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“The men of Ephraim were called to arms, and they crossed to Zaphon and said to Jephthah, ‘Why did you cross over to fight against the Ammonites and did not call us to go with you? We will burn your house over you with fire.’”

Judges 12:1

The Jerusalem Post recently carried this interesting article that has biblical overtures:

Russian spies are scattered throughout Ukraine. We would expect no less. But Ukrainians have figured out how to ferret out many of the Russian spies wandering around their country.

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While the languages spoken in Russia and Ukraine are similar, there are significant differences. For example, the phonetic spelling of the first names of the respective leaders of both countries. They share the same name, yet they spell their names and pronounce their names with nuanced differences. In transliteration, it's Vladimir for Putin and Volodymyr for Zelensky. Sounds are automatic giveaways because of the different emphasis of certain vowel and consonant collections in Ukrainian versus Russian.

And so, Ukrainians use a shibboleth involving the name of a popular bakery item. It is the name of a bread called palianytsia. Russians cannot properly pronounce the name of the bread. Try as they might, palianytsia does not come tripping off their tongues. Even if they can say it once, they trip up when saying it three times in a row. And they've been outed, caught, and uncovered. The fluffy loaf of bread catches spies in Ukraine like a lie detector.

That same test is seen in Judges 12. We have been looking at Jephthah's visionary faith. It led him through some extremely difficult situations and decisions. In chapter 12 we find Jephthah dealing with some nasty people. In Judges 8 the men of the tribe of Ephraim had chewed out Gideon because he never called them to come out of their hiding places to help him with his battle. Here they are doing the same thing to Jephthah, only now they are even bolder. They threaten to burn down his house because they feel that he has insulted them by not including them in his army. It's funny how they always show up after the battle to complain that they were left out of the battle.

It's important to remember in this passage that Jephthah is acting in the power of the Holy Spirit. He is doing what God tells him to do, and that includes leaving the Ephraimites behind when they didn't

respond to the original call to battle.

The Ephraimites are so upset over this slight that they do the human thing. They turn to taunts and insults that lead to war, “Then Jephthah gathered all the men of Gilead and fought with Ephraim. And the men of Gilead struck Ephraim, because they said, ‘You are fugitives of Ephraim, you Gileadites, in the midst of Ephraim and Manasseh.’”

The war didn’t last long. The Ephraimites were not fighters and they were facing seasoned fighting men. The men of Ephraim gave up quickly, but the damage had already been done.

Remember that Jephthah was God’s man and he was fighting for God. By fighting against him the Ephraimites set themselves up as the enemies of God. The result was that the Ephraimites were cut off from their own land. Then when they tried to escape from Jephthah’s army they were killed.

To weed out the men of Ephraim as they tried to escape a simple test was used. When the Ephraimites came to the fords of the Jordan River and requested to be allowed to pass over the Gileadite guards would ask them, “Are you an Ephraimite?” If they said no they tested them, “They said to him, ‘Then say Shibboleth,’ and he said ‘Sibboleth,’ for he could not pronounce it right.” It was a simple word that tripped up the Ephraimites every time. When they failed the test then they were seized and killed. Judges 12:6 tells us that 42,000 of the Ephraimites were killed.

We can say that it was terrible for Jephthah’s army to kill their own countrymen, but there is an important faith principle here. The Ephraimites chose to live in opposition to God and His truth. They

chose to act as enemies of God. God never blesses sin and people of visionary faith don't bless sin either. People of faith are called to make the tough commitment to resist God's enemies by standing up for God and His truth no matter what the odds are against them or what the consequences might be.

God was honored by Jephthah's stand. Jephthah ruled as a judge over Israel for six years. God was pleased with this man of faith. He is pleased with us also when we choose to make the tough commitments that come from living by faith. If we keep our word, sacrifice our desires and resist God's enemies we will one day hear the words, "Well done, good and faithful servant." That's the greatest reward for living a life of faith. Visionary faith always yields eternal blessings.

Blessings,  
Pastor Randy

# UPCOMING EVENTS FOR AUGUST AND BEYOND

## EVENTS CALENDAR 2022:

### **Sunday's**

**9:30 a.m.** Worship Service

**10:30 a.m.** Fellowship

**10:45 a.m.** Sunday School for the Whole Family

### **Wednesday's**

**7 p.m.** Middle & High School Youth Group (no Awana)

### **Thursday's**

**3 p.m.** Prayer & Women's Bible Study at BVBC

**6:30 p.m.** Women's Evening Bible Study will not meet for the summer.

### **Saturday's**

**8 a.m.** Men's Bible Study will not meet for the summer.

**Monday, August 1,** Spiritual Vision Team Meeting

**Tuesday, August 9, 2 p.m.,** Discipleship Team Meeting

**Friday, August 12, 2 - 3:30 p.m.,** Women and girls invited to Jackie Kramer's for "Come As You Are Open House." Come for tea, dessert, and fellowship.

