

April 28, 2024

"You know, it's really interesting to be able to read the Bible in your own language."

Those words nailed me to the wall.

I was drinking coffee with my new friend, Masoud, in a coffee shop in Vienna, Austria. I had just met his family—they were refugees from Iran: now members of the Danube Church of Christ.

They had received their first Bibles (in Farsi) from EEM.

I asked them if they had anything they'd like me to say to our partners in the US. Their response was unanimous: **Thank you for providing the words of life in our own native Farsi!**

That's when Masoud dropped the line above.

I couldn't relate.

I received my first Bible at age five back in the 1960s. My parents read me Bible stories. I'd asked Dad to read me a scary story - he'd read Revelation 13!

Masoud's story motivates me to do what I do: represent EEM as we provide Bibles and Bible-based materials to over 35 countries and in over 25 languages - free of charge and free to all.

EEM has one focus: we publish, print, and distribute God's written word to Eastern Europe and beyond - ever since 1961 and God still calls us. Actually, he's leading the charge - knocking over walls and kicking in doors - saying to us: Are you coming, or what?

God has opened so many doors: from providing Bibles to refugees, prisons, ministry groups, and even to public schools! Over ¾ of all public schools in Ukraine use our Bibles as textbooks to teach character. And that's just one country!

These opportunities have continued to the point that in the last two years, we were just a few thousand shy of providing **2 million volumes** annually!

As partners, you are part of this story. Thank you!

Right now, we are in the middle of our Bibles for Kids campaign to produce **570,000 children and teen Bibles**. A group of donors have provided a matching fund. So, while a Bible typically costs \$5, now that amount will produce and distribute **two Bibles**. The matching fund ends on June 30. If you'd like to learn more, please scan the QR code in this article.

Masoud and his family send you their thanks. Thank you so much for your partnership! And thank you for providing The Bible. We Want Everyone To Get It!

Order of Worship

Reminder: Prayer Requests can be submitted via the "chat" feature on Zoom during the service.

Songleaders - Johnny Hobson Welcome & Announcements Opening Prayer

Song # 851 - <u>I'll Fly Away</u>

Song # 76 - How Great Thou Art

Lord's Supper Contribution

Kids 4 Kids Bible Hour 3 year's old - 4th grade

Prayer Requests

Song # 611 -<u>Heavenly Sunlight</u>

Scripture Reading -John 1:1-5

Sermon by: Darryl Willis

"Light Overcomes The Darkness"

Song of Invitation: Song # 915 -Trust and Obey

Song # 800 - What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Closing Prayer



Monday, April 29, 2024 7:00 p.m. - Spanish Night of Prayer (Zoom)

Wednesday, May 1, 2024
Bible Study on Zoom
7:00 p.m. - Bible Study
"After-Life"
7:00 p.m. - En Linea
Clase Biblica

Thursday, May 2, 2024
4:30 p.m. - Zoom Ladies Class
Esther - It's Tough Being a Woman





NEXT SUNDAY...

is your last chance to turn in your VVCOC Scholarship Applications!!!

Questions please see Tony Rose.

Church Potluck Sunday, May 5th



Potluck following morning service.



Sign up to bring your favorite main dish and side dish or dessert.

Sign up sheets located in the lobby.

MISSIONS

Brethren, we need your help.
We contribute to and support various missions. Our Mission
Program funds are low. During the month of April if you're able to make an additional contributions towards our "Mission Fund" we would be very appreciative. Please make sure to mark your envelope "Mission Fund".

Save the Date

JESUS IS... A Great Doctor A Great Teacher A Great Friend



Tues-Thurs. June 11-13th

RSVP promptly to attend and/or assist via text: Eric C... 760-553-3777

Prayer Requests



Please pray for our church leaders; our congregation; the homeless, and the veterans. Also for our country's leaders, our troops; and the future of our country.

Shut-Ins

Barbara Tidwell; Tyson Crawford; Mattie McCarthy; Sandy Wooten; and Shirley Fales.

Continual Prayers

The Ahumada family; Anthony Avalos; Anthony Hale Jr.; Betty Thomas; Charlie & LaVonne Powell; Chris Lopez; Felicia Ganaway; Gennie Lorenz; Hosia Ford; Ida Crawford; Marie Guess; and Melanie Gammage.

General

Adella Sanchez; Anthony Avalos; Betty Thomas; Dorothy Condos; the Griffith & Hale family; Jan Bazan; Jan Hook; Kathy Alsup; Lynn Rose; Mary Owens; Vicki Brown; the Ladies' Retreat; and our congregation.

Health

The Crawford family; Hank Pritchard; Jerry Owens Jr.; Rene Cantu; Russ Shultz; Tyson Crawford; and all who are ill.

Traveling

The ladies' at the retreat.

Thanksgiving Trisha Cantu

For Their Losses

The Gramling family, for the loss of our cousin, Jimmy.



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Deacons

Benjamin Lopez - Spanish Ministry Craig Beck - Security

TBA - Benevolence

TBA - Greeters & Ushers

Chris Schow - Interior Bldg. Maint.
TBA - Men's Ministry, Disaster Relief
Mark Gruwell - Teens

Ministries & Coordinators

Audio Visual/Zoom
Jake Tess & Tim Gramling

AVPAC/Lucerne Valley Johnny Latham

> Building Décor Tonja Patton

<u>Calling Ministry</u> Carolyn Richardson & Eva Wityczak

<u>Call Out Ministry</u> M. Basnight; E. Cimuchowski; T. Rose; & S. Suba

Song Leading, Singing Jeremiah Darden Children's Bible Hour Claudia Beck &

Ga' Brielle Darden

Grief Support
Strech Suba

<u>Historian</u> Kasie Schow

<u>Kitchen</u> Pauletta Hobson

<u>Ladies' Ministry</u> Kim Cimuchowski Military
Pauletta Hobson &
Leisa Pond

<u>Bulletin Mailouts</u> Marilyn Owens

Worship Coordinator Jeff Najera

Savior's Kids Jake & Danelle Tess

Teacher's Workroom
Nina Sutton

Youth Group Mark & Renee Gruwell

Bernadett Gramling - Office Manager Erica Lee - Bookkeeper

Staff
Andrea Barahona - Janitorial
Billy Caldwell - Auditorium Seating

Last Week's Statistics inancial Attendance A.M. Bible Class N/A Contribution 4/21/24 2,872.87 Contribution 4/14/24 \$ 2,794.86 A.M. Worship Special Contributions \$ 1.248.00 In Person 126 Y.T.D. Contribution \$ 165,108.51 Via Zoom 24 Teen Fund 5,146.96 \$ Wed. P.M. Mission Fund \$ 2,776.82 N/A Bible Class Scholarship Fund 3,161.09 Mid Week Kids 4 Kids 103.00 \$ Bible Studies N/A