

## Family Memories for the 75 Anniversary

### The John & Anita Middel Family

was around 10, he got 2 sows with the plan to raise some piglets. Well, he didn't have a boar so in the fall he would take them one at a time across the field, through the wire fence, cross the road and leave the sow at the neighbor's place where the boar was. After a month and the boar and the sow had done what ever they needed to do, he would go back and herd the sow home. Then 3 months, 3 weeks and 3 days later, or thereabouts, the sow would have little piglets. That little bit of pig experience was put to good use later in life.

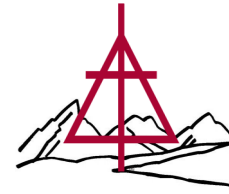
For some strange reason John liked the west, already working there in the summer between grade 11 and grade 12. After high school he thought of going to the University of Guelph and studying agriculture but he wanted to take "a year" off first. He headed out west in his 1963 Rambler, spent time in southern Alberta before heading up north to High Level and the mecca of oilfield isolation, Zama city. It was in High Level and Zama that you might say he found his spiritual feet. After all those years of Reformed instruction and formation through home, Christian school, friends, catechism and youth, he had his "God moment" and was nurtured in his walk with God in the Mennonite community. God certainly does work in mysterious ways! He enjoyed his time there; although more the long days in the summer than the short days in the winter. After all they were only about 180km south of the North West Territory border. Other than it being far away, we actually enjoyed going up there to High Level to visit him, and found the people to be quite kind and friendly. But it was a long way up there and felt like being on the edge of civilization.

But then it was like he got a vision, or got hit on the side of his head; at 25 years old he decided to go to college. He packed up and left the oilfield and pulling wrenches and settled in at The King's College in Edmonton. And you know what? He actually liked it! As you remember, my dad (John's Opa) was into books, and such but I was happy to be just farming. Maybe John got his love of learning from his Opa. Of course, there could be another reason he like college as he met a "friend" there. She was from the Rocky Mountain House area and also from a farm background. Now, I know what you are thinking; farming in the Rocky Mountains, how is that possible? The name is a bit deceiving; there are actually quite a few farms in the area.

Well in 1992 John graduated with a social science degree and a month later married his "friend" Anita B. They settled in Edmonton, with John working in social work in the inner city, and Anita as an assistant speech pathologist. But then as often happens, they had their first child and things changed. Raylene was born on Valentine's Day in 1995. Anita's parents, Bill and Nora B., were looking to slow down in their pig farming operation and were wondering if John and Anita were interested in farming. I knew John always liked farming so I was not surprised to hear that they decided to sell their house in Edmonton and enter a new adventure in Rocky Mountain House; if you can call pig farming an adventure.

Along with the adventure of the ups and downs of pig farming came the joys of a growing family. Jeremy, Joel, Kiera and DJ joined the family and brought their own unique blessing to our family. Raylene now lives in Austria with the remainder living in different parts of Alberta. So, there you have it Geert, a tiny glimpse of how God led me as a pilgrim from Holland so many years ago, blessed me with children and grandchildren, who ended up in Rocky Mountain House, Alberta, Canada.

Your friend, Reint M.



## FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

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Our **MISSION** is to worship God faithfully, nurture one another to grow in Christ, joyfully tell others about Jesus, develop our gifts to serve and pursue stewardship, justice and peace in every area of life.

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### Morning Worship Service

#### Welcome

♪ Just As I Am, Without One Plea

#### Responsive Call to Worship

God's Greeting/We Welcome One Another

♪ Step by Step

♪ Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

#### Call to Confession & Prayer

♪ To the River

#### Assurance of Pardon

♪ Amazing Love (You Are My King)

#### Children's Message - Corinne S.

(Sunday School for Age 3 - Grade 5)

#### Announcements & Congregational Prayer

Offering for Partners Worldwide

Offertory - Presentation by John M.

#### Scripture - 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Message - Having the Identity of a Servant

♪ In Our Lives, Lord, Be Glorified

#### Blessing

♪ My Friends May You Grow in Grace

## Welcome to First CRC Rocky

If you are visiting we want to offer a warm welcome!  
We pray you will encounter God today as you worship and bring Him praise!

