March 26	Ada Van Wyngarden	
	Hayden Lowry	
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### QUILT CREW REPORT

On a snowy January 19,2023, 18 ladies met in the church basement to show their handy work of knotting, sewing and piecing together quilts. A big thank you to all for the delicious food brought to share and keep our energy up!!!! The day went well and 23 quilts were finished with several more ready for the next quilt day. This date has been set for March 9, so watch the bulletin for more details. Keith and Darlene Struik delivered 55 guilts to Bidwell ministries in Des Moines in December. Another 16 were given to Angel Tree ministries and six for L-S families. We pray for all those who received our quilts and may the insignia "Jesus Loves You" show them that He does care!!!!



## CELEBRATING TOGETHER

Rejoice with those who rejoice... Romans 12:15

# Birthdays & Anniversaries

#### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

February 1 Marilyn Jansen February 2 Jared Laverman February 3 Mary Arkema February 7 Verlan Van Wyk February 8 Craig Zylstra Stanley Fopma February 9 Kody Jansen Alyza Van Wyngarden February 11 Barb Hoogeveen February 12 Mike Van Soelen Natasha Thaden Tyler Van Soelen February 13 Melvin Jansen Linda Zylstra February 14 Daryl Menninga February 15 Jennifer Lowry Kayla Arkema Jackson Plowman Emma Plowman February 16 Roger Zylstra Lynn Wey Doug Van Zee Derek Van Soelen Trevor De Berg February 17 Clarence Van Zee Pamela Vos February 19 Brian Beyer

February 21	Marlene Bruxvoort
	Brenda De Nooy
	Blake Veenstra
	Ezekiel Vander Leest
February 23	Mary Fopma
February 24	Jordon Van Zante
	Jaden Vos
	Alexa Dunsbergen
February 25	Lynnette Christensen
February 27	Ed Van Kooten
	Denise Arkema
February 28	Frank Van Soelen



#### FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- February 11 Roger & Marlene Bruxvoort
- February 13 Ron & Nancy Swank
- February 18 Duane & Mary Arkema
- February 20 Ron & Judy Beyer (55)
- February 21 Bob & Marilyn Van Soelen
- February 25 Norm & Betty Schuring

## **CELEBRATING TOGETHER**

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#### **MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

March 1	Sue Pastoor
March 3	Kevin Veenstra
	Karla Vos
	Emily Van Soelen
March 6	Lillian Nikkel
March 8	Marty Vander Molen
	Bailey Vos
March 9	Amy Hoogeveen
	Alexa Van Zante
March 11	Nellie Zylstra (93)
March 12	Brennan Veenstra
	Chloe Vos
March 14	Jason Lowry
March 15	Carolyn Zylstra
	Steve Van Sant
March 17	Judy Van Kooten
March 19	Sierra Pleima
	Katherine Ann Zylstra
	Hadilyn Faith Lowry
March 20	Marcille Jansen
March 21	Alicia Van Kooten
March 22	Staci Jansen
March 24	Dustin Veenstra
March 25	Karson Van Maanen
March 26	Jeff Pastoor
	Dan Dunsbergen
	Shelby Veenstra
	Nile Vos



March 27Jamie Van KootenMarch 28Colton Jochems

ANNIVERSARIES

#### **MARCH ANNIVERSARIES**

March 5	Scott & Rebecca Jochems
March 7	Kevin & June Veenstra
March 8	Kevin & Jan Laverman
March 12	Scott & Vicki Nikkel
March 24	Daryl & Linda Menninga
	Kevin and Melanie Van Maanen
March 25	Monte and Dorian Goodyk (25)
March 26	Marvin & Myrna Goodyk
March 27	Mike & Marlene Van Soelen
March 30	John and Jacie Kramer
March 31	Lauren & Julie Van Wyk

## Justin Van Zee

Walking alongside young Christian leaders in Phnom Penh, Cambodia



In last past 3 years, I've been working closely with the team at Mission Dove Cambodia (above), and I hope to continue some of this work in my next season.

#### **Big Changes: Stepping Out from Resonate**

With excitement and gratitude but also some sadness, I'd like to announce that I'm making a major transition in my ministry, and I will be concluding my role with Resonate on April 30.

