

## weekly focus: mwanza bible institute

We have all read the story in the Old Testament of Jacob's son, Joseph, who as a young man had dreams that prompted his brothers to expel him from their family by selling him into slavery. When he had those dreams, Joseph knew they were important, but had no idea of the things that were in store for him.

Today, another Joseph also has a dream. His dream is to teach sound biblical doctrine to other young leaders in Christ's church in Tanzania and East Africa. Joseph was a young pastor and a member of the mainline protestant church in Tanzania, but was disturbed that most of the other pastors around him were using their position to gain power, influence and wealth rather than proclaiming the good news of the gospel. When he questioned them about these things he, and many others, were expelled from their church family. Rather than becoming discouraged, he dreamed of starting a school to train others to spread the truth of the gospel.

To get started, he came to Grand Rapids to attend a two-week seminar to further his training, but two weeks turned into a two-year program to get a ministry degree. While working on that degree he met Don and Cindy Marrell. Joseph shared his dream with the Marrell's and their excitement grew as they talked about the possibilities of how God would work through a Bible School in Tanzania. Joseph began attending Calvary Church and was introduced to Pastor Samra and Celeste McDonough, both of whom were supportive and encouraging.

Upon finishing his degree, Joseph returned to Mwanza, Tanzania with a commitment from Calvary to provide initial funding, and began working on his dream. Soon thereafter, the Mwanza Bible Institute (MBI) became a reality and opened to their first group of students in January of 2015. In January 2016 a team from Calvary visited Joseph for a week of observation and teaching at the fledgling Mwanza Bible Institute. Now, with funds made available from Calvary's Open Door Project, a piece of property has been purchased and plans are being made to build classrooms and other facilities.

Dreams prompted by God are bigger than we can imagine. Will you be part of Joseph's dream by praying for him, his wife Esther, and their five children (Samuel, Enoch, Moses, David, and Elizabeth)? Pray also for planning and provision as the school is developing, and for other teachers that will faithfully teach sound biblical doctrine and rightly interpret God's Scripture. Pray for the students, that they will enroll, learn and then scatter throughout their homeland and neighboring countries to tell their world about Jesus.

## congregational care

### Recently Hospitalized Prayer List

If you have been hospitalized, or anticipate hospitalization, and would like to be added to the prayer list, please call the church office at 956-9377.

**Meijer Heart:** Lynn Lindeman

**Metro:** Bryce Matson

**PRAYER CHAIN:** If you need prayer, contact Don & Cindy Marrell ([cmarrell@calvarygr.org](mailto:cmarrell@calvarygr.org)) at 450-9622.

### Bereaved

We extend our Christian sympathy to David Wagemaker at the homegoing of his son, Inez, on June 24; to Dan & Cathy Worrell at the homegoing of their daughter-in-law, Tracy Worrell, on June 27; to friends and family of Robert (Bob) Stellini at his homegoing on July 6; to John Schorr at the homegoing of his wife, Edna, on July 6; and also to Trish Thompson at the homegoing of her mother, Eileen Burke, on July 10.

### Thank You

It is with sincere hearts that we send our thanks for the prayers, kindness and sympathy. The floral arrangement was beautiful. Matthew 11:28

Chuck and Brenda Ely  
Justin and Julie Wisniewski

### Stories of Redemption

We would love to hear your story of redemption. If you are willing to share a story of how God rescued you, restored you and made you ready for the journey He has you on, please contact Kristen White ([kwhite@calvarygr.org](mailto:kwhite@calvarygr.org)) at ext 5013.

