



The Joyful Noise

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Mutambara Mission Hospital

Cashel Road, Zimbabwe.

Dear Brothers and Sister in Christ,

We send you greetings from Mutambara, Zimbabwe. We thank you for your continued support to our work here in Mutambara Mission Hospital.

Support for the pregnant women from you and other sources like the German UMC has been tremendous. Their daily feeding, attempts at sustainability which includes farming, and poultry projects have taken off but in a low scale.

Plans to kick off piggery project is expected to materialize shortly. Support for other hospital projects like maintenance and clinical needs are all appreciated. We thank you so much.

The country underwent another several weeks of lockdown following the third wave of Covid. Positive patients in the communities were overwhelming. It was a disaster when the pregnant women in the mothers' shelter became positive. Testing the newcomers, separating and isolating about 60 women in the shelter, was a difficult situation to contend with. A good number of the non-positives, with longer dates for delivery had to be sent home facilitate decongestion. Delivering them either normally or by Cesarian Section was not an easy task. But we thank God for seeing us through. PS 91:13.

We are also having a great problem with the students in the High school. We have more than a hundred positive students there. It is a problem trying to contain the spread of the infection due to the fact that there are some students in the hostels, and some are day students from the communities. The same applies to the staff, indicating possible community spread. We continue to pray for God's intervention and for his guidance on how best to limit the spread.

On a joyful note, we thank God for leading us to save a 9year-old, child's finger. He has put a metal washer on the Index finger for about 2-3 weeks prior to reporting to the hospital. For some unknown reason, mother noticed it 3 days earlier. An electric iron cutter was used, but not without its dangers. Emmanuel sustained a minor injury during the process from the cutter.

In terms of weather, the cold season has come and gone and we are now experiencing gradual but steady increase in temperatures leading us into the period for increase Malaria attacks, preparation for the planting season, likely a reduced Incidence in Covid cases as the weather becomes increasingly unfavorable for survival of the virus, and possible increase in hours of blackout following possible frequent damages to electricity lines from storms.

Our family is doing fine, thanks to God for his goodness on our family. We keep trusting God for his mercies and favors in the presence of challenges. His guardian angels will continue to lead the way. Ex 23: 20-23. Greetings from Chukwwebuka and our grandchildren, Osita and Anulika.

Prayer Request:

- 1) Pray for world Peace
- 2) Pray for God's Intervention in all our undertakings
- 3) Pray for quick recovery of our patients with Covid and other ailments.

Thanking you for your continued support. We pray God will replenish your resources.
Yours in Christ,

Florence Mefor Advance #13991Z

Emmanuel Mefor Advance #13990Z

Mutambara Mission Hospital #3022286



If you would like to be included in the **Weekly Prayer Partner EMAIL** which includes scripture readings, prayer requests, birthdays, and weekly reminders, please email or call the church; especially if you have not received these lately. If you have email, but do not receive information from the church this way, please give your email address to the office. We may not have it, and it's important that we do going forward so you can stay updated. Thank you.



HOSPITALIZED

Please contact the church office or Travis Remme if you know a member has been admitted to the hospital. With the new privacy laws being strictly

enforced there are many times we are unaware of hospitalizations. We would rather get ten calls than none at all. Thank you. **Prayer concerns** can be called into the office (472-2324) or emailed to the office at rockrapidsumc@premieronline.net or to Travis Remme at tremme2@gmail.com and they will be sent out.

Joys & Concerns



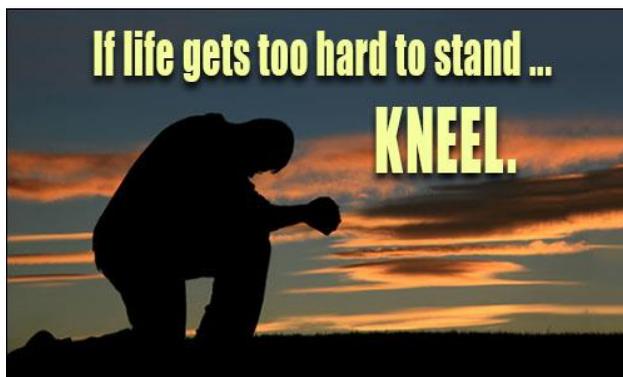
Praise God~

- ☺ The gorgeous weather
- ☺ Joe Vander Zee filling in
- ☺ Kelli Docker for decorating and organizing the Sunday School rooms
- ☺ To those that provided snacks for Sunday School
- ☺ Care Center visits
- ☺ Shut in visits
- ☺ Daxton- school is going so well!
- ☺ Alex & Rebecca-marriage
- ☺ Abby-opening own business
- ☺ Ed Brown