Over the last few years, I've been noticing some internal nudges that it's time for a new season of life and ministry, and I've been wrestling with those alongside a pastor, spiritual director, and coach. I do believe something new is emerging.

As I step out of my current role, I plan to pursue bi-vocational ways of continuing to work in Cambodia. In other words, while I step away from Resonate, I'm not ready to step away from Cambodia yet. I hope to continue some of the work with young adults that I love, but I want to explore alternative ways of funding and structuring this work.

One of the internal nudges that I've been attending to is my own growing interest in mental health. I've seen the huge mental health needs in Cambodia, and I'm strongly considering more training in this area so that I can become a counselor. In time, I see a pivot to this field as a path for income generation too.

As I make this shift, I do so with gratitude to Resonate—and certainly not a sense of spite or anger. My Resonate colleagues are truly some of the best out there, and I've learned so much from them. I hope that I can continue some relational connection to Resonate as I explore other ways of structuring my work.

## January 2023

LOBAL MISSION

## **Prayer Points**

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Help!

- Pray for my transition out of my role with Resonate and that I will be able to conclude my ministry responsibilities and relationships well.
- One of the major upcoming tasks that I have with my regional team is to lead the planning and budgeting process for the next fiscal year. Pray for discernment and unity as we work on this.
- Our ministry partner in Myanmar has faced increased levels of violence in recent weeks as the civil war continues. Pray for peace and justice.
- The search for Resonate's next director continues. Pray for the hiring committee as they interview candidates.

#### Thanks!

- Praise God with me for generous year-end giving for my ministry! In Nov and Dec, 42% of my annual budget came in. Thank God with me—and thank you too! (Note: Even though I'm transitioning, all funds given will be fully used to support this work.)
- I was able to spend 2 weeks with family in Iowa for Christmas—my first American Christmas in 6 years!

#### **Q&A about my Transition**

#### What is the timeline for your transition?

I plan to fly to the US in early March and spend most of March and April visiting the churches that have supported this ministry. I will also continue my regional leader responsibilities until April 30. Over the summer months, I plan to take some time off as a kind of sabbatical to rest and reflect, and this will include attending my housemate Reatrey's wedding in Norway in May. I hope to be back in Cambodia sometime in the fall.

#### Will you continue to raise financial support?

After I complete my role with Resonate at the end of April, my hope is that I will not need to fundraise for my own personal living expenses. I want to lean into a bi-vocational model as much as I can. My hunch is that we are going to see this model as a growing trend, and I want to explore it for myself too. While I don't intend to raise personal financial support, I will be assisting some local Cambodian organizations as they raise funds for their ministries.

## This all seems a bit risky. Are you sure you want to do this?

Good question! I ask myself this one too. I do sense a kind of invitation or nudge from God to try something new, and I want to pay serious attention to that. Also, I personally want to explore and innovate a bit in my work, and I've been considering a pivot into mental health for years. One of my greatest strengths, I think, is that I just love to learn, and I'm excited for the new insights I will gain into myself and mission as I stretch myself to grow and adapt in new ways.

#### How can we pray for you in the midst of this transition?

In the next few months, I really want to wrap up my regional leader responsibilities well. I deeply appreciate my team and our regional partners, and as I finish my role, I hope to have good closure in each of these relationships. I also want to set up the next regional leader well too. Pray too that my schedule for church visits in March and April will come together quickly and that these will be rich times of celebrating the work we've done together. And finally, please pray for me as I continue to discern what's ahead for me in my life and work.



I will spend part of my sabbatical season this summer attending my housemate Reatrey's wedding in Norway in May. We've lived together since 2015, and he's like a little brother to me. I'm going to miss him a lot as he starts a new chapter in Norway with his soon-to-be-wife Andrea.

#### Thank you for your support!

For me, January 15 marks 9 years of service in Cambodia—the first 3 as a CRWM (now called Resonate) partner serving with a local Cambodian church, the next 5 as a Resonate field staff, and this last year as a Resonate regional leader.

