

Missions *IMB North Africa*

This week we direct our prayers to North Africa. Two of our missionaries, whom we'll call *Herald and Sarah Singer* serve there with their four children. North Africa is mostly Muslim. Sharing the gospel is illegal and dangerous. There are big cities, but many people live in rural areas and survive on small, meager farms.

The Singers have focused their outreach on those rural areas. They call the people Sparrows, from Matthew 10 — people God has not forgotten. The Singers distribute goats to farm women, which enables them to have milk, butter, and cheese for their families or to sell.

When they deliver the goats, Herald and Sarah get to visit the homes and Sarah talks with the women. She teaches them about hygiene and also shares Bible stories.

“Often, we are invited to their homes for coffee where we can share stories of truth and personal testimonies of our spiritual belief,” she said. “And we can pray for them and their needs.”

So, the next time you see a goat, thank the Lord that a goat can help open doors for the gospel in North Africa. God has not forgotten those Sparrow people, and neither should we!

Church of the Week

Beale Presbyterian Church
Pamplin, VA

Shut-in of the Month

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164 Walnut Circle
Appomattox, VA 24522

Military Member Prayer

ETN3 Hodge, Austin
101 NNPTC Circle
Apt TT-3
Goose Creek, SC 29445

Prayer Concerns from the Congregation

Government

Pray that God would guide the men and women who advise and counsel the President. Pray that they would be a wise and uplifting influence in his life and that they would seek the good of the country and not their own gain. Pray that President Biden would rely on wise counsel and come to understand that “where there is no guidance the people fall, but in abundance of counselors there is victory.” (Proverbs 11:14)

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