

Pray For Peace!



- **The Middle East.** the Israel & Hamas war has resumed after a 7 day pause during which some hostages & prisoners from both sides were released. Civilians are still bearing the worst of the violence. In Gaza, places where civilians were told to flee to for safety are now being bombed. .
- **Ukraine. The war continues.** Attacks & atrocities against civilians are ongoing. Attacks on civilian targets in Odesa & elsewhere have damaged many homes as winter approaches. Russia's alliance with North Korea & Iran is providing military supplies to Russia that may expand the war. The shifting of media attention to the Middle east, has made the situation in Ukraine more difficult.
- **Ethiopia, Kenya, & Somalia** where flooding killed 300 people in Kenya, Somalia, & Ethiopia. 370,000 + people have lost homes to flooding & crops have been destroyed. The weather conditions mean the torrential rains & flooding are not over. Elsewhere in Ethiopia, there is drought, made worse by 2 years of civil war. As many as 500,000 people may have died of hunger before the war ended, & people are still dying. The UN & U.S. have suspended aid to Ethiopia over claims that the aid is not reaching those in need. . .
- **India** – where 41 construction workers were trapped underground for 17 days. All 41 were rescued on Tuesday the 28th. Rejoice with them!
- **Haiti** – The gang violence crisis is growing worse. 2 million people, including 1.6 million women & children live in gang-controlled areas where murder, assault, & sexual violence are common.
- **Victims of Gun Violence** –Already this year, 40,053 people have died in gun violence (up 1,029 from last week) including 1,578 children (up 25 from last week).34.170 people have been injured (up 688 from last week) including 4,277 children (up 72 from last week). 22,440 of the deaths are suicides (up 594 from last week). There have already been 630 mass shootings (up 11 from last week) this year. (Gun Violence Archive).
- **Dominican Republic** where torrential rains caused flooding in November. 21 people died. 13,000 had to flee their homes, many farmers lost their crops.
- **Nigeria** Celebrate with the family of Joy Moses who has been released after being kidnapped in September! Continue to pray for farmers trying to harvest their crops in areas where Boko Haram is attacking farms & stealing the harvest leaving the farmers with nothing. Remember all who live with the threat of violence.
- **Cholera Outbreak in Zimbabwe** – a state of emergency has been declared
- **Continue to remember those dealing with COVID** – The number of cases & hospitalizations is climbing in some areas more than others. Cases of flu & the RSV virus are also climbing. A spike in cases of all 3 will likely follow the holiday. Cases of whooping cough are also rising because people have not kept up with vaccines.