For these 9 years, you have been generous ministry partners. Thank you! As congregations and as individuals, you have walked alongside me in this ministry through prayer, finances, and care. Your support has touched my own life and the lives of the Cambodian people in ways I cannot fully describe. God has used you to supply my needs in abundant ways.

As I transition out of my role, I look forward to spending time with you in March and April to celebrate and give thanks for our partnership in ministry. I will also be reaching out to you to encourage you to support other Resonate staff. My hope is that you will consider faithfully partnering with other gospel workers in the same way you have with me.

#### សូមអរគុណ! / Thanks! – Justin

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### **ONE CENTER MANY PIECES** Eastern + Southern Africa

building teams, equipping leadership, empowering families | january 2023



PHOTO: Stella and her friend Malia led the Peace Station in our Advent Walk. It was a beautiful evening celebrating the hope that was ushered in with the birth of Jesus.

## [re] New Hope

#### HOPEFUL ADVENT WALK

Three things we miss at Christmas are family, singing carols in church, and all the Christmas programs. (We are very ok with sun over snow.); ) Carols and programs trigger happy childhood memories, but they also call us back to the meaning of Christmas when it can so easily be lost. It is a common practice for some churches in Johannesburg to take a break over Christmas - meaning there is no church the weeks before Christmas to the weeks after the New Year. Not having church on Christmas can leave Christmas feeling like just another holiday to brave and spend time with family which is not bad in and of itself. Considering Christmas is the fulfillment of promises when hope was made flesh, God nudged us to help our church community savor this significant hope together before we took a break. Taking inspiration from an article Megan read on The Network, our children's church team contextualized River Terrace Church's Advent Walk idea for our own setting. On December 22, we decorated 5 different outdoor stations for intergenerational small groups to experience the 5 weeks of Advent. At each station, led by our teachers, children and youth, we read scripture, prayed and did an activity.

At the hope station, each person reflected and wrote how they had experienced a fresh sense of hope in Christ in 2022. Overwhelmingly, people experienced hope because of how God had provided for them - jobs, family well-being, health and healing. At the peace station, people wrote on a dove actions of peace they wanted to commit to. Both kids and adults were all sorts of squeals of delight as we rounded up at the Christ station interactively reading the Christmas story with a big shadow theater that was made by our children.





Stage 2 06:00-08:30

Stage 4

06:00-08:30 14:00-16:30 22:00-00:30

Stage 6

06:00-10:30 14:00-16:30 22:00-00:30

Stage 8

06:00-10:30

14:00-18:30

22:00-00:30

PHOTO: Megan, Nonhlanhla and Omphile led the Christ station. It was so affirming for our teens take on leadership as they helped small groups participate in activities.

It was encouraging to read the actions of peace - from practical actions like sharing a meal or loving a neighbor to more complex examples of not living in fear even when storms are raging. Choosing to commit to living without fear is massive considering the current climate in South Africa. Fears are rising as unemployment soars, gender-based violence is a daily reality, prices are increasing, and rumors fly about the threat of the national electricity grid collapsing.

Loadshedding, scheduled electricity outages, have been in full force for a year now. Averaging lights out from 4-10 hours a day, it continues to wreak havoc across the country. It is felt in homes, schools, on the roads and throughout the economy. While everyone is feeling it, those in agriculture are being impacted significantly at the moment. Recently, poultry farmers had to cull 10 million day-old chicks because they are so far behind in slaughtering the grown chickens as the machines rely on electricity. The ripple effects are enormous and the stress palpable at the moment. Sunday

A Stages and times are			2023-01-29
subject to change at short notice as per ESKOM			<b>Stage 1</b> 06:00-08:30
Friday 06h00 - 10h30. 4 1/2 hrs 14h00 - 18h30 4 1/2 hrs			<b>Stage 3</b> 06:00-08:30 22:00-00:30
22h00 - 00h30 <b>!!</b> Saturday 06h00 - 08h30 <u>14h00 - 18h30</u> 4 1/2 hrs	e	Eskom update now Stage 4 continues until tomorrow morning 05:00. Stage 3 during the day	<b>Stage 5</b> 06:00-10:30 14:00-16:30 22:00-00:30
22h00 - 00h30 !! Sunday. 4 1/2 hrs 00h00 - 02h30 !! 06h00 - 08h30 14h00 - 16h30		Saturday back to stage 4 overnight. Stage 2 on Sunday.	<b>Stage 7</b> 06:00-10:30 14:00-16:30 22:00-00:30
22h00 - 00h30 !!			