**Saturday, August 13, 8 a.m.,** Leadership Team Meeting

**Sunday, August 21,** Newsletter Articles are Due

**Tuesday, August 23, 7 p.m.,** Outreach Team Meeting

# MISSIONARY UPDATES

## PAUL & JANET HARKNESS - AWANA



July 11, 2022

Dear Friends,

I am working on two presentations for this year's Awana Connect meetings. Both are related to our theme, Believe. Please pray for these preparations.

**Please also pray:**

-For all other details for the Awana Connect meetings in July and August. Information coming!

-For the Awana Ministry Conference in Omaha. This is different than the Awana Connect meetings.

-For Janet, who is the Director for our community VBS. A lot is being taken care of with last-minute details for next week's event. Pray for the gospel message to be clear and for believing children to be disciplined further. Three of our grandchildren will be attending from Iowa.

-My hands are doing better most days. Still experiencing nerve pain and some numbness.

**Awana Connect Dates & Locations: 7:00 - 9:00 pm**

Monday, July 25 - Gothenburg, NE - Cornerstone Bible Church

Tuesday, July 26 - Scottsbluff, NE - Zion Evangelical Church  
Wednesday, July 27 - Casper, WY - Cornerstone Evangelical Free Church

Monday, August 1 - Aurora, NE - Pleasant View Bible Church  
Tuesday, August 2 - Sioux Falls, SD - First Evangelical Free Church  
Wednesday, August 3 - Yankton, SD - Calvary Baptist Church  
Thursday, August 4 - Platte, SD - Calvary Baptist Church

Monday, September 12 - Rapid City, SD - Parkview Evangelical Free Church

**Awana Ministry Conference:**

Saturday, October 15 - Omaha, NE - Crosspoint Bible Church

There will also be 2 **Virtual Awana Ministry Conferences online** on Saturday, August 27 <<https://events.awana.org/register?Id=1334&isGuest=true>>, and Saturday, October 22 <<https://events.awana.org/register?Id=1344&isGuest=true>> that you may watch for \$10.

Thank you for praying,

Paul & Janet

Serving Nebraska, SE Wyoming,

Southern South Dakota and SW Minnesota

# HARLAN MOSS - PRISON LIGHTHOUSE MINISTRY



July 2022

“Repent therefore and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord.”

Acts 3:19-20a

Even though there is much evil going on in the world, the Lord is still at work changing hearts and minds by His Spirit! God’s light will always shine through the darkness. His light will never be snuffed out by the darkness! There is more interest in God and His Word now, than in the 21 years I have been a chaplain! PTL!

A few weeks ago, during a Bible study, only four orange suit (those still being processed into the prison) men were released for the study. There were two general population men there, who have studied their Bibles and have changed their lives. Since we had a small group, we sat in circle and went through a Bible passage. It was neat to see how the GP men encouraged the new men about the importance of Jesus and the Bible in their lives. They told them how essential it was for them to stay connected through Bible studies and church services.

I visited with James, one of the GP men who was at the Bible study a few days ago. I asked him how long he had been in prison? James

said, "I have been prison most of 25 years, in and out a few times." He went on to tell me, "The officers that have known me for some time, ask me, 'What has changed about you? You are so different from the problem inmate to the good man you are now.' "I told them I was tired of the violent life I had lived!

I am now a servant Jesus Christ and read the Bible often throughout the day! They have a hard time understanding the change in my life." James told me that he could have been sentenced to many years, but the judge recognized a change in him as well! PTL!

Henry has been a Christian for two years. Before he became a Christian he had been in Satanism. Henry noticed that some things were not right in his life. He participated in a bingo game one time where the winner would get a Study Bible. He won and was given the Bible. He started to go to a few church services in time and started reading the Bible. As he lay down one evening in bed he prayed, "God make me into a new man." Henry went on to say, "I have not been the same since!"

