

November 13, 2016

Engage at Cornerstone

IN WORSHIP

Dr. Richard Alberta Preaching Stories Jesus Told: Part X "A Surprising Father" Luke 15:11-21

IN FOCUS

Operation Christmas Child Boxes Due Today

All boxes for Operation Christmas Child are due back today. Please drop your box off in the Celebration Center. Thank you for your support.

Women in Ministry - Storytime Advent Event Nov. 17

Ladies, join us THIS THURSDAY, November 17, for our annual Advent Event. We will hear testimonies of Our Stories for God's Glory, as well as shop to raise funds to aid trafficking victims. See the insert or visit Events Registration for details.

Celebrate Jesus Service November 20

Invite your neighbors and join us for a special Thanksgiving service next Sunday, November 20 at 7 PM. Child care is available by contacting Jessica Smokovitz: jsmokovitz@comcast.net.

Baptism

We rejoice with Scott & Elizabeth Stafford on the baptism of their daughter Emily Christine.



EVENTS REGISTRATION:

RTL Christmas Cards Voice of Martyrs Child of the Promise

SAVE THE DATE

Thanksgiving Dinner November 24

Christmas Concerts
December 10 & 11

Military Avenue Party December 17

Christmas Eve Services 5, 7 & 9 pm

Christmas Day Services 8:30 & 10:00 am

Hearing assistance devices are available at the Sound Booth at the back of the Sanctuary.

If you need assistance, please ask an usher for help.

Scripture taken from the Holy Bible, NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION, Copyright 1984 by Zondervan. All rights reserved worldwide. Stories Jesus Told: Part X "A Surprising Father" Luke 15:11-21

¹¹ Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons. ¹² The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them. 13 "Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. 14 After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. 15 So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything. 17 "When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! 18 I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. 19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.' 20 So he got up and went to his father. "But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹ "The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

SERMON NOTES

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (Infant - Grade 4)



CALLING ALL KIDS!

Come, Learn, and Grow in your Faith! From birth through grade 4 all children are welcome! We seek to nurture and equip children to know the heart of God in order that they might have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and serve Him.

	8:30	10:00	11:30
N U R S E R Y	INFANTS N2 COMBINED CLASS Crawlers, Toddlers, Toddler's Too N3 2's N4	INFANTS N2 CRAWLERS N1 TODDLERS N3 TODDLER'S TOO N5 2's N4	COMBINED CLASS Infants—2's N3
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ELEM	COMBINED SUNDAY SCHOOL Grades 1-4 103	JOYFUL JOURNEY Grades 1-4 Chapel	COMBINED SUNDAY SCHOOL Grades 1-4 103



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Kids, please turn in your shoe boxes at your classrooms TODAY. Thank you for blessing children all around the world with your gifts.

STUDENT MINISTRY (GRADES 5-12)

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS MEMORIZING GOD'S WORD

Cornerstone students be memorizing God's word. A BIG thanks to all of you who have helped in the past by donating ice cream gift certificates as prizes. If you would like to help this year simply purchase a \$5.00 gift certificate to a local ice cream store, place it in a sealed envelope labeled Bible Memory Contest, then drop it off at the church office.

WINTER RETREAT REGISTRATION

Registration is now open for **180's Winter Retreat**. Join us Feb. 3-5 for TRUE NORTH at Bair Lake Bible Camp. Where is the truth in your life? Do you ever feel pulled in different directions? We'll discover how to find and live the truth in our relationship with God. Cost is \$160 until Dec. 18 and \$185 after. Reserve your spot with a \$50 deposit.

Registration is now open for **7Up's Winter Retreat** to Spring Hill Camp. Join us Feb. 10-12 for Level Up. Cost is \$125 Nov. 1 - Dec. 1, \$145 Dec. 2- Jan. 31, and \$165 Feb. 1- 10. Space is limited, so reserve your spot with a \$50 deposit.

180 TEACHING SERIES Spiritual Gifts-Discovering your Unique Call Don't miss this new teaching series starting TODAY.

PLANNING AHEAD...

There will be no nursery or classes Dec. 25 or Jan. 1.

LOST AND FOUND

Lost your coat, umbrella, or Bible? Check the Lost & Found cabinet in the Celebration Center. Unclaimed items are donated to charity on the 15th of each month.