: Photo: Examples of the daily messages alerting to the power status for the day.

#### Fellowship Findings

If it weren't for Christmas, we wouldn't be able to live out the <u>living hope</u> that is ours through Christ. This good news of great joy isn't just for Christmas plays and cliche carols. It is good news that carries us when lights are off, fears are high and the future uncertain.

#### HOPE ANSWERED

For years we have been praying for several positions on our team to be filled. We were delighted to see several of our new <u>col-leagues' work</u> featured in celebration of the 30 new Resonate missionaries. Our team consists of Kenyans, Rwandans, Ugandans, Canadians and Americans. The unique perspectives, life experiences and lens in which we see the world represented on our team offers a richness to our lives and collective ministries. Having several new colleagues makes us even more excited for our upcoming team retreat that will take place in March. It is such a gift when we get to physically be together considering our team is spread throughout the region.

#### HOPE LEARNING CENTER

We are excited about the new season of learning Amira is about to embark on - outside of the classroom! Amira has had an informal autism diagnosis. Her beautiful, differently-wired brain is needing support as she navigates this season of being a young adult. God has provided an incredible place for Amira to learn about herself, participate in community, work, and learn what she needs to thrive. Relatives Marie and Steve Haney run the <u>Hope Learning Center</u> in Perkasie, PA to support young adults on the spectrum. Amira will be moving to Perkasie to participate in the Hope Learning Center.

Amira and Megan will fly to Iowa on Jan 30 to begin this transition. They will be in Iowa for 10 days to buy a first car for Amira and then drive to Perkasie to get settled. We are so thankful for the incredible ways God has provided for Amira and our family through this opportunity.

The opportunity in and of itself is enough to give God praise for. Megan ran into Steve and first learned about their work when she was in the US in September - how is that for God ordering our steps and ensuring his watchful eye over our needs. We can't help but be in awe beyond this encounter of how God is always weaving people and places and his perfect care. Years ago, Steve's brother was in need of a supportive environment. He came from Pennsylvania to Iowa to live with Grandpa and Grandma Cleveringa on their farm. We loved cousin John so much! Fast forward 30 some years, Steve and his family are inviting Amira into their supportive community. It brings us to tears to think of the amazing ways God is always looking out for his beloved children.

#### RENEWED HOPE

While Christmas has passed, the hope that was ushered into the world at Christmas is still on our minds. Kelly Vander Pol wrote in a Christmas reflection, "As I saw the 'hope' ornament by itself [on the ground], I was reminded that hope is often misplaced, lost for a time, or just too difficult to grasp. Hope is here, friends. Hope is here." Oh how we resonated with the visual that hope can feel misplaced, lost and too difficult to grasp. Not only do we get to live in the hope of Jesus, we get to share it with others. Thank you for your continued prayers, financial support and encouragement as we share about the living hope in South Africa.

Serving Christ together, Mike and Megan

#### **PRAYER CORNER**

#### GRATITUDE

- Hope Learning Center: what a blessing to have this new place of support for Amira!
- Open Doors: Megan has been discerning where to engage kids and parents. God keeps leading her to the school setting a

natural place where they are already gathering. A school has welcomed Megan to support their boarding students with a photography program. All the details are still falling into place. We are thankful for this open door!

New Team Members: Several of our team members are still raising their support. We are so thankful for how God is providing

for them and for their presence on our team! We praise God for the diverse gifts on our growing team.

New Monthly Supporters!!: We were so stoked that new monthly supporters have joined our team! A steady rhythm of monthly commitments or annual contributions helps make our work sustainable. If you'd like to join with a one-time or monthly gift, you can find more information <u>here</u>.

