

Take a
Moment to
Pray for
Peace!



There's a World Out There!

There is a world out there! So much of the time in our public discourse, we focus only on politics, especially the politics in our backyard, and virtually ignore everything else. The political choices we make are critical to the lives of people here and around the world. Help us not to forget that, and remind us that to make good political choices, we need to be informed and consider the realities of life for everyone not just for ourselves. That makes paying attention to what is happening outside our own four walls essential, especially if we are people of faith. Political expediency for ourselves is not our calling. Jesus did not focus on himself or call his followers to put themselves first! He also did not call his followers to sit back and wait for God to fix things! He fed the hungry, healed the sick, offered forgiveness not condemnation, sent his followers out to share the Good News, and spent hours teaching people the ways of God himself. God sent his son, Jesus to give us a different world view and call us to a new relationship with him and with the world around us. He reached in to us so we could reach out to the rest of the world and make a difference!

This week, in your prayer time remember:

- **Nigerian Violence Continues** – The town of Garkida was attacked February 21-22 by Boko Haram. Garkida is considered the birthplace of Ekklesiyar Yan'uwa a Nigeria (EYN--the Church of the Brethren in Nigeria). (The Church of the Brethren was started in Nigeria in 1923.) 3 government soldiers (who attended the EYN church there) were killed, 3 civilians were injured, and 1 EYN staff person is missing. The Garkida area's EYN women's fellowship was having annual conference at the church, but none of was hurt when the church was burned. Two other Christian churches were also burned along with the EYN Rural Health Training Center, the police station, some shops and homes. Vehicles and medical supplies from the Training center were burned or stolen. Boko Haram continues to target churches, healthcare facilities, and government facilities. Businesses and homes are also not spared. Other attacks happened in recent weeks causing more families to flee their homes seeking safety. Boko Haram is also ceasing and burning relief supplies meant the city of Maiduguri. Many Brethren are among the people suffering in that area. (see Brethren Newsline, Feb. 28,2020 for more)
- **Those facing the coronavirus** – those sick and those trying to stop it. At least 27 countries have now reported cases.
- **Those dealing with the aftermath of storms** – especially those in Tennessee where 24 people have died and 22 people who are missing.
- **Continue to remember Syria** (refugees trying to reach Greece in small rubber boats are being shot at and beaten off by Greek authorities to keep them from landing in Greece.)
- **Venezuela, Ukraine, & other places where people are suffering.**
- **South Sudan** – an invasion of locust is threatening the food security of the population. One of the areas under threat is the bread basket for the capital city of Juba. The area where the Brethren are centered is also under threat.

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