STUDENT MINISTRIES VOLUNTEER NEEDED

We're looking for a person to help restock and inventory the Roadhouse snack shop each Thursday. Commitment is 1-2 hours per week. Contact Kim for details. 810-494-4032.

BRING YOUR BIBLE!

Students, please remember to bring your Bibles to class each week. Parents, Christmas is a great time to upgrade to an age appropriate version that your child feels comfortable using.



ONGOING CARE AND PRAYER MINISTRIES

DIVORCECARE

Meets weekly on Tuesdays at 7 pm in the Chapel. All are welcome. Contact Janine Fruehan 248.701.8689 or register on our website: cornerstoneforlife.com

GRIEFSHARE

Meets weekly on Mondays at 7 pm in the Parlor. For those grieving the loss of a loved one. More information can be found on our website: cornerstoneforlife.com

MOMS IN PRAYER

Meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7:45 am in the Celebration Center Classroom. To learn more visit momsinprayer.org

ADULTS

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Community is an essential element of the Christian life. Consider participating in one of our Sunday morning communities listed below and join us on Wednesdays at 5:15 pm for a fellowship dinner, followed by a variety of children, student and adult classes. RSVP for dinner via cornerstoneforlife.com or the Cornerstone App.

Class/Community	Торіс	Location/time
Growing Together in Christ	Living Securely in an Insecure World	CC Classroom/8:30
Hunt Through the Bible	The Pastoral Epistles: Learning How God's People Should Behave in Church	CC Classroom/10:00
Crossroads	God's Wisdom for Our Times: Proverbs	102/10:00
Merge	Evangelism	Room 113/10:00
Tapestry Community	You Are What You Love	Room 101/10:00
F.A.I.T.H.	"God Behaving Badly?" Study on Apologetics by D.T. Lamb	107/10:00
Legacy	"Philippians: To Live is Christ, to Die is Gain" Video Series by Matt Chandler	111/10:00
Side by Side	Too Busy Not to Pray - Bill Hybels	108/10:00
SNAP (Special Needs Adult Program)	New Testament Heroes	Room 109a/10:00
Rooted	Habits of Grace: Disciplines of the Christian Life	CC Classroom/11:30

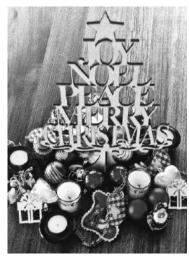
MISSIONS

JEANS FOR TEENS

The Guatemala Mission Team to Casa Bernabé Orphanage is collecting gently used or new jeans, **sizes toddler through girl's juniors size 12 and boy's youth 18-20**. Also needed are non-language specific games such as Tenzi, Yahtzee, Hungry Hippos, soccer balls, etc. and craft supplies, trial size soap, shampoo, lotion, mouthwash, and dental floss, new antibiotic ointment, Band-Aids, gauze, and tape. Please place in collection bins by Dec 18. Monetary donations are also welcome and can be made out to Cornerstone EPC and left at the church office, attention Elder Mike Rumbarger. Thank you for your support.

WORSHIP

Christmas at Cornerstone



Cornerstone Christmas Concerts: December 10 & 11 at 7 pm

Join us for an evening of worship and praise with our Cornerstone musicians as we reflect on the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and celebrate the true meaning of Christmas.

Christmas Dinner: December 10 at 5 pm. Reserve your spot no later than Dec. 5 at cornerstoneforlife.com. Click on the Events tab, and the *Christmas at Cornerstone* button. You may also call the office at 810.227.9411.

Christmas Eve Services: Dec. 24th 5, 7 & 9 pm

Christmas Day Services: Dec. 25th 8:30 and 10 am (no child care available) For more information visit cornerstoneforlife.com, or call the office at 810.227.9411.

GIVE AND SERVE

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you are able to volunteer in the nursery during the Thanksgiving service Sunday, Nov. 20 at 7PM, please contact Jessica Smokovitz: 810-610-2531 or jsmokovitz@cornerstoneforlife.com.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVERS NEEDED

Do you have the gift of service? Help is needed to prepare and serve Wednesday night dinners. For more information, please contact Jessica Smokovitz at 810-610-2531 or jsmokovitz@cornerstoneforlife.com.

LOVE IN THE NAME OF CHRIST - LOVE INC Is God calling you to the Love INC Ministry?