#### PRAYER REQUESTS

- South Africa: Morale is low as the country struggles with high unemployment, on-going electricity cuts, water shortages, and high rates of gender-based violence. Pray that the church can be a light in the midst of so many ongoing struggles.
- New Children's Church Curriculum: Megan recently oriented our children's church teachers to the Dwell curriculum which we will be using this year. Please pray that teachers and our children are blessed by this curriculum as we learn about the life of Jesus.
- A Home for the Thekiso's: A family at our church lost their home due to the floods we had in December. The family of 4 is currently living on our church property. Our children's church have been praying with the two children that they would find a new home. We would love for you to join us in prayer for their new home and that God heals the trauma they experienced as they helplessly watched homes being washed away.
- Mike's PhD: Mike is getting SO close to finishing his PhD. He has a big push to submit in April. Please pray God guides his writing and gives him all the needs.
- Megan and Amira's travels: For safe travels and that Megan has the wisdom in how to support Amira in this transition.
- Finding a car: We are still working on find a car! Ideally, we need to purchase, license and insure a car for Amira between Feb 1-9.
- Full healing for Megan: A new cyst was found in November that has been causing a lot of pain. It has started to decrease in size. We are trusting God for full healing!

Amira's transition: Amira has a big transition ahead of her - new community, new routines, new living space. Please pray that God continues to provide for her in this new season of learning.

## **LIBERIAN CHURCH NEWS**

Though we started with helping churches plant plots of cocoa & palm, crops that take 3-5 years to produce a harvest, we have switched to rice plots which provides more immediate income. For a cost of



\$500, a church can be provided with a rice plot. So far, 3 churches have been provided rice plots.

Along the way we have chosen to help with a variety of expenses to help the overall ministry and the needs of people. We've purchase two motorcycles for travel between churches by pastors. Sadly, a couple of leaders died so we helped with funeral costs. We've helped with some medical bills, clothing, and tuition.

Since most of the trainings and other pastor gatherings happen in the central location of Dewo town, Liberia, we undertook a project of building a guest house there (pictured below). This house is completed and will be comfortable and convenient housing for gatherings.

We are continually amazed at how God is

working in Liberia and Ivory Coast. With very literally expanding the tents(churches), the curtains are wide open and people of Liberia and Ivory Coast are flowing in. The pastors there have a big vision of what God wants to do in their churches. We are so grateful and excited to be part of this ministry. Please pray for discernment for us in



terms of what needs to meet first. Pray for health, strength, understanding of God's Word, and encouragement of the Spirit for the pastors in leading these churches.

We welcome you to partner with us in prayer and financial support for this ministry in Liberia and Ivory Coast. Here are needs for the way forward with estimated costs: 4 TLT sessions(\$4000 each session for materials, travel, and food); rice plants(\$500/plot); 4 more church buildings(\$11,000/church including seating); orphanage for 70 children(cost not projected yet). You can designate to any of these needs and in smaller portions.

We invite you to share this information with your <u>c</u>-ouncil, <u>c</u>-hurch, and <u>m</u>-Mission <u>c</u>-ommittee. If you are led to contribute to this ministry, you can make checks payable to Crossroads Fellowship CRC and enter "Liberia Ministry" in the memo line. Send to: 1200 60<sup>th</sup> St., West Des Moines, IA 50266. Also, if you have questions or would like us to make a presentation of this ministry, please reach out to Kevin at 515-661-2077, email – <u>kivryhof@gmail.com</u>, or Brad at 515-314-8796, email – <u>brad.vk@gmail.com</u>.

Serving Christ with you,

On behalf of Crossroads Fellowship CRC

Brad Van Kooten, Kevin Vryhof, and Joseph & Rachel Zarway



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## God So Loved the World....

There is no greater love than to lay down your life for someone. It means making the other person more important than yourself, even if it means death to you and your dreams. Throughout history, people who've died while protecting others are considered heroes. No words can describe the depth of sacrifice heroes make, whether for one person or several. Yet, Jesus laid down His life for all of humanity so that we can have the hope of eternal life with Him. That includes you. He died for you. There is no greater act of love.

This saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance:

"Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners":-and I am the worst of them.

I Timothy 1:15 (HCSB)

Only Jesus has the power to save! His name is the only one in all the world

That can save anyone.

Acts 4:12 (CEV)

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone

Who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

Romans 1:16 (ESV)