

## FOREIGN MISSIONS CHRISTMAS OFFERING

**OUR 2019 GOAL - \$25,000**

### **She Tells Her Thief a Story**

One of the street children of Kikwit, Democratic Republic of the Congo, a boy of about fourteen years, ran by Maman Charite\* and tried to snatch her purse. He missed, but after a few steps, he turned around to run back and try again. Maman stopped him and told him she would give him three thousand francs – just under two dollars – if he would listen to a story from God's Word. The boy, Isa\*, agreed. Maman began telling him the story of Jesus healing the demoniac from Mark 5. By the time she got to the part of the story when the man is kneeling before Jesus confessing that He is the Son of the Most High God, the boy was also on his knees, crying and confessing that he was a thief, and saying that he needed Jesus to change his life.

This isn't the first time that Maman Charite has led a "street kid" to the Lord. As is her habit, she quickly got Isa involved in discipleship classes. She and her husband are also working to facilitate reconciliation with Isa and his family.

Maman Charite learned Bible storying a few years ago from a missionary who led a workshop in Kikwit on how to use stories from the Bible in everyday life to evangelize. Once she understood how to share Christ through stories, she started sharing stories at the hospital where she works as a nurse. Within a short period of time, she had led forty patients to Christ.

Since then, Maman Charite has also taught a group of ladies from her church to use stories. Every week they go out together to tell God's stories and have won so many youth to Christ that they now have more youth in their church than adults. Telling God's stories has truly become a way of life for Maman Charite. Praise God for the power of His Word and for people who are ready at all times to tell His stories.

Pray and give that our missionaries will have the needed resources to spread the gospel in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. (\*The names have been changed.)

*I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest.*  
John 4:35 b

## FINANCIAL NEWS

Sunday Receipts (12-8-19)	\$	13,461.50
Year to Date Requirements	\$	705,801.88
Year to Date Receipts	\$	742,708.96
Foreign Missions Christmas Offering Goal	\$	25,000.00
Foreign Missions Christmas Offering Receipts	\$	13,535.00



### SENIOR ADULT CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

This coming Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, we will have a Senior Adult Christmas Luncheon in the FLC. The menu will be lasagna, salad, bread & dessert. The entertainment for the luncheon will be special Christmas music by *Joel & Friends*. Be sure to stop by the information center to sign up or you may call Nick or the church office.



### TEACHING AT THE MAPLES

We are sorry to announce that Norman Smith is retiring from teaching Sunday School at the Maples Retirement Community. He has been a dependable and wonderful asset to our teaching staff. We will miss you Norman but we hope you enjoy this much needed retirement.

If you would be interested in teaching at The Maples or would like more information about what we are doing, please contact Randy Fagg before December 22<sup>nd</sup>. He can be reached by phone or text at 245-7416 or be email at crfatf@gmail.com

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Sunday, December 15

10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
10:55 a.m. Morning Worship  
6:30 p.m. Youth Christmas Party/Youth Building

### Monday, December 16

8:30 a.m. WEE School  
11:00 a.m. Senior Adult Christmas Luncheon

### Tuesday, December 17

5:30 a.m. Group Fitness  
7:15 a.m. High School breakfast/Youth Building  
8:30 a.m. WEE School

### Wednesday, December 18

8:30 a.m. WEE School

### Thursday, December 19

5:30 a.m. Group Fitness  
8:30 a.m. WEE School  
11:00 a.m. Sunday School @ The Maples/Margaret Edwards

### Friday, December 20

8:30 a.m. WEE School



### COLLEGE STUDENTS AND YOUNG ADULTS

We are having a time of fellowship for our college students and young adults!! On Monday, December 16, we are going out to dinner!! We will meet at church at 6:00 p.m. and head out to eat in Anderson. Please contact Nick if you can go!

### YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY

This Sunday, December 15, we are having our Christmas party at 6:30 p.m. in the Youth Building. Wear your Christmas pjs or a tacky Christmas sweater!! We will have dinner and have some Christmas activities!!