We were going over Mark 15 during the mental health Bible Study where it talks about Jesus' being mocked before His crucifixion. I said, "Some of you probably have been mocked at some time in your life." A 60-year-old man said, "I didn't remember until now, that when I was seven years old, I was made fun of and beat up in school." We talked about how God wants to heal that pain from 53 years ago. That can only happen if we give our hearts to the Lord and ask Jesus for healing from that pain. I told him that we need to be honest with God and ask Him to heal those painful memories by reading the Psalms and being truthful with God in every area of your life, past, present, and the future. God is a Wonderful Healer!

Thank you for your prayers and financial support! You are essential to this ministry!

In Christ, Harlan

## AMANDA BENSON - PHILIPPINES



July 1, 2022

### TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

In 1960, a missionary went to a headhunter tribe in the Philippines and lived among them. She learned their language and began to translate the Bible into it. Through her relationships with these people and her sharing of the gospel, one person came to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. And then, over time, the whole tribe was transformed by the power of the gospel.

That first convert of this tribe was the grandmother of one of my fellow workers here in the Philippines, who is now raising support to go to the Middle East to share the gospel with others who have not heard. While in the Philippines, I work with the Philippine Sending Council of SEND (PSC). This is a team of Filipinos who mobilize and send out Filipinos as missionaries all over the world. This year to date, PSC has appointed and/or sent eight Filipinos to go around the world to share the gospel with people who have never heard it, so that they, too, can be transformed by its life-giving power.

Last weekend, I was able to attend my mission's retreat. The conference was filled with fellowship, fun, and refreshment. My favorite part was listening to the testimonies of the new appointees – Filipinos

whom God has saved and given a passion to tell others about how they, too, can know Him. When I am with my Filipino coworkers, I am always encouraged by their love for Jesus and passion to spread the gospel to the ends of the Earth. It can be easy to get so caught up in my own little world of Faith Academy, but they always remind me that there is so much more going on that God is doing. It is so awesome to be a part of that!

I am also reminded that my part in the great commission is to disciple my students at Faith Academy, allowing many missionaries in SE Asia to do their work to also spread the gospel to those who have not heard. I have officially received the Vice Principal email (complete with a signature that says I'm VP...)! I also have done my first task as VP – doing some screening testing for applying students. However, we still are in urgent need of a middle school English teacher. If we do not get one this month, I may need to continue teaching English, in which case my role as VP will be very limited (as I'm also slotted to teach Algebra 1 and advisory).

Please pray with us that God will provide the staffing that we need for the upcoming school year or give wisdom to know how to arrange staff if we don't have what we need. There are still people being interviewed to come work here, but to my knowledge, none are for middle school English.

In terms of our house, there are a couple single ladies applying to Faith that might potentially be able to live with us, but they first have to be accepted before we can move forward with that. We are excited to see what God has in store for this coming year, and Marissa and I have already thoroughly enjoyed hosting some people at our house!

Thank you for your continued prayers and support that not only allow me to serve at Faith Academy, but also allow missionaries here in SE Asia to spread the gospel to those who have not heard of the hope they can have in Christ.

God Bless,  
Amanda Benson

### **Praises**

- For the way God is mobilizing Filipinos to spread the gospel around the world.
- That we've been able to get settled in the house, and we potentially have some ladies to live with us!
- That I've had a great time traveling and spending time with friends this month. It's been nice to not have to do much school work.

### **Prayer Requests**

- Pray for those Filipinos raising support to go as missionaries to other countries. This can be a hard culture in which to raise funds.
- Pray that God will provide the staff that we need for the upcoming school year, particularly for a middle school English and a high school science teacher.
- Pray that I would prepare well for the upcoming school year. I don't have much planned for this month, but am hoping to do things around here and also be available to help new and returning staff as they come into the country. New staff orientation starts July 27!

July 20, 2022

### **PowerUp! Prayer Update**

#### **Praises**

- We have agreed to have one other lady live with us for next year, and we also have one more that we are going to be talking with soon. We have hired her to teach middle school English! :) We still could really use one more middle school English teacher, but this will be a huge help.
- I have really enjoyed this last week. I've had a lot of time to spend with others, and Marissa and I have been able to have some people over. Also, some friends have returned from the US!

## **Prayer Requests**

- Due to rising Covid cases, our admin has decided we need to have our All Staff Retreat on campus instead of going away. Pray for wisdom as we rethink through our plans and figure out what we will do now that we aren't leaving (I'm on the planning committee).
- Pray that the new staff that have been hired will make it to the country for the beginning of the school year. Pray that God will continue to provide the staff that we need. We still desperately need a high school science teacher, dorm parents, and a few other positions.
- New Staff Orientation starts next Wednesday! Pray for the transition of these staff as they figure out working at Faith Academy and (for some of them) life in the Philippines. It's hard to believe our school year is about to start!