Nursery is available for infants & small children. Sunday School for age 3 through Grade 5 during the service.  
Join us for coffee in the fellowship hall following the service.

[www.firstcrocky.ca](http://www.firstcrocky.ca) or [FirstCRC.RockyMtnHouse on Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/FirstCRC.RockyMtnHouse)

### CHURCH FAMILY

*“For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord’s holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.”*  
*Ephesians 3:14-19*

† As a ministerial church, each church has been asked to pray for our brothers and sisters in our community, today we are praying for **Church of the Nazarene**.

† This morning **Pastor Ken and members of The Experience** music group are leading worship at **Nordegg Community Church**.

† Congratulations to Marilyn S. who celebrates a birthday on March 9th!

† **Nancy O.** is in Nepal with Servants Anonymous. Please pray for safety as the team travels and that they would bring God’s love and compassion to the women and children.

† We pray for those at home **Sylvia D.** and **Joe & Lena V.** We also pray for our members at the local care facilities: **Joan S.** and **Tonia T.** We pray for all the caregivers who are able to assist those who require a little extra help and care.

† Please keep **all missionaries** in God’s care, wherever they may be serving. *“Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel...”* (Ephesians 6:19). Missionaries are regular people who fear pain and rejection as much as anyone else. When faced with opposition, they need God’s strength to help them stand firm. **Pray ...**

- ***That the Holy Spirit will provide missionaries with words that communicate effectively in other cultures and languages.***
- ***That they will have boldness to overcome the fear of embarrassment or failure.***
- ***Against evil forces that would seek to hinder the spread of the gospel.***

Check out the **Missions bulletin board**, in the social hall, for updates on the missionaries that we support.

If you know of anyone that we should be keeping in our prayers for various reasons, Council asks that you please call Pastor Ken, Pastor Natasha, an elder or a deacon.

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### The John & Anita M. Family

#### Fictional letter from Reint M., father of John, to his old friend Geert in Holland

Dear Geert,

Hoe gaat het or in English we say how are you?

It has been quite some time since I left the old country and I promised I would write you every so often. To be exact it was June 21, 1951 that my mom and dad, my 3 siblings and I boarded the plane which would take us to Montreal. The plane was not pressurized as they are now, and it was a noisy and bumpy flight. My mom was so airsick that the crew had to carry her off the plane. I was only 22 years old and so for me it was both thrilling and if I admit it now a bit unnerving. But just think of what my parents were going through; aged 51 and 53, moving to a new world with a different language, different culture, different climate; what were they thinking? Looking back, I wonder what made them make the big decision to leave their home in Groningen and Friesland to move to a strange land. I do remember after the war there was this sense of despondency, maybe even despair. It was like the war took the wind out of our sails and maybe leaving Holland was a way of looking for the promise of hope in a new land.

I clearly remember after WW11 my uncle from Minnesota came to visit and that initiated calm and also some heated discussions about leaving Holland. My uncle had emigrated to the US in 1920 and he spoke highly about the farming opportunities there. I also had an uncle and aunt who emigrated to California about the same time. My dad looked into the possibilities of getting sponsors in either of those states but there were no sponsors available then. But the emigration bug had taken hold so then my dad looked into Canada. Since, as you remember, we farmed in Friesland and I went to agricultural college, the hope was that in Canada there would be opportunity to farm and raise a family there.

Well Geert, I won’t spend a lot of time talking about my first years in Canada as I think I shared some of that in an earlier letter. We started off our life in northern Ontario working in the bush and trying to farm a little as well. It was not only very cold with lots of snow but it was not ideal at all for farming. I then moved around from Smithers BC, to Toronto, Holland Marsh and finally to the Hamilton area. It was in Toronto that I met a striking young lady from Harlem who had immigrated to Canada in 1954. Jeltje (she became Jill in Canada because who could ever pronounce a name like that) R. and I were married in 1958.