Are you looking for a 1 day a week commitment in assisting families during their time of distress? <u>Do you like to pray with people and offer hope</u>? The office of Love INC is in need of volunteers to answer the phones from 10:00 AM-2:00 PM, Monday-Thursday or 10:00 AM-12:30 PM on Fridays. Training is provided. For more information call 517-552-3816.

COMMUNITY

CHILD OF THE PROMISE - Nov. 26 at 7 PM & Nov. 27 at 4PM Tickets for the 6th annual Love Inc. benefit concert at the Brighton Center

for Performing Arts are on sale for \$20 at lccmusicians.org, or at Events Registration today. All proceeds benefit Love Inc. of Livingston County.

CELEBRATE JESUS THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Join us next Sunday, Nov. 20 for our Thanksgiving Service filled with praise, testimony and celebration of the Gospel. We pray for God's continued work as He draws new believers to himself through the work of the Holy Spirit.

Childcare is available by contacting Jessica Smokovitz at jsmokovitz@comcast.net



"Bear" Witness Project

As we seek to share the gospel with those around us, we can ask these questions: Are we equipped? Are we motivated? Are we available? Ask God to make a Divine Appointment for you this week.

For the needy will not always be forgotten, Nor the hope of the afflicted perish forever. Psalm 9:18

TEACHING AND RULING ELDERS

Sr. Pastor Dr. Richard Alberta **Budget & Finance**

David Andrews, Steve Mahan

Clerk of Session Mark Smith

Buildings & Grounds

Eric Dunatchik

Caring Ministries

Rev. Brian Tweedie, Ken Foster

Children's Ministries

Jon Morgan

Cornerstone School

Dr. Arthur Hunt, Steve Johnson

Discipleship

Rev. Chris Winans, Dan Forster,

Bob Wheelock

Men's Ministries

Wally Schram

Missions Rev. Scott Larson,

Rob Russell, Mike Rumbarger,

Jay Chamberlin

Student Ministries

Bob Kozal

Young Adult Ministries

Rev. Chris Winans

Women in Ministry

Laura Muhleck

Worship - Mike Beck

Senior Pastor Search/ Transition Committee Chair

Ford Cotton

HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 13

Day	Time	Event	Room
Sunday	8:30, 10, 11:30am	Worship Services	Sanctuary
		Adult Education	Various
		Children's Classes/Care	Various
	9:30 am	Library Open	Library
	10:00 am	SNAP (Special Needs Adult Program)	109A
	5:30pm	Fish and Loaves	Hess Hall
Monday	9:00-noon	Operation Christmas Child	Celebration Center
	6:30 pm	box pack Trail Life	Student Center
	7:00 pm	Fall GriefShare	Parlor
		ran Grieishare	Farior
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Steps to Serenity	Parlor
		DivorceCare	Chapel
		Military Prayer Group	107
		Parents of Hope	108
Wednesday	12:00 pm	Bread of Life	Celebration Center Classroom
	5:15 pm	Community Life dinner	Celebration Center
	6:45 pm	Kingdom Seekers/Student	Various
		Ministries/Adult Classes	
		Foster/Adoptive Sppt. Grp	Parlor
Thursday	12:45 pm	Primetimers	Celebration Center
	7:00 pm	Storytime Advent Event	Celebration Center
Friday		OFFICE CLOSED @ 12:30	
Saturday	7:00 am	Men's Prayer Group	Parlor
	6:30-8:30pm	Adult Drop-In Volleyball	Hess Hall

God's Faithfulness to Cornerstone

	10/23	10/30	11/6			
Worship:	1279	1315	1390			
Offerings:	\$71,533	\$69,126	\$91,073			
Year to Date Actual:	\$1,141,357	\$1,210,484	\$1,301,557			
Year to Date Target:	\$1,209,618	\$1,280,772	\$1,351,926			
Weekly Target: \$71,154						

5:7 PAY DOWN GOAL:

Total Indebtedness (as of Sept): \$2,021,673*

Giving for 5:7 to Date: \$945,974

Total 5:7 Project Cost: \$2,740,000

*Includes prior mortgage debt

Cornerstone Evangelical Presbyterian Church

9455 Hilton Rd. Brighton, MI 48114 810-227-9411 Cornerstoneforlife.com Care & Prayer: 810-494-4013











Connenstone Shares God's Grace and Goodness

In Our Community and Around the World...

There are many opportunities for you and your family to serve others at Thanksgiving and Christmas this year. So many different needs and projects; select which ones you would like to be a part of!