## **Ongoing Prayer Requests**

- That God will refresh the hearts of the staff and students this summer, and that we'd be ready to start a new school year.
- That we would use our house well to serve the community around us.
- That God will bring the staff members that we need for the next school year.

## **NEWS FROM CHAIN OF LOVE HOMES**

April/May/June 2022 Newsletter

Dear COL friends,

We are delighted to share with you some of COL's important happenings and exciting events from the past three months. We thank you for your prayers and would like to encourage you to keep on praying for this ministry so we can continue taking in all the children the Lord sends to us.

In recent years, many of the children and teenagers we've welcomed have come with a different type of profile than that of the

children we provided care for in years prior. Most of the children and adolescents who come to us now were born to mothers with drug addictions and thus were exposed to drugs while in utero. Because of this, these children often experience many health issues and cognitive disabilities. We see each of our COL kids as so incredibly precious and wish to continue serving them in the best way we can, with God helping us.

### CATIA'S BATTLE AGAINST CANCER

Catia (Housemother in House 2) underwent her last chemo session in May! While originally it was thought that the cancer had spread to her other breast and lymph nodes, there is wonderful news: the cancer hadn't spread! Thank God, Catia is now free from her breast cancer and is recovering well. We offer our thanks to each one of you who prayed for her and would like to encourage you to continue to lift her up in your prayers.

### INTERNATIONAL TEAMS AT COL

In May and June, three teams from North America came to COL on short-term mission trips. These teams did so much to help us at Chain of Love. They organized games and sports events, gave us several sports equipment, taught at a VBS, evangelized our children and teenagers, taught handcrafts, pampered our housemothers, decided to sponsor other children, and took some of our children to pizzerias and other restaurants (some of the children had never eaten out before). They also brought important items such as toothbrushes, hair extensions (which are extremely useful for the self-esteem of some of our girls), medicine, and other medical items, and checked our children's and teenagers' eyes to fit for and provide glasses as needed.

Additionally, they evangelized outside of Chain of Love (the Texas team even organized an eye clinic at a rehab center), taught music lessons, did some painting and minor repairs, participated in baptisms

and worship services, and interacted with our children, houseparents, and staff.

The housemothers felt so special for the simple fact of sharing meals with the Americans and Canadians who visited them. Two especially expressed how loved this made them feel and all had a wonderful time. And so did our children! They really value people from different countries and cultures coming here to interact with them and share God's love.

Our deepest thanks to Crosspoint Church (McKinney, Texas), Quail Lakes Baptist Church (Stockton, California), and Steele Heights Baptist Church (Edmonton, Alberta, Canada) for sending these teams whose heartfelt and loving attitudes were very much appreciated and truly glorified the Lord here at Chain of Love.

While the teams had hoped to also carry out a painting project, it wasn't possible because of the humidity in Southern Brazil at this time of the year. However, this was minimal as they did so many other incredible things for our children while here.

We would love to have other teams (or individuals) visit. If you are interested in visiting us, please contact Rick Dunbar ([chainoflove.canada@gmail.com](mailto:chainoflove.canada@gmail.com)) in Canada or Robbyn Hanstad ([robbynhanstad@gmail.com](mailto:robbynhanstad@gmail.com)) in the US for more details. Robbyn is currently on sabbatical but will answer your questions upon her return in September. In the interim, please send emails to [chainoflovehomes@gmail.com](mailto:chainoflovehomes@gmail.com) and we will answer your questions from Brazil.

## BAPTISMS

Some extra special news is we had some baptisms at Chain of Love! We are so happy that some of our teenagers decided to get baptized and publicly declare their faith in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Additionally, the houseparents who look after our Transition House (Valdeci and Dirce) and their son Vinicius got baptized too! It was an emotional service. May their decision be an encouragement

for other teenagers to decide to follow Jesus and eventually be baptized too.

### SCHOOL UNIFORMS

We are still short of about US \$1,850 or CND \$2,370 to reach our goal of purchasing school uniforms for our children. Any amount is welcome. We praise the Lord for the lives of those who have contributed or prayed for us to be able to buy school uniforms for our children.