We were blessed with 6 children and they grew up on a small dairy farm in southwestern Ontario, 3 miles from Lake Erie. Lake Erie proved to be a refreshing place to jump into on hot summer evening after a sweaty day of haying. Who knows, maybe we are to blame for the pollution in Lake Erie. Since I grew up with hard manual work on the farm in Holland, I did not shrink away from the hard work on the dairy farm. At least we had tractors and mechanization which was a big step from farming with horses, as we did in Holland. Looking back, I think it is fair to say that the 2 words which would characterize my life and which we tried to pass onto our kids was “God and work”. The life of our children centered on farming, church and Christian School. Maybe it was a bit hard but I only passed down what I learned. I have already told you about the three oldest of my children so now I will tell you a bit about our 4th child John. It sounds like a down-to-earth name but he is actually named after his grandmother Joanna. Don’t broadcast that because not everyone likes to be named after their grandmother. Already, when he was growing up on the farm he showed interest in farming. When he

## Sermon Notes

**Title: Having the Identity of a Servant's Heart**

**Text: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13**

**Theme: Humility, Equality in Christ, Grace-shaped Service**

**Introduction: How Do You See Others? How Do You See Yourself?**

**Trouble in the Text: Paul's Reminder:**

- Paul recounts Israel's wilderness story
- We are not nearly as strong as we think we are
- We are always in need of God's grace to keep us faithful

**Trouble in the World: No One Is Beyond Temptation (vs. 5-12)**

- Hearing God's truth is not the same as living it out

**Grace in the Text: God is Faithful**

- God does not give warnings to shame us—He gives warnings to save us

**Grace in the World: How God Treats Us Shapes How We Treat Others**

- A servant heart grows only in humility
- Service is not an obligation—it is an overflow of God's grace toward us

**Deacon's Corner** ~ Lorraine A., Ken B., Anneleen D., Jim D., Mark H., Jacob L.

### Upcoming Offerings

#### **March 8 - Partners Worldwide**

Transforming Lives, One Partnership at a Time - we are dedicated to fighting global poverty by empowering entrepreneurs through strategic partnerships with locally led institutions in communities around the world. This improves the livelihoods of individuals and families and stimulates local economies, creating a ripple effect of positive change.

#### **March 15 - YWAM (Coleton & Ira Gregory)**

Coleton & Ira, a Canadian/Ukraine couple, were missionaries with YWAM for 5 years prior the outbreak of war. Since then, they felt God's call to return, join their family in ministry, and serve displaced people in Western Ukraine, in Ira's hometown of Ternopil. They are actively involved in various ministries, such as receiving and sorting humanitarian aid, feeding refugees, providing food for churches and delivery supplies to other regions. Their dedication also extends to hosting teams and providing hospitality, evangelism, emotional support and visiting soldiers in local hospitals. Your prayers and support are essential to their mission. Please lift them up in prayer as they seek to make a lasting impact in the lives of those they service. Pray for peace in the Ukraine and an end to war, strength and provision for the people of Ukraine, continued growth and support for the ministries, guidance and wisdom as they follow God's direction and for good health for Coleton & Ira.

### **From the Deacons & Treasurer**

There are several ways to give to the church:

**Coupons** - Allow you to give to the weekly offerings, without having to use loose change. They come in \$2, \$5, and \$10 coupons. Coupons can be directly purchased from a Deacon, in the Council room, on Sunday's following the service.

**Cheque** - To "First Christian Reformed Church of RMH". If you wish to have your cheque allocated to a specific cause approved by the deacons or otherwise announced please indicate that cause on the memo line of your cheque.

**E-transfers** - Send to treasurer@rockycrc.ca On the memo please specify the cause you would like money allocated to.

**Pre-Authorized Bank Withdrawals** - Contact Marlene O. to sign up or get a form from the office.

## Prayer Ministry

Would you like prayer, but are unsure how or who to ask?

In the pews there are Prayer Request envelopes.

On the outside of the envelope - you can select who you would like to pray for you

Inside - there is a card for more details and contact information if needed.

In the foyer is a prayer request box for submitting these prayer requests.

Whatever you are going through - times of beauty or ones of trouble - we would love to pray with you.

