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KENYA AND MINNESOTA

Prayer

- Louisville, Kentucky – I'll be attending and speaking at the MissioNexus Conference that gathers hundreds of mission agency leaders from all over the country.
- Roseville, California – I'll be meeting as a part of the NAB Executive Team for a few days in September.
- Camp Falcon Rock, Romania and Hatvan, Hungary – Please pray for the Gateway team I'll be leading in October that will be made up of NAB Regional Ministers, the Executive Team, and some spouses. They will be connecting with and speaking in the churches of Hungarian Baptist Union of Romania pastors, as well as gathering with them at the camp. They'll also visit with a Roma/Gypsy ministry site in Hungary.
- Edmonton, Alberta – The Greater Edmonton Mission Conference will be taking place at Hillview Baptist in October, where I'll be speaking and representing my various areas of service.
- Interim Vice President of International Missions role for the NAB – I was asked to serve in this role until a new permanent VP of International Missions can be found. Thank you for your prayers for me during these busy and challenging months.
- Central Europe Field Director role for Hungary/Serbia – Thanks for your prayers as I continue in this role as well.
- For all of Gateway's ongoing sister-church partnerships in various stages of development and engagement in Brazil, Paraguay, Argentina, Mexico, North Macedonia, Kosovo, Serbia, Hungary, Romania, and Cameroon.
- For more North American churches to engage in sister-church partnerships.

Praises

- Nairobi, Kenya – This was a tremendously insightful time as we had multiple meetings with two churches in Nairobi. Thank you for praying for our travel and what turned out to be very fruitful meetings (see the article in this newsletter for more info).
- Roseville, California – Preparing for the July NAB Triennial Conference was the main focus of our discussions as the NAB Executive Team. Thanks for your prayers for me and the added responsibilities that I have been given with the Interim Vice President of International Missions role.
- St. Paul, Minnesota – The NAB Triennial Conference went quite well this past July, and I appreciated seeing many of you there! Thanks for your prayers for all I was asked to do (see the article for more info).

*“He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?”*

MICAH 6:8 (NRSV)



Banyamulenge tribe church members in Nairobi, Kenya.

Kenya

Thank you for your prayers as I traveled with two pastors (Darren Platt and Nelson Mukiza) from Edmonton to Nairobi, Kenya. It was a very eye-opening and informative trip, where I was able to understand a lot better who these two men, and their church, were looking to become sister-church partners with in Nairobi.



Banyamulenge tribe church in Nairobi, Kenya.

The two churches we met with in Nairobi are made up of people from the Banyamulenge tribe that are living under a UN mandate as refugees in the country of Kenya. Although safe from direct danger while in Kenya, they basically have no rights while living in Kenya. Their displacement (and current refugee status) as a people goes

back over 20 years ago when they lived in the country of Congo and were violently forced to flee their homes there and resettle in three different East African countries, including Kenya. Pastor Nelson is a member of this tribe and is currently an NAB pastor.

Darren, Nelson, and I met with various leaders of these two refugee Banyamulenge tribe churches while in Nairobi and received a much fuller understanding from them of their situation and



their need for sister-church partners in addition to Darren and Nelson’s church. I’m sharing their story here in my newsletter in the hopes that other churches (maybe yours?) may be interested in partnering with these Nairobi churches. Please contact me if you would like to hear more information on how your church could be a sister-church partner alongside these Banyamulenge churches in Kenya.

Minnesota



NAB Triennial in St. Paul.





St. Paul, Minnesota, was, of course, the site of the NAB Triennial Conference that I've spoken of in my past (and present) prayer/praise requests. It was definitely a time full of meetings, sessions, breakouts, and catching up with a number of people who interact with Gateway, Hungary, and Serbia ministries (my Central Europe fieldwork), and the NAB International Missions and missionary work I'm currently overseeing.

Whether meeting with the MAT (NAB Mission Advisory Team), facilitating breakouts with our

Central Europe Global Mission Partners (Laci Daróczy and Marijana Čizmanski), or having the opportunity to address the whole gathering in general sessions, it was a full and good time to meet people from all over the NAB world (including undoubtedly many of you!). Thanks for stopping to say hi or cornering me in a hallway!

And yes, thanks to all of you for your ongoing support of my work, especially now in all of these areas.

For the Kingdom,

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