### FACEBOOK ACCOUNT

Our Facebook account has been recovered! We are taking our first steps to keep it working and updated. We plan to use it as a means of communication and interaction between Chain of Love and our partners. We aim to be present on other social media soon too. Hopefully, our Facebook will be up and running in the month of July; we are excited for it to bring you lots of relevant information and prayer requests. Please visit <https://www.facebook.com/chainoflovehomes>

\* For our houseparents to have perseverance and patience. (The fact that many of our children come with the significant issues mentioned above can be discouraging and overwhelming to some of our houseparents in the hard-but-noble task of serving our kids).

\* For more conversions at Chain of Love and that our kids will feel embraced by the love of God.

\* For more sponsors and supporters.

\* For wisdom, so we can make decisions according to God's will.

May God bless all of you richly,

Jaques C. Ribeiro - Sponsorship Coordinator

# DARWIN & KAREN STOESZ - JAPAN



July 4, 2022

## **Ministry Update**

### **Happy Independence Day!**

We are happy to report that we have arrived in Kansas to begin our home service. We arrived on June 23rd and slowly settling into a missionary home that was made available to us in Elbing, Kansas on the property of Berean Academy - a private, non-denominational Christian school.

Our contact information for the year is:

Our physical address is 219 W 1st St Elbing KS

Our mailing address is PO Box 33 Elbing KS 67041

Our main phone number for text and calling is: 316-708-0127 (Feel free to send us a text)

We enjoyed having Anna with us for a month in Japan. It was nice for her to see the house we had lived in for about nine years before we packed it up for home service. We were thankful for a lot of helpers who helped us in Japan clean up and pack up our house to get it ready for the next missionaries to move in. We were also thankful that our house here in Elbing was also clean and ready for us to move right from the airport to our house.

We were thankful for people who helped us get our vehicles from near St Louis MO so that we could have transportation.

We are thankful for you, our supporters who partner with us as we continue to share the good news in Japan with SEND International. We ask you to pray for us as we get settled and once, we review the numbers we will know how much support we need to raise this next year as we know we have lost some support over the past four years, and we look forward to seeing how God will provide so that we can return to Japan with 100% support.

### **Prayer / Schedule Update**

Our tentative schedule so far is as follows. Of course, all dates are subject to change. Please pray for us especially for these events:

Jul 4 City of Peabody Kansas fireworks display

Jul 7-10 Darwin attend Connect 22 with Fellowship of Evangelical Bible Church that will meet at Crosspoint Bible Church in Omaha, Nebraska

Jul 10 Darwin's 25th anniversary to join SEND International

Jul 10-13 Darwin will visit his parents in Mountain Lake Minnesota

Jul 24-31 SEND International Conference in Farmington MI called "Reconnect"

Aug 17 Clara's first day at Berean Academy

Aug 20 Anna move back to John Brown University

### **Please pray:**

1. Pray that Darwin's teacher Mr. Tsuneizumi and Karen's friend Yuko-san would put their faith in Christ.
2. Pray for wisdom for decisions that need to be made in the SEND Japan office and at Christian Academy in Japan.
3. Praise that CAJ was able to hire a new Head of School who will start in August.
4. Pray for Anna and Clara that they would have continued growing relationships with Jesus.

5. Pray for Anna at John Brown University and studies kinesiology.
6. Pray for Clara at Berean Academy that she would seek God and make good friends.

Thank you for your continued partnership in our ministry.

Thank you so much for your prayers, financial support, and encouragement so that we can return to Japan.

Sincerely,

Darwin & Karen & Anna (18) & Clara (14) Stoesz

July 19, 2022

### **Ministry Update**

How is culture shock going? This is a question we get a lot as we are transitioning back to life in Kansas. It is still weird to be in an elevator and the door opens you and you surprise yourself by saying, “I see an American”. For the most part culture shock is internal and just when you think nothing will surprise you something does. It is still nice to be able to read menu’s, doctor’s input forms and privacy forms and can read, though most of it doesn’t necessarily need to be read in that detail.

Darwin’s highlight was a ten-day trip to Omaha, Nebraska to attend a Fellowship of Evangelical Bible Church convention called Connect22 held in one of our partnering churches – Crosspoint Bible Church. Darwin was then able to visit some supporters and family members in Minnesota as well as a surprise visit on the way home to visit a man from Mali, West Africa – Darwin’s first mission trip – that he hadn’t seen in thirty years.

Karen is enjoying the nicely renovated and furnished home referred to as the “Berean mansion”. It has all the necessities and is uncluttered, leaving enough space to organize our things. As a bonus, it has a garden spot for her to plant a few flowers. She particularly appreciates the wide-open sky and watching the sunset almost every

evening.