Visit [www.firstcrocky.ca](http://www.firstcrocky.ca) (via the CONTACT link or Prayer Ministries link) to submit a request online.

## Upcoming Services

**Sunday, March 22**

Baptism of Dayne L. (Cody & Teagan)

**Sunday, March 29**

Worship services at Clearwater Centre (1:15pm) and Westview Lodge (2:30pm)

## Church Announcements

**Church Hockey Game - Men vs. Boys** -- On **Friday, March 20**, from 6:30-8pm at the Rocky Arena, the men of the church will challenge the next generation (grade 6 and up) to a fun game! Everyone is invited to come and watch the fun! If you wish to play please sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway going into the fellowship hall!

**Attention all youth, Grades 9-12** - Back by popular demand. We are having a Small Group meeting at Copper Creek on **Monday, March 16 from 3:45-4:45 pm.**

**Rocky Christian School** is excited to invite our congregation to a **Chili Night and Worker Bee Auction** at First CRC Church **this week Friday, March 13th, from 5 -7 pm.** All proceeds from this event will go to the Grade 9 Mission Trip to Belize, taking place this May 2026. Students will be building a computer lab for the K-Grade 9 Concepcion Presbyterian School in Corozal, Belize. This project will have students building desks and chairs, as well as painting the room. Our fundraisers will be providing donated Chromebooks, as well as new computers to outfit the lab. Alongside our project, our students will have the chance to share their testimonies as well as engage in fellowship with the Belizean people, as we join chapels, church services, youth groups, and prayer nights, as well as experience cultural activities. This fundraiser will be pivotal to ensuring all students are able to attend the mission trip, as well as ensuring we can complete our project fully.

**Devotional Idea for Lent:** Most people think about fasting from something for Lent which can be a helpful practice; but consider being intentional about adding something this year to help you draw closer to God. That could be any number of things, one helpful tool you may want to consider is the *Lectio 365 App* that leads through 3 times of prayer and scripture reading each day. Our men's Bible study is going through a book on Prayer by Pete Greig and this is a tool he and others have put together to practice the *P.R.A.Y* acronym we've been looking at (*Pause, Rejoice, Ask, Yield*). You can read or listen as the app guides you through a time of prayer and there are also some videos available this Lent you can watch as well.

## Having the Identity of a Servant

### Third Sunday of Lent

#### HOW SHALL WE RESPOND THIS WEEK?

##### Fasting

- Fast from comparing yourself to other people—when you find yourself going down mental pathways of comparison, pause and bring that thought to Christ in humility, remembering that you share the image of God with everyone you meet.

##### Prayer

- Before social interactions, pray this prayer: “God show me your image in every face I see.”

##### Around the Kitchen Table

- If you haven't already, designate a chair in your home for Christ to figuratively sit in it; a "Christ chair". Now, take some time to imagine different people in your life sitting in that chair—perhaps a co-worker you struggle to get along with or a relative that gets under your skin. Remind yourself that they too carry the image of God.

- Take a turn yourself sitting in the Christ chair. Remember the value that Christ gives you through His love and sacrifice. Remember that you bear His image and His name and are treasured by Him, not because of what you've done, but because of what He has done for you.

##### Ideas for Including Children and Teens

- Have children and teens take turns sitting in the Christ chair and have other family members affirm the image of God in them and tell them of ways they see Christ at work in them.

## Weekly Calendar of Events

March 8	March 9	March 10	March 11	March 12	March 13	March 14
10:00am Worship Service 7:00pm Nehemiah Study Youth games night at Alhambra Hall	7:00pm Friendship	Office: Fran/Cheri-Lynn 9:30am Coffeebreak	7:00am Ministerial Prayer Breakfast 8:30am Prayer Meeting 10:00am Revelation Study 7:00pm GEMS Cadets Catechism	12:00pm Bulletin Deadline	5-7pm Rocky Christian School Chili Fundraiser Dinner and Worker Bee Auction	
March 15	March 16	March 17	March 18	March 19	March 20	March 21
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All bulletins can be found online [www.firstcrocky.ca](http://www.firstcrocky.ca)

Check out our Facebook page (@FirstCRC.RockyMtnHouse) or website ([firstcrocky.ca](http://firstcrocky.ca)) for links to sermons.

