

The Joys and Sorrows of Ministry

Josephine went home to be with the Lord

She battled cancer but finally on Sat., Oct. 14, 2017 she died. We were caught by surprise. We knew about her condition, but nothing could ever prepare us to say “goodbye for now.” She wanted so badly to get baptized, but her condition rapidly declined. Well, she left our “missions-fellowship” in Tuktukan to join the best congregation up yonder and she will forever be with the Lord. Please pray for her loved ones who remain. Pray for comfort. Pray for us for wisdom in ministering to them the precious Gospel that Josephine embraced.

Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, ye righteous: and shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart.

(Ps. 32:11)



The Sunday School Children’s Faithfulness Acknowledged

It was a joy to be able to gather the Sunday School children for a quick photo outside of our meeting-place. What a blessing it is to work with these children. Many of them do not speak English but they are persevering week after week desiring to learn more about the Bible. We are now currently teaching them to memorize the books of the Old Testament, and we are on book #31, Obadiah. It is a wonderful thing to hear them say the list of books. About four of them have already committed the books to memory. The class as a whole

can recite each book nearly effortlessly. Our prayer is that they would learn to listen well and that they would come to a saving knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ! We also were able to acknowledge our faithful attenders and our “perfect” attenders. Faithful ones are those who missed one or two Sundays, and “perfect” attenders are those who have not missed one Sunday for three months. We had 11 faithful individuals and 8 perfect attenders. The average attendance is now in the upper 30’s. Some of the older children were invited to stay for the morning worship service, and for the most part, they listen well. There’s always a riff-raff here and there but we will work with them so long as they are willing to work with us. Please pray that the children would develop a seriousness and a desire to learn more about the Lord and be saved.

Two weeks of Baptism classes completed

Bro. Kirck and Sis. Sadia were able to stay after the afternoon service and complete our Baptismal classes. Pray that they would follow through with the Lord’s mandate for every believer.



Prayer Requests:

1. Pray for faithfulness in our visitors, guests, and prospects.
2. Pray for wisdom in dealing with Josephine’s loved ones.
3. Pray for souls to get saved especially in our Sunday AM service. Our Sunday AM service is purposefully a “Gospel Service.”
4. Pray for safety as we go about ministering in town.
5. Pray for wisdom in dealing with people.

A special “thank you” to our sending church, Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Brogue, PA for a generous love-gift which met needs.

Praise Reports:

1. We are praising God that Marcia’s acquisition of her permanent residence visa has ended favorably for her (for now). There is an end to the process! Now, we are praying that the boys’ dual-citizenship recognition certificate will come in by the end of the year.
2. Praise the Lord that we have a some newer attendees. One of which is a gentleman and a brother in the Lord, Randy. His uncle pastors two Baptist works in separate locations. Often on the weekends, Randy’s job lands him in Santa Ana (which is less than a mile from our meeting-place). Having another brother in the Lord is such a blessing!

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