## **Reconnect Retreat at SEND International - USA**

Darwin and Karen are embarking on another road trip to the SEND headquarters called Reconnect Retreat that takes place in the greater Detroit Michigan area from July 25-29. It will be good to reconnect with our sending office as well as some of our Japan missionaries who will also be there. The schedule at the retreat includes subjects such as: Spiritual vitality, orientation and member care, info systems, debriefing with trained professionals, introduction to the communications team, partner development, benefits, finances, development and donor relations and updates from key leaders.

Pray for Anna and Clara who will not go to Michigan, but rather stay in Kansas. They have many fun events planned in our absence. Our contact information for the year is:

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Thanks for your prayers for us.

Darwin

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Jul 29 Darwin's birthday

Aug 9 Clara's birthday

Aug 17 Clara's first day at Berean Academy

Aug 20 Anna move back to John Brown University

Aug 23 Karen's class with Moody Bible Institute online begins

Aug 31 Anna's birthday

Oct 9-11 Evangelical Mennonite Brethren Church – Lustre, Montana  
Oct 13 Karen's birthday  
Oct 21-23 Union Valley Bible Church – Hutchinson Kansas

**Please pray:**

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2. Pray for Anna and Clara that they would have continued growing relationships with Jesus.
3. Pray for Anna at John Brown University and studies kinesiology.
4. Pray for Clara at Berean Academy that she would seek God and make good friends.
5. Pray for wisdom as we setup our schedule of activities for home service.

Thank you for your continued partnership in our ministry.

Thank you so much for your prayers, financial support, and encouragement so that we can return to Japan.

Sincerely,

Darwin & Karen & Anna (18) & Clara (14) Stoesz

## CRISIS IN UKRAINE



A story of one Ukrainian family:

“I got to meet the people from this church for the first time four weeks ago when I came, like everyone else, for humanitarian aid.

Our life has changed after February 24, and simple things became impossible due to the lack of money, problems with employment, and lack of understanding how much longer we will need to live in this saving mode. Therefore, the primary reason for coming to church was the possibility to get some humanitarian aid.

The church people greeted us with smiles. My husband and I were invited to a table discussion with a leader. At the table we found out that we are helped here not only by believers from Ukraine, but also by parishioners from other parts of the world. It was so surprising to find out that someone on the other side of the globe was taking care of you.

The chance we get here to communicate with internally displaced people who have the same problems as ours, made it clear that we are not alone in our plight. Our leader’s explanation why all of this is happening to us brought an awareness that our situation isn’t hopeless.

For two Saturdays in a row, our sons, aged thirteen and eighteen, have also been attending church. The children finally want to leave

home and communicate with others, their despair and fear about tomorrow are gone. They get answers to their questions and go to church with a big pleasure.

I am very glad that some power from above has brought me to the church. From the bottom of my heart, I would like to thank people who dedicate their free time in order to minister other people.”

## **SEND ENGAGE NEWSLETTER**

Thank you for your interest in how God is working among the unreached. Below you will encounter a Muslim woman on a spiritual journey as she seeks deliverance and finds a caring member of Team Hope in Southeast Asia!

Desperate for Deliverance By A.S., Team Hope | Southeast Asia

A 2009 graduate of our university scholarship program recently came knocking on the door of our non-profit office. Having been tormented for eight long months by evil spirits and curses inflicted upon her in the village where she is from, Nayda was desperate. Nayda, a Muslim woman, had done much research to discover how she might be free from this oppression but had found no permanent release. She had even turned to the Kitab (Bible) and found passages about the authority given to the followers of Isa (Jesus) to cast out demons. She had prayed and asked God to lead her, and she ended up at the door of our office, where she had not stepped foot since graduating 13 years ago. Not by coincidence, I was there that day. As I came to the door, tears streamed down her face. I invited her to go home with me that night and she continues to live with me. She has heard the gospel and that Isa is the one who can set her free but she is not ready to make that decision to follow Jesus. She continues to do what she believes will bring her relief from this torment and we continue to walk with her. We pray that Nayda will have dreams and visions of Isa to confirm what she has heard.

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**Step 1:** Go to the NAB's new missions webpage [nabonmission.org](http://nabonmission.org).

**Step 2:** Click on the “missionaries” label.

**Step 3:** Click on the national missionary to whom you would like to designate your support.

**Step 4:** Click on the “give to..” button on the national workers page.

**Step 5: Fill out the form.** All gifts given through the NAB are tax deductible.

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