



The Elim Waterfall

November/December 2020

At Home with the Word

October 26–November 1 - Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

Monday: Joshua 3:7-17

Tuesday: Psalm 107:1-7

Wed.: Ps. 107:33-37

Thursday: Psalm 43

Friday: 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13

Sat.: Matthew 23:1-12

Memory Verse: *The greatest among you will be your servant. For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.* Matthew 23:1-12

November 2-8 – Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

Monday: Josh. 24:1-3a, 14-25

Tuesday: Amos 5:18-24

Wednesday: Ps. 98

Thursday: 1 Thess. 4:13-18

Friday: Ps. 78:1-7

Sat.: Matt. 25:1-13

Memory Verse: *... may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who long for your saving help always say, "The Lord is great!"* Psalm 70:4

November 9-15 – Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Monday: Judg. 4:1-7

Tuesday: Ps. 123

Wed.: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Thursday: Psalm 90:1-8, (9-11), 12

Friday: 1 Thess. 5:1-11

Saturday: Matt. 25:14-30

Memory Verse: *Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.* Psalm 90:12

November 16-22 – Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Monday: Ezek. 34:11-16, 20-24

Tuesday: Psalm 95:1-7a

Wed.: Deuteronomy 8:7-18

Thursday: Eph. 1:15-23

Friday: Ps. 100

Saturday: Matt. 25:31-46

Memory Verse: *God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come.* Ephesians 1:20-21

November 23–29 – First Sunday of Advent

Monday: Isaiah 64:1-9

Tuesday: Psalm 80:1-7

Wednesday: Psalm 80:17-19

Thursday: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Friday: Mark 13:24-31

Saturday: Mark 13:32-37

Memory Verse: *I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind--just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you--so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.* 1 Corinthians 1:4-9

November 30–December 6 Second Sunday of Advent

Monday: Isaiah 40:1-11

Tuesday: Psalm 85:1-2

Wednesday: Psalm 85:8-13

Thursday: 2 Peter 3:8-13

Friday: 2 Peter 3:14-15

Saturday: Mark 1:1-8

Memory Verse: *He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young.* Isaiah 40:11

December 7-13 - Third Sunday of Advent

Monday: Isaiah 61:1-4

Tuesday: Isaiah 61:8-11

Wednesday: Psalm 126

Thursday: Luke 1:46-55

Friday: 1 Thess. 5:16-24

Saturday: John 1:6-8, 19-28

Memory Verse: *Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.* 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

December 14-20 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

Monday: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Tuesday: Psalm 89:1-4

Wednesday: Psalm 89:19-26

Thursday: Romans 16:25-27

Friday: Luke 1:26-35

Saturday: Luke 1:36-38

Memory Verse: *I will sing of the Lord's great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations. I will declare that your love stands firm forever, that you have established your faithfulness in heaven itself.* Psalm 89:1-2

December 21-27- First Sunday in Christmas

Monday: Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Tuesday: Psalm 148

Wednesday: Galatians 4:4-7

Thursday: Isaiah 9:2-7

Friday: Luke 2:1-21

Saturday: Luke 2:22-40

Memory Verse: *But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father." So you are no longer a slave, but God's child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.* Galatians 4:4-7

December 28-January 3 – Second Sunday in Christmas

Monday: Jeremiah 31:7-14

Tuesday: Psalm 147:12-20

Wed.: Revelation 21:1-6a

Thursday: Ecclesiastes 3:1-13

Friday: Ephesians 1:3-14

Saturday: John 1:(1-9), 10-18

Memory Verse: *And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.* John 1:14

Pastor Cary

Dear Friends,

The summer has ended, and the kids are back in school. Marie and Laurey are in high school (11th and 10th grades), and Ellie is in 7th grade. The older girls have been cast in the Pella Christian fall musical, “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat,” and Ellie is going out for volleyball. Thekla continues to go to day-care three times/week and is with grandma for the other two days.

Haiti finally opened up to international travel in August, after being closed since late March because of Covid-19. I will make a short trip there in October. Because Haiti’s authorities forbid any gatherings of five or more people until last month, it was almost impossible for me to continue my work with the Haitian chaplains during this period, since they could not legally be at the Sylvain, Haiti campus for work.

Once our Many Hands for Haiti (MH4H) team were able to return to their jobs, we have resumed our twice-monthly teleconference training. Additionally, we are in the process of hiring two more Spiritual Shepherds/chaplains, which would make for six full- and part-time Haitian faith workers at MH4H. Although I am not there for the interviews, I was able to help with the selection process to evaluate a candidate’s spiritual knowledge and ministry potential.

One thing that the Covid-19 quarantine demonstrated to our Haitian chaplains is that average Haitians are very hungry for the Word of God. There is a huge demand for the audio Bibles in the Haitian Creole language. With so many people confined to their homes, there was more time to listen to Scripture.

