

## Prayer Request from Betty Choate

Dear Ones,

I want to share a message I posted just now on Facebook, and ask for your prayers and for the prayers of the church there:

About midnight last night I had a text from a brother in Afghanistan who was converted through Katheryn Haddad's teaching of World English Institute's lessons. He wrote, "I will be killed by government spies. They know everything about me. They told, 'We know you are preaching and spreading Christianity in our country.' I think the police will arrest me very soon. I am sending my children to other places in my family's houses, I will escape to the mountain area. Please pray for my family. If they kill me, I will be in heaven with my Lord."

In communicating with Katheryn, she wrote this to me, "Several people have asked me about his escaping to America or Europe. He does not want to be relocated. He wants to stay and, if he lives, to continue evangelizing his country. Four years ago he ran for his life and escaped to India for awhile. He knew the Taliban would find him some day again. Nothing will stop him from trying to save the souls of his countrymen, short of death. He is driven to do this. The last time he contacted me, a few hours ago, he had sent his children into hiding. He will try to escape into the mountains, but he will not leave Afghanistan.

"I just now heard from his oldest son, age 20. \_\_\_\_\_ told me that he told his son to stay in contact with me, especially if he is kidnapped or killed. In the mean time, he has told his son who lives in Kabul to be careful.

"I have a way of contacting all my Muslim converts at the same time. They live in Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq, Yemen, Somalia, Jordan, Palestine, and Uzbekistan. This is what I told them all a couple hours ago:

"The Christians in the Western World are praying for you by the thousands. They are calling you all brave Soldiers of the Lord and Warriors for the one true God. Though you may see yourselves as weak, they see you as stronger even than them. You, my Christian brothers and sisters, are leading the church into a new era of courage and standing up for truth, no matter what. Lead on, my spiritual children. Lead on."

To those who read this, please be praying fervently for \_\_\_\_\_ and his family, and please share the crisis with others and ask them to pray too. This is a war between God and Satan, and we must join the fight.

God bless us all with the courage to face whatever comes, as part of His Family.

Knowing that the world is changing rapidly, the safety of our brothers and sisters is of great concern to me. I pray for you all every day. God keep you safe and well. Betty

(Betty Choate, along with the World Evangelism team, continues with the mission work initiated by J.C. Choate.)



That meets at 215 South Thomas Ave, Sayre, PA 18840  
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April 2, 2017

### WELCOME!

#### Sunday

Bible Class- 9:30 a.m.

Worship- 10:30 a.m.

#### Tuesday

Ladies Bible Class- 10:00 a.m.

#### Thursday

Home Bible study-7:00pm

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**ALL THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST  
GREET YOU.  
ROMANS 16:16**

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**Today's Sermon:** *Circumcision – A Matter of the Heart.*

Sermons are recorded and are available for listening on the church website.

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**Scripture:** Romans 2:17-29

## ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- Next potluck: April 16<sup>th</sup>. Theme: **Spring!**
- Ladies Class: 10am, Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at the building. We hope to be discussing chapter 6 of **Struggle, Seek, Grow**, about Rahab, which has been postponed from several weeks ago.
- Midweek Bible study @ McElhaney's Thursday nights at 7pm. Coffee and dessert is usually served. All contributions gladly accepted!
- Men's Revival, Inner Man: the Uprising, Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. Arthur has lined up speakers from Newark, NY and Endwell, NY.



- Endwell, NY is continuing their youth rally until after worship today. Lani is with them as a volunteer helper.



## PRAYERS...

- Pray for all of our family members and loved ones who are yet lost or have strayed far away to come (back) to Christ.
- Pray for comfort for those from war-torn or famine-stricken countries.
- Please pray for Loren, an acquaintance of Lani's, here in Sayre.
- Please pray for Tracy Spencer, Rhonda's friend from work, who has been diagnosed with lupus.
- Jerry Lowe no longer needs to take medicine for his diabetes, nor wear a pacemaker! Praise the Lord!
- Pray for Darlene as she has her last two radiation treatments next week. She is feeling very tired.
- Darlene's husband Doug will soon be tested to see if he is compatible to donate a kidney to his brother, Mark, who is experiencing renal failure. Pray for Mark, as he is very poorly.
- Darlene's sister, Vicki Joyce, of AR will be having a needle biopsy on Tuesday because of an irregular mammogram and ultrasound. Pray for a negative result.
- Jill Wright from Kittanning had a needle biopsy of the thyroid last week. She has a node that doctors are saying appears to be benign, but is causing swallowing problems for her. Pray that the node is benign.
- Ruthie Albro visited her cardiologist on Friday to discuss the data from the heart monitor she wore last week to check out why she had tachycardia episodes. She appears to be okay, and has been left on a couple of medications to get her heartbeat under control.
- Please pray for Emily Barry as she decides whether to leave the node on her thyroid alone and monitor it or remove it for swallowing ease and have it biopsied.
- If you have any prayers or news that you would like included in the bulletin, please contact Sandy Barry :

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