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Middle East Reformed Fellowship—“Declaring the Whole Counsel of God”

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From the Fields



In Indonesia, MERF partners with Palu, Sulawesi churches to run a Trauma Center for tsunami victimized families

Pastor Armin - Sulawesi, INDONESIA Team - All glory and praise to God who guides and sustains the continuing gospel broadcasts in Bugis, Makassar and Toraja languages, children’s ministry and biblical training and seminars. We praise Him for the ministry to families still recovering from losing everything in the tsunami just over a year ago at the Trauma Healing Center in Palu, Central Sulawesi. Please also pray for the unity of Indonesian churches fac-

ing the challenge of radical Islamic groups.

Tommy - Java, INDONESIA Team - Praise God for opportunities to share with and serve victims of recent flooding. Please pray for Sunday school teacher training and outreach activities of the Jakarta center. Also, pray for the literature translation projects underway into Bahasa Indonesian.

Farsi Media Ministry Team Iranians, Afghanis and other Farsi-speaking peoples live

where there are few or no opportunities to hear the true gospel of Christ other than over the internet. Praise God for the tens of thousands of visits to our direct and indirect gospel online radio sites and YouTube channels each month with more visiting every day. We are so thankful that the expansion of our team made much ministry growth possible. Our site links along with Bible quotes are shared again and again over various social media by those inspired by God’s Truth.

Pray for those who hear the gospel and believe to grow in the Word and find good fellowship.

ETHIOPIA Team - We thank God that we now have three new websites for the Amharic, Oromo and Somali radio ministries. Pray for the development of evangelistic as well as teaching materials. Many believers are isolated in remote villages. We are thankful to be able also to train other believers to visit and care for them.

Simon - Lokichoggio KENYA Team - The MERF-Loki compound opened in 2003 for Bible training of South Sudanese and producing broadcasts for South Sudan. Yet, the Lord opened the door for us to reach our Kenyan Turkana neighbors. Most live as primitive herders in this very dry region and are very needy, but they are open to the gospel and hungry for the Word of God. We are thankful for MERF's ministry to both body and soul. Along with the gospel, we share safe drinking water from our well and also grain when there is drought. This to us is what Christ calls us to do. We thank God for good relations with the local community as South Sudanese, Tanzanians and Kenyans, including Turkana, receive



Simon maintaining MERF's Ministry Center in Lokichoggio, Kenya

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Arabic media ministry team-Egypt at Work

biblical training here. They go to serve among their own people.

Arabic Media Team - Khartoum, SUDAN (north)

- We are excited that now we have more freedom than before to share the gospel over radio and TV under the new authorities after the removal of the fanatical Islamic government. We now need to train more volunteers, especially in the use of text messaging and social media to communicate with the growing number of Sudanese contacts.

Arabic Media Team - EGYPT

- Emad - The new Issa-alMasih YouTube and Facebook segments are bearing much fruit. We need much prayer for the use of the discipleship and catechizing program in our follow-up efforts. Dany - We are thrilled with the new equipment to produce evangelistic dramas. Now we can upload new videos to our two websites and also to YouTube. Isaac - It is a blessing for us and the rest of the team to record and produce radio and video segments touching the lives of hundreds of

thousands of Arabic-speaking people. Martha - I thank God for the growing number of volunteers helping in writing segments and voicing.

George - LEBANON Team

- We thank the Lord for the freedom we continue to enjoy in carrying out our ministries and for the opportunities to share God's Word with others. Our country's culture reflects enslavement to materialism and greed, especially among young people. We need prayer that the Lord will use the present political and economic difficulties to drive people to turn to Christ and trust Him for true security and peace. We also need prayer for believers and churches to be more committed to God's Word and avoid being influenced by the culture.

JORDAN - We give thanks for the printing and wide distribution of MERF booklets. Pray for the training and equipping of local believers to do one-to-one catechizing of new converts. Pray for local churches receiving new believers to wisely and lovingly tend to their needs.

Lahore Bible-believing

Churches, PAKISTAN (Westminster Biblical Missions) - Although Christians are a small minority in this strongly Islamic country, praise God for special Bible study events held safely in the churches in Lahore, Faisalabad, Islamabad and nearby towns over the holiday season. It is also encouraging that over three hundred people are learning to read the Bible in the Bible Literacy Centers. Bible literacy courses are usually the first step in church planting. Pray for abundant spiritual fruit and the Sovereign Lord's protection of His people in Pakistan.



Ameer and Lily

Ameer & Lily - CYPRUS Team

- We are thankful for the Lord's calling for service with MERF teams as we assist in media work and local outreach and also help Pastor Victor and Sister Lisa in office administration.

"Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise!"

- Psalm 66:1-2