- 1. Operation Christmas Child
- 2. Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner
- 3. Toys for Kids—(Salvation Army & Military Ave.)
- 4. Christmas Dinner & Concert
- 5. Military Avenue—(Food boxes & Party)
- 6. Casa Bernabe in Guatemala—(jeans, games, hygiene ltems)

Operation Christmas Child

Fill one of the free preprinted boxes for a boy or a girl with school supplies, toys, toothbrushes, t-shirts, balls and a personal note. Samaritan's Purse will deliver these boxes to children around the globe to share the love of Jesus with them. Your gift will be a precious treasure and can make an eternal difference in a child's life. Brochures are located around the church with the specific instructions and appropriate labels. Include a check for \$7 for each box you prepare to cover shipping expenses.



Boxes are due back to Cornerstone on Sunday, November 13!

Boxes and brochures are available starting today on a table in the Celebration Center.

Thanksgiving Dinner at CEPC

Thursday, November 24 is *Cornerstone's 10th Annual Thanksgiving Dinner*. Through Love INC, Fish and Loaves and The Salvation Army, we invite members of our community to share a traditional "homemade" Thanksgiving Feast. Cornerstone families and others come together and we thank God for His provision to us. Last year nearly 500 gathered in Hess Hall! If you would like to volunteer, there are many opportunities. All of our volunteers are encouraged to join us for dinner, because this is not a "soup kitchen" type dinner!



RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED.

Help is needed on November 20 to cook turkeys for the meal. Go to www.cornerstoneforlife.com to make reservations and to volunteer.

Salvation Army Angel Tree & Military Ave. Gifts

Lots of toys are needed for kids in need on Christmas. Cornerstone will be supporting our local Salvation Army with gifts for children in need. This year Caring Ministries is joining with our Missions department to ensure that there are enough toys for the children attending the annual Military Avenue Christmas party, as well. Starting on November 20, the trees will



be in the lobby and you can choose a tag for either or both groups. Just choose a tag, buy the gift, tape the tag to the gift and return to church.

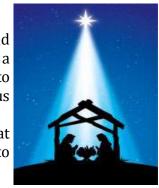
Watch for the details for this project in the Engage in the coming weeks.

Christmas Dinner and Concert



On Saturday, December 10, Cornerstone will host a very special dinner and Christmas concert for the same friends we invited to Thanksgiving. Following a "homemade" dinner in a beautifully-decorated Hess Hall, guests will come to the sanctuary for inspiring Christmas music and a message reminding all of us that Christmas is because of Jesus!

We're a very blessed congregation with an abundance of gifts including great cooks and very talented musicians & choir. This is a wonderful opportunity to share the love of God and His blessings with our neighbors.



RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED.

December 10: Dinner at 5:00 pm, Concert at 7:00 pm December 11: Concert Only at 7:00 pm

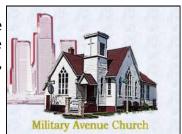
Watch the Engage—Details on how to make a reservation and to volunteer will be available soon.

Military Avenue EPC ~ Cornerstone's Sister Church Located in the Inner City of Detroit



Provide a Meal for a Family in Need

FILL A BOX WITH FOOD and Cornerstone will provide the turkey. The approximate cost to fill a box is \$50. Boxes and the shopping list will be available on Sunday, November 27 and should be returned on Sunday, December 11.



December 17 ~ Food Distribution & Children's Party

Meet in the Cornerstone parking lot at 7:30 am to car-pool to Military

Avenue. Join the "Turkey Brigade" or help with food boxes. Have some fun with the children; games and crafts and then Christmas presents are passed out! Many hands are needed to make this event a success.

Sign Up for Military Avenue will be on Sundays, November 20 and December 4 and 11 at Events Registration in the Celebration Center Questions?

Call Krista Menlen 810.623.1456 Email kmenlen@cornerstoneforlife.com

<u>Casa Bernabé Orphanage in Guatemala</u>



This November we will begin collecting jeans & games for the children at Casa Bernabé, along with personal hygiene items for a medical triage clinic. Watch the Engage for further details regarding the dates of the collection, sizes needed, etc.

The items will be delivered in person to the children during the Christmas break.