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Thank you, for all you do!	March 8 Pastor Natasha	March 15 Pastor Ken	March 22 Pastor Ken
<b>Serving Elder</b>	Joel S.	Gary V.	Brenda B.
<b>Serving Deacon</b>	Mark H.	Jacob L.	Lorraine
<b>Music Team</b>	Lifted Hearts	Six Track	Experience
<b>Children's Message</b>	Corinne S.	Elroy L.	Joel S.
<b>Sunday School Helpers</b>	Landon P., Debbie S.	Russell D., Caleb D.	Aila M., Landon P., Allison B.
<b>Nursery</b>	Colleen T., Reid D. Karl & Krystal H.	Cody & Teagan L., Marion R., Cadence B.	Mark & Jessica H., Janelle H., Lucas H.
<b>Coffee Host</b>	John & Anita M.	Alan & Kelsey D.	Devon & Marisa P.
<b>Greeters/Coffee Cleanup</b>	Doug & Penny B. Kelly B.	Jo-Ann D. ArLynn D.	Ella V. & Cheryl T. Doug & Karen D.

## Church Announcements

**Church Janitor required** - We are looking to fill a shared part-time janitor position. The position is quarter-time with Alissa. For more information or to apply please contact Tom S.

**CRC Funeral Fund** - The AGM was held and members voted on increasing the annual fee to \$80/person. Payment is due **MARCH 8 (today)** to avoid a \$10 late fee. Please make cheques payable to *CRC Funeral Fund*. Place payment in mailbox #79 or give to Marlene K. If you have any questions please call 403.844.6340

**Men's Bible Study** - All men are invited to come to the church every other Wednesday evening (please check the calendar for dates) **at 7:30pm** for a study based on the book, "*How to Pray - A Simple Guide for Normal People.*"

Pastor Ken and Pastor Natasha are looking to see if there is interest in hosting a **Profession of Faith class** this spring. If you are interested, please contact a Pastor.

**Attention to anyone interested in an 8-week Bible study!** We will begin a new Old Testament Bible study on Nehemiah on **March 8th (tonight) at 7:00 pm** here at First CRC. If you are interested in joining us, please feel free to speak with Pastor Natasha or John M.

Change to contact number. **Gary and Shirley V.** no longer have a landline. They can be contacted on their cell phones: Gary 403.845.9236; Shirley 403.895.1787

**You are invited** - for a time of **swimming fun and fellowship** at the Rocky Pool on **March 28 from 4-5pm**. No need to sign up, just show up! Any questions, you can talk to Krystal H. or Cailyn B.

**Rocky & District Ministerial Community Prayer Breakfast** - You are invited to come to the Lou Soppit Centre and join Christians from a variety of churches on **March 11 from 7-8:30am** for our annual community prayer breakfast. Tickets are \$30.00 and are available from the office. **Today** is the last day to purchase the tickets. Come and pray for various leaders and servants in our community.

Have you been heard? Our congregation has a once-in-five-year opportunity to participate in the **2026 CRC denominational survey**. This survey helps denominational leadership understand the concerns and needs of local congregations like ours. It is crucial that as many people from our congregation as possible participate. Please [visit \*crcna.org/survey/396\*](http://visit_crcna.org/survey/396) to answer the survey questions by March 31.

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Join us on **Saturday, April 4, 2026 (Easter weekend)** from **2 to 4 pm** at **Redeemer United Church** in Lacombe for another opportunity to sing with Christian men from all over central Alberta. We will come together, Lord willing, to sing Psalms, hymns and spiritual songs, remembering Christ's suffering, death and resurrection. Invite your neighbours, colleagues, brothers, uncles, and friends to be part of this special time together. We invite and encourage women to enjoy the event via our YouTube livestream: [www.youtube.com/@SingMenOfGod](http://www.youtube.com/@SingMenOfGod)

## ReFrame Ministries

**Kids Corner Devotions: Lent: Washing Stinky Feet** - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Lent: Washing Stinky Feet" at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). In John 13, Jesus washed His disciples' feet—a humble act of service that surprised everyone. He demonstrated that love isn't just about words; it's about doing for others, even in unexpected ways. Prepare for Easter with all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net), like Kids Corner's Lent Devotional.