Prayers~

- ✧ Judi Sieperda
- ✧ Dana Lutmer
- ✧ Wyatt Jepsen
- ✧ Marlys Brown
- ✧ Family of Jean Sides
- ✧ Joe Slade
- ✧ Jennifer Miller-back surgery
- ✧ Family of Jake Dieters
- ✧ Family of Pat Dingel (Aunt to Kathy VB)
- ✧ Student athlete injuries
- ✧ Cindy Dean-back surgery
- ✧ Donovan Morales-basic training
- ✧ Kage McDonald (Westwood Homecoming)
- ✧ USA



October Birthdays And Anniversaries



03~ Bart Brown

Carol VerHoef

04~ Dave Ackerman

Jeff Brown

Grace Heimensen

Hayden Heimensen

Larry & Shawn Wibben

07~ Madalyn Broesder

11~ Sean & Cassie Van Berkum

12~ Amy Menage

13~ Sheila Maxwell

Lynn Selken

Ryan & Marceia Techen

Austin Behrens

14~ Ben & Kelli Docker

15~ Katelynn Kelly

Karlie Hamilton

16~ Kelli Docker

17~ Jessie Lorenzen

19~ Shirley Roach

20~ Joel DeJongh

Sonya Peterson

21~ Sandy Kumba

Tori Selken

22~ Vicki Slack

23~ Jayce Van Berkum

24~ Dale Slack

25~ Kaylee Dandurand

Cole Schleusner

Taysom Engleman

27~ Cindy Dean

29~ Darren Dandurand

Shiri Borman

30~ Kathy Sides

31~ Chris Vander Zee



*We apologize for any omissions or incorrect information. Please contact the office with the correct/missing information. Thank you!



Justice for All is having their Annual Meeting and Fall Auction on **Thursday, October 28** at 530p in the Parkview Event Center – Rock Valley, IA. There will be an update about the ministry, short business meeting, and a live

auction with Mark Zomer and Doug Kooima. Enjoy a meal and fellowship while supporting Justice for All ministry. Thursday October, 28 530p Parkview Event Center, don't miss out!



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD! Notice the display! You can help by picking up a box and packing it yourself OR donating from the list of items listed below. The Middle School Youth with have a packing party!

Crayons (Boxes of 24)

Small notebooks

Pencils (Boxes of 12)

Erasers

Colored pencils (Boxes of 12)

Pencil sharpeners

Bars of soap

Washcloths

Combs

Toothbrushes

Hair items for girls

Girls' T-shirts (Youth Lg)

Boys' & Girls Socks (Youth Lg)

Small stuffed animals

Flashlights & extra batteries

Yo-Yo's

Small Frisbees (smaller than 6")

Sunglasses

Hacky Sacks

Jump Ropes

Live!

Live Concert: Andrew Peterson, a singer-songwriter, an author, and the founder of the Rabbit Room, a ministry dedicated to fostering spiritual formation and Christ-centered community through story, art, and music, will be performing a Live Concert on **Monday, Nov. 1 at 7pm at Dordt's BJ**

Haan Auditorium. Tickets available on his website: www.andrew-peterson.com.

First Mondays Speaker Series at Dordt welcomes Andrew Peterson at **11 a.m., Monday, November 1** in the BJ Haan Auditorium for his presentation about making art in a time of exile. He is the author of the *The Wingfeather Saga* fantasy adventure series for young people, and more recently of *Adorning the Dark: Thoughts on Community, Calling, and the Mystery of Making*. He lives in Nashville with his wife and about 80,000 honey bees. This event is free and open to the public. Find more info at www.dordt.edu/first-mondays-speaker-series.

5th Sunday

MARK YOUR

CALENDAR - First

Reformed Church is hosting the 5th Sunday service in our sanctuary on Sunday, October 31 at 7 PM. Please join us for a message from Shari Kastein, Executive Director for Family Crisis Centers and the recipient of many awards and honors for her

work. FCC provides help 24 hours a day/365 days a year for victims and survivors of crime. You will also hear about and be inspired by how Fellowship of Christian Athletes is working in our local school. Please join us and invite your family and friends to attend this special service with you. Everyone is welcome!