For information about Thanksgiving, Christmas Dinner & Concert, Salvation Army & Military Ave Christmas Gifts, and Operation Christmas Child:

Contact Karen Leaf at 810-494-4013 or kleaf@cornerstoneforlife.com

Watch for complete details of these projects/events

in future editions of the Engage



Annual Advent Telebration Thursday, Nov 17th 5:00—10:00pm In the Celebration Center

Join us for an evening of great storytelling, spiritual refreshment, and shopping with a purpose!

- Advent Boutiques 5-7 & 8:15-10pm
- Program 7-8:15pm
- Complete details on back





Each year as we approach the **Advent** season, we tell again God's great **redemption story** of Christ coming into the world to save sinners. The ongoing commitment of *Cornerstone Women in Ministry* is to support those Christian ministries working to rescue women who are ensnared by human trafficking or at risk of being trafficked both locally and globally.

This year's Advent Telebration

will be part of our Storytime series, and will feature a program with two women sharing their personal and inspiring stories of reaching abused & trafficked women for God's Glory!

You'll also enjoy:

- Advent Boutique handcrafted items from two of our favorite ministries that work globally with women rescued from human trafficking -- Amani ya Juu and Sak Saum -- will be open from 5-7pm, and again following the program from 8:15-10pm.
- Cornerstone Crafters Boutique items donated for purchase to benefit Grace Center of Hope in Pontiac
- Snacks & dessert items with beverages throughout the evening
- NO admission fee or ticket necessary! (But let us know you're coming at our Cornerstone info station or online at cornerstoneforlife.com)
- A great outreach event so invite your friends, co-workers and neighbors!!







Handcrafted items needed!

Calling all crafters! We're looking for your donations of Christmas decorations, wreaths, Advent calendars, knitted personal articles (gloves, scarves, children's items, etc.) for our *Cornerstone Crafters Boutique*. All donations will be priced for purchase to benefit Grace Centers of Hope! If you can donate, please call Bailey in the Women in Ministry office at 810-494-4034 & let her know.

Please bring your donated item(s) to the church between **Sunday, Nov 13 and Wednesday, Nov 16.** Thanks!

Questions? Calf Donna Alberta at 810-227-9411



Missionary Care Groups

Cornerstone is seeking people to join existing Missionary Care Groups!

Missionary Care Groups meet once a month to pray for supported missionaries and visit with them when they are in the area.

This is an incredible way to have a high impact at home and around the world while having a low impact on your schedule.



Interested? Contact the Missions Department at:

810-494-4034 eyzonheaven@comcast.net

Military Avenue Church Food Pantry



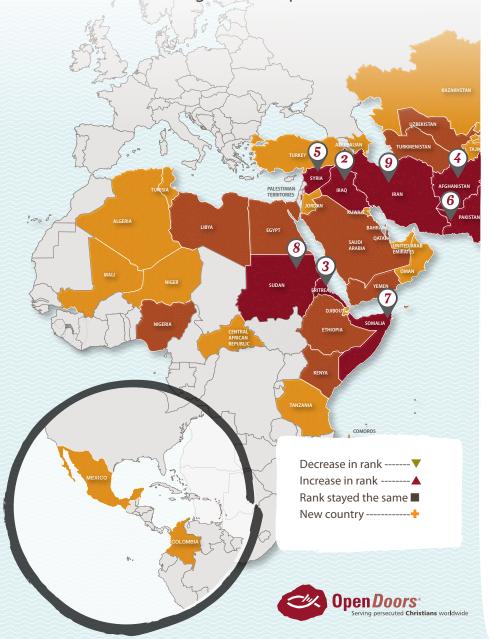
Thank you for your on-going support of the Military Avenue Food Pantry! Hunger knows no season, so please remember to bring in your contributions.

Items especially needed include pasta and spaghetti sauce, cereal, canned meats, stews, and soups. You can place your donations on the table in the back of the Sanctuary. Thank you for your generosity!



The World Watch List is a ranking of the top 50 countries where Christians face the most severe persecution for their faith.

Open Doors works in the world's most oppressive countries, strengthening Christians to stand strong in the face of persecution and equipping them to shine Christ's light in these places.



