



MISSIONS FOCUS

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Our Missionaries, their health and ministries affected by Covid-19

Church Around the World November 2022 Edition

From today's bulletin / Missions Report from Missions Team

This month's newsletter has these prayer prompts: "Thank you, Lord, for Pastor Andimi. Like Isaac, his obedience and trust were larger than his fear and he chose faithfulness no matter the cost. Bless the families of all martyred Christian pastors. Bring them peace."

"Pray for Gabriel and Noni as they rebuild their lives in a new village. May they be healed from the trauma they've experience and for their faith to grow stronger."

"Pray that God will help Lea's business grow and for protection from her father-in-law."

"Pray that this man will place his trust in Christ for salvation and thank God for his sister's witness."

Read the newsletter to find the stories behind these prayers.

There's also information about a group who has helps for parents to communicate better with their teenagers.

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Thank you for reading about and praying for our missionaries, countries and people locally and globally!

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significant news for christians

Some news that's encouraging—some disturbing. Read with discernment. Watch and pray.

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Axis: Making Christian Family Resources Accessible ⁽¹⁾

Ever wish a conversation with your teenager had gone better? Or struggle to keep up with the technology and terminology your kids are exposed to every day? Do you want to help the next generation build a lifelong faith in Jesus Christ?

If your answer to any or all of those questions is yes, the organization Axis has the resources to help. Axis is on a mission to connect parents, pastors, teachers, guidance counselors, and caring adults to the teens in their lives through meaningful conversations. Axis supplies tools needed to navigate ever-changing popular culture in hopes of helping teens develop a Christian worldview and a lifelong faith in Jesus. Through its membership program, Axis offers a growing library of audio, video, and written resources. Parent Guides and Conversation Kits cover timeless topics like money, worry, and failure—along with more modern topics like Instagram, Twitch, and cancel culture.

You can get a sense of Axis's offerings through some of its free content, including *The Culture Translator* podcast. Each week, the Axis research team explores an aspect of teen life to help parents and caring adults stay up-to-date on music, movie, television,

and social media trends so they can better understand and disciple teenagers.

A Parent's Guide to Video Games (available as a free download on axis.org) is a great sample of the helpful content you'll discover on the Axis website. The guide includes a list of slang you should familiarize yourself with. For example, did you know GGWP means Good Game, Well Played? This guide also includes a summary of the video game ratings system, research-supported answers to common parent questions, helpful discussion questions, and important action steps that families can take to engage with video games in a healthy way.



Here's an excerpt from the guide:

You don't have to fight with your teen to put limits on their gaming. Before you come at them with a list of "no way"s, "absolutely not"s, and "not on your life"s, here are a few tips:

PRAYER FOR THE PERSECUTED

Recommended Scripture:

Genesis 20:1–22:24 | Matthew 7:15-29 | Psalm 9:1-12 | Proverbs 2:16-22

Nigerian Pastor Lawan Andimi recorded a statement before being beheaded by Boko Haram militants. "I have never been discouraged, because all conditions that one finds himself in is the hands of God. . . . By the grace of God, I will be together with my wife, my children, and my colleagues. [But] if the opportunity has not been granted, maybe it is the will of God."

Lord, thank you for Pastor Andimi. Like Isaac, his obedience and trust were larger than his fear, and he chose faithfulness no matter the cost. Bless the families of all martyred Christian pastors. Bring them peace. Amen.

More prayer prompts are available in *The One Year Pray for the Persecuted Bible*.



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Take an interest. Most parents don't know a lot about video games, but it's easier today to learn about them than ever before. Show your teen that you care about their interests and teach them self-regulation at the same time by getting involved, watching, learning, and growing alongside them. . . .

Show your teen how games are made. Explore together the technical/creative aspects of game production, methodology, storyboarding, soundtrack and sound, marketing, voice-over talent—the whole deal. You can even encourage them to create their own game; applications and software for game development are affordable and easy to learn. Your child's hobby could turn into a career path.

Model healthy online habits. Teens are hypersensitive to hypocrisy; we cannot set a standard for them that we won't follow ourselves. Setting up consistent rules for ourselves and our families will show our teens that we mean what we say. Encourage your whole family to prioritize face-to-face communication where possible. Set up times and spaces where phones, games, and computers don't enter, and protect them. We can't convince our kids that there's value in real-life relationships if we don't live it out ourselves.

Teach Internet safety. Remind your kids to never reveal personal information or any details about themselves or your family to anyone online, not even friends they know, since it is easy for others to listen in. They

should never arrange to meet someone in-person who they first met online without a trusted adult present. Teens and parents also need to beware of chat in general, even in seemingly innocent games.

Allow your teen to participate in setting limits. Ask them: What limits do your friends have on their gaming time? How long do you think is appropriate to play at one sitting? What are some good things about playing video games? What kinds of game content could be a problem and why? How can you tell when you've played too much? How will you avoid letting the game's content seep into your life and attitude? Of course, you will make the final decisions, but by discussing it with your teen and hearing their preferences and concerns, you send them a message of respect and give them the opportunity to show some maturity (and make you proud).



Axis is continuously working to make Christ-centered resources more easily accessible to families, including recent investments in

mobile app development on both Apple and Android devices.

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Indonesia: Muslim Villagers Burn Down Home ⁽²⁾

Gabriel and Noni were the only Christians in their Muslim village. One day, a Muslim woman died unexpectedly, and her two sons consulted a witch doctor. He told them that the Christians were responsible for the woman's death, as they had a magic object that gave them power. The two men then visited Gabriel and Noni's house in the middle of the night to find the object. As the men tried to break into the home, one of Gabriel and Noni's sons was hit on the head and began bleeding. Noni took him to the hospital while Gabriel and their other children fled to the police station. The Muslim men then burned their house down.

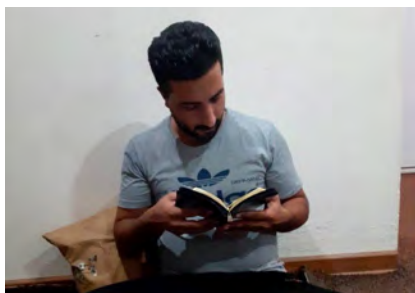
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Benin: Man Kills Son for Following Christ ⁽³⁾

Lea and her husband, Solomon, lived with Solomon's father, who was a priest in the

traditional religion of their village. When Solomon's father discovered that Solomon and Lea were going to a Christian church, he killed Solomon and threatened Lea, kicking her and her three children out of his home. Unable to provide for her family, Lea sent her two older children to live with her sister in a nearby village while she works to expand her sewing business. "God gives me peace, and I know he is with me," Lea said.

Please pray that God will help Lea's business grow and for protection from her father-in-law.



Iran: Muslim Man Seeks Christ after Daughter's Healing ⁽⁴⁾

After numerous surgeons and doctors could not heal his eight-year-old daughter, a Muslim man reached out to his Christian sister for prayer. The man had treated his sister badly and had not spoken to her for nearly a decade because of her decision to follow Christ. But when his daughter's illness grew so severe that it was untreatable, the man asked his sister to pray to Jesus for healing, and the girl recovered from her illness. The Muslim man then asked his sister to tell him more about Christ.

Pray that this man will place his trust in Christ for salvation, and thank God for his sister's witness.