**Groundwork: Jesus: Judged, Beaten, and Crowned with Thorns** - At the fifth Station of the Cross, we reflect on Jesus before Pilate, and at the sixth, we witness Jesus endure mocking and beating from Roman soldiers as they placed a crown of thorns on His head. Join Groundwork as we study Mark 15:1-15 and John 19:1-3 for a Lenten reflection on Jesus' suffering and persecution, and what it means for His followers. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

## Thrive

**Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Annual Day of Prayer (March 11)** - On the night of His arrest, Jesus asked His disciples to stay with Him, watch, and pray. Prayer is a discipline that requires the dedication of our precious time and attention. It is also a practice through which Jesus invites all disciples to experience sweet communion with Him. March 11 is the CRCNA's Annual Day of Prayer. This week set aside intentional time to pray for your local church, our denomination, and the worldwide communion of saints. In your prayer ask Jesus to draw you and all believers to Himself, that we may be one (John 17:20-23).

## World Renew

**Help Vulnerable Families in the Middle East** - As conflict escalates in the Middle East, multiple people have been killed or injured, and many families are facing urgent need after fleeing from their homes. World Renew is preparing to respond in Lebanon through a trusted Christian partner while we continue to monitor the situation across the region. Join us in praying for lasting peace, and please give to support vulnerable families at [worldrenew.ca/middle-east-conflict](http://worldrenew.ca/middle-east-conflict)



*"...let all who take refuge in You rejoice; let them ever sing for joy, and spread Your protection over them, that those who love Your name may exult in You." ~ Psalm 5:11 ESV*

### IRAN: Urgent Prayer Needed for Middle East

Sources: VOMC Contacts, Open Doors, Al Jazeera

On February 28th, the United States and Israel launched a major military operation against Iran. The strike resulted in hundreds of casualties, including the country's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, along with dozens of other government officials.

In response to this campaign, Iran and its allies have carried out counter attacks on Israel and countries in the Middle East that are perceived to be supporting the Israeli-American military efforts. Public protests have also begun in some Muslim-majority nations. As of March 2nd, at least 20 people have died in Pakistan as a result of pro-Iranian demonstrations; 10 of those fatalities occurred during a protest at the American consulate in Karachi.

Amid the crisis, many Christian leaders are hoping for major changes to take place within Iran, as well as opportunities to minister to the hurting people of this nation in peril. Under its oppressive government, believers in Christ have suffered intense persecution, even to the point of torture and imprisonment. In recent weeks, renewed calls for reform have resulted in widespread unrest within Iran and demonstrations around the world condemning the present regime. With the sudden loss of much of Iran's governing leadership, many citizens are now longing for a hopeful future. Dr. Hormoz Shariat of Iran Alive Ministries declared, "History is in the making in Iran today."

The situation across the Middle East remains volatile, placing innocent civilians in serious danger – including Christian minorities who are particularly vulnerable. VOMC's CEO, Floyd Brobbel, issued the following statement: "The crisis in Iran will ignite widespread outrage and provoke retaliatory violence against Christians in Iran and neighbouring countries. We must remember our brothers and sisters who are helplessly caught in the midst of this conflict."

*As you pray for God's intervention and ministry to take place in the lives of people throughout Iran, please be mindful to uphold our Christian brothers and sisters who are presently at risk of retaliatory attacks.*

- *May the Lord also bring greatly needed comfort to those in Iran and its surrounding countries who have lost loved ones or suffered trauma during the conflict.*
- *As this Persian nation now faces the possibility of major political change, pray that wise and just leadership will be raised up, and that decisions made during this season would promote religious freedom and human dignity.*
- *Amid the turmoil, prayerfully ask God to reveal His unchanging character to people throughout the region – leading many more to an understanding of His eternal love, spiritual truth and redemptive grace.*