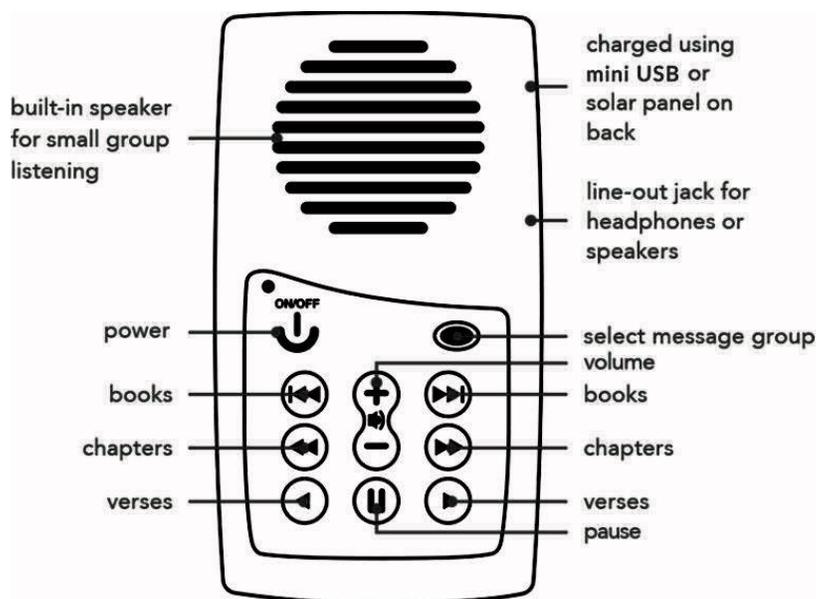
The chaplains are also reporting a phenomenon similar to what we saw in Niger: when people regularly heard the Word of God, the type of questions and discussions they had with faith workers began to change.

They become more profound as they consider the implications of what they had heard. Outreach activities are much more productive when people become familiar with God’s Word. Most non-literate Haitians have never listened to entire chapters and books of the Bible—they have only heard snippets and short passage in



sermons—if at all. Hearing Scripture in its entirety often has a powerful impact on people’s understanding.

We are very interested in raising more funds for the Audio Scripture Ministries audio Bible players (as the one pictured here). Haitians are asking for them, and our chaplains want to know when more will come. Please consider the audio Bibles as a giving project for your Sunday Schools or an end-of-the-year mission donation from your church. Remember, God’s Word will not return void when it goes out—which is being proved today in Haiti! Go to my web page (use the URL in the next paragraph) for more information.



Additionally, MH4H has had success with its goat project. These goats are given to the parents of students at the organization’s preschool, who then sell the animals back to MH4H for their lunch program at a guaranteed price. You can help sustain this project through the RCA’s Animal Husbandry Economic Project at https://go.rca.org/e/824133/sion-missionaries-tom-johnson-/39w48/52028011?h=vCAE7eT6ZUefTxn7m-nwquLA7smfaZVyBBBHKnvS_1w .

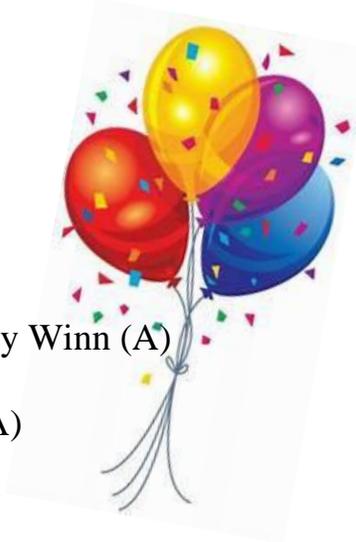
PRAVERS AND PRAISES

1. We give thanks that Haiti has opened itself back up to international travelers and has allowed schools, businesses, churches, and non-profit organizations to re-open after shutting down for 4+ months due to Covid-19.
2. We are thankful that the girls can return to attending school in person, although they are required to socially distance in their classrooms and to wear masks outside of class. Things at school are not totally “normal,” but they improved with spring’s online learning.
3. Pray for my October trip to Haiti, as I teach the importance of covenants in the Bible and how the Enemy counterfeits them to keep people in bondage.
4. Continue to keep Aïchatou in your prayers, as we have lost contact with her.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES (A)

November
2 - David Alderks
3 - Norma Swanson
19 - Luke Calbeck
20 - Gary Nefstead
22 - Deb Maas
Pastor Gerry Dykstra
Denny & Sharon Alderks (A)
24 - Micah Somers
27 - James & Wendee Guth (A)
James & Sue Calveard (A)

December
7 - Marilyn Remmers
13 - Jamie Alderks
15 - Tricia Mueller
17 - Audrey Brink
18 - Pastor Cary & Betsy Winn (A)
19 - Pastor Cary Winn
28 - Bob & Jan Maas (A)
31 - John Swanson
Amy King



What's Coming UP?

Please remember the **Benevolent Fund** in your end of year offerings to the church. Mark any checks with "Benevolent Fund" in the memo line so it is applied appropriately. Thank you.

End of Year Reports should be turned into the office or emailed to fhayenga@aol.com by Wednesday, December 2. The packets will not be available prior to December 4 due to the limited days before the meeting. Otherwise, packets will be available at the church on December 6

Due to Pastor Cary fulfilling pulpit supply in Iowa on Sunday, December 13, the **Annual Congregational Meeting** will be held on Sunday, December 6 following the worship service.

Pastor Cary's **Last Day** with Elim will be Thursday, December 31, 2020.

Consistory Highlights from the October 13, 2020 Meeting

As of 9-30-20, Ending Cash Available Balances are:

General Fund - \$3,031.32

Investment Fund - \$214,871.29

Benevolent Fund - \$5,810.01

Buildings & Ground Fund - \$55,687.22

New Consistory candidates will be contacted by Pastor Cary.

Due to the ongoing situation with the Coronavirus, many decisions regarding services will be made using last minute information about guidelines and protocol. Please be understanding during this time.