COUNTRY 2016 SCORE 2015 **1. North Korea** -----92/100 ----- ■ ----92/100 **2. Iraq** -----86/100 **3. Eritrea** ------89/100 ----- **△** ----- 79/100 **4. Afghanistan** -----88/100 ----- **▲** -----81/100 **5. Syria** -----87/100 -----83/100 **6. Pakistan** ------87/100 ----- **△** ----- 79/100 **7. Somalia** ------90/100 -----90/100 **8. Sudan** -----84/100 ----- ▼-----80/100 **9. Iran** -----83/100 -----80/100 **10. Libya** -----79/100 ----- **△** -----76/100 11. Yemen -----78/100 ----- ▲----73/100 12. Nigeria -----78/100 ----- ▼-----78/100 13. Maldives -----76/100 ----- ▼-----78/100 14. Saudi Arabia -----76/100 ----- ▼-----77/100 15. Uzbekistan ------ ■ ----- 69/100 16. Kenya -----68/100 ----- ▲-----63/100 17. India -----68/100 ----- ▲ ----62/100 18. Ethiopia -----67/100 ----- ▲-----61/100 19. Turkmenistan -----66/100 ----- ▲-----63/100 20. Vietnam -----66/100 ----- ▼-----68/100 21. Qatar -----65/100 ----- **A**-----64/100 22. Egypt -----64/100 ----- ▲----61/100 23. Myanmar -----62/100 ----- ▲ ----- 60/100 24. Palestinian Terr.---- 62/100 ----- **A**----- 58/100 25. Brunei ----- 61/100 ---- ▲---- 58/100 26. CAR -----67/100 ----- ▼-----67/100 27. Jordan -----59/100 ----- ▲----56/100 28. Diibouti ----- 58/100 ---- ▼-----60/100 29. Laos -----58/100 ----- ▼-----58/100 30. Malaysia -----55/100 ----- **△**----- 55/100 31. Tajikistan ----- 58/100 ---- ▲---- 50/100 32. Tunisia -----55/100 ----- ▲----55/100 33. China -----57/100 ----- ▼-----57/100 34. Azerbaijan -----57/100 ----- ▲-----50/100 35. Bangladesh -----57/100 ----- ▲----- 51/100 36. Tanzania -----57/100 ----- ▼-----56/100 37. Algeria -----55/100 ----- ▼-----55/100 38. Bhutan -----56/100 ----- ▼-----56/100 39. Comoros -----56/100 ----- ▲----- 56/100 40. Mexico -----55/100 ----- **△**-----55/100 41. Kuwait ------56/100 ----- ▲ -----49/100 42. Kazakhstan -----55/100 ----- ■ -----51/100 43. Indonesia -----55/100 ----- ▲----- 50/100 44. Mali -----55/100 ----- ▼----- 52/100 45. Turkey -----55/100 ----- ▼---- 52/100 46. Colombia -----55/100 ----- ▼-----55/100 47. United Arab Em.--- 55/100 ----- ▲----- 49/100 48. Bahrain ------54/100 ----- + ---- new 49. Niger ----- 53/100 ----- + ---- new 50. Oman -----53/100 ----- ▼-----55/100

A DEEPER LOOK INTO THE TOP 3 COUNTRIES ON THE WorldWatchList

Open Doors





92/100 EXTREME PERSECUTION

Leader: Kim Jong-Un

Population: 24.5 million (300,000 Christians) Main Religion: Atheism/traditional beliefs **Government:** Communist dictatorship

Source of Persecution: Communist oppression/ Dictatorial paranoia



North Korea heads the World Watch List for the 14th consecutive year now. Kim Jong Un has continued to consolidate his power, and no changes or even improvements have been seen in the reporting period. On the contrary: ideology again trumped everything as could be seen in the celebration of the ruling Korean Workers Party's 70th anniversary in October 2015. It remains difficult to make sense of most of the news pouring out of the country. This is even truer when it comes to topics like human rights or the situation of the Christian minority specifically. Christianity is not only seen as "opium for the people" as is normal for all communist states; it is also seen as deeply Western and despicable. Christians try to hide their faith as far as possible to avoid arrest and being sent to a labor camp. Thus, being Christian has to be a wellprotected secret, even within families, and most parents refrain from introducing their children to the Christian faith in order to make sure that nothing slips their tongue when they are asked.



M PRAY

- + For the 50,000-70,000 Christians imprisoned in labor camps. Ask God to sustain them.
- + That God would change the heart of Kim Jong-Un, and use him to reform the country.
- + For protection for ministry partners who are bringing practical and spiritual support to believers.





Around 24% of North Koreans have watched television programs from China and South Korea, which is strictly prohibited by the regime.