**July 16, 2017**

9:00am & 10:45am

A Psalm of Redemption

Psalm 143

Jim Samra, *Senior Pastor*

RESCUED  
RESTORED  
READY  
STORIES OF REDEMPTION

### FOR THE RECORD

	Revised Projected Offerings	Actual Offerings	Surplus/ (Deficit)
Last Week	\$ 127,956	\$ 132,532	\$ 4,576
Fiscal YTD Sept. 1 - Jul. 9	\$ 6,523,838	\$ 6,555,021	\$ 31,183
Open Door Project		\$ 128,179	

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# welcome

If you are visiting today, we are glad you are here. For information about our many communities, programs and events for all ages, pick up a copy of the quarterly *Calvary Life* magazine, visit us online at [calvarygr.org](http://calvarygr.org), or stop by the Connection Point in room 215 (located in the East End beside the Chapel). We would love to meet you! If you need hearing assistance, listening devices are available at the Welcome Center in the center of the Crosswalk.

## coming events & announcements

### Help Needed: Final Cleaning July 18 & 27 | 6:00pm Meet at Entrance I

Want a sneak peek of the new Gathering Place and the Calvary Kids ministry area? As construction finishes, help is needed with vacuuming, wiping down counters, and cleaning glass. Contact Elaine Lohroff ([elohroff@calvarygr.org](mailto:elohroff@calvarygr.org)) to help.

### Free Dental Day July 21 | 8:00am-12:30pm Exalta Health | 2060 S Division

If you have been avoiding getting dental work done because you don't have dental insurance and/or paying out of pocket would be a hardship, consider attending Exalta's Free Dental Day! This opportunity is first come, first serve for anyone age 13 and up.

### High School: Cedar Point Trip July 24-6:00am - July 25- 2:00am Meet at Entrance D

**Register at [calvarygr.org/events](http://calvarygr.org/events)**  
Travel by charter bus to Cedar Point in Sandusky, Ohio, the roller coaster capital of the world! Cost: \$75 (Includes park admission, bus fare, breakfast, drink wristband and snacks on the bus ride. You will need to bring \$ for lunch, dinner and snacks.) Contact Samantha ([sheetderks@calvarygr.org](mailto:sheetderks@calvarygr.org)) at ext. 5161.

### 7th/8th: Michigan's Adventure July 27 | 10:30am-8:30pm | \$30 Meet at Entrance D

**Register at [calvarygr.org/events](http://calvarygr.org/events)**  
Come and hang out with us at Michigan's Adventure Roller Coaster and Water Park! Cost includes ticket & lunch. Questions? Contact Samantha ([sheetderks@calvarygr.org](mailto:sheetderks@calvarygr.org)) at ext. 5161.

### OASIS Senior Luncheon

**August 7 | 10:00am | Room 108**  
Punch Bowl begins at 10:00am, with a speaker presenting at 11:00am and then lunch served at 12:00pm. Nancy Berends will speak to us about medical missions. The cost for lunch is \$8 and you must make reservations one week in advance with Howard & Arlene Timmer at 365-0728 ([hrtakt@iserv.net](mailto:hrtakt@iserv.net)).

### Blessed2Bless Prayer Gathering

**August 7 | 10:00am | Room 215**  
Come connect with other women and support the work that God is doing as people throughout the church are reaching out to their families, neighbors, friends and co-workers. You do not need to be leading a neighborhood study to take part.

Susan Sorensen will give an overview of Neighborhood Bible Study to Go for those who feel God's urging to step out in faith, or maybe need a refresher!

### Calvary Night In August 14 | 6:00-9:00pm

Gather with your church family to celebrate the completion of the latest phase of the Grace Beyond building project. You will have an opportunity to tour the new Gathering Place and the Calvary Kids Ministry Area. Join us for food, fun and fellowship.

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### Mozambique

From October 9-21 another team will serve in Chinhangane, Mozambique. This team will continue using *Simply the Story* to encourage and equip Mozambicans to share the Gospel. They are currently raising financial support and would appreciate your prayerful consideration of their needs.

### Spain & Guyana

Please remember to pray for our Spain team (July 13-26), as well as the Guyana team (July 19-30) as they work alongside our missionaries in those countries to share the gospel. Pray also for good health and strength, and that God would use them to encourage our missionaries.

## this week at calvary

- 1 Explore Calvary**  
**Today & July 23 | 10:30am-12:00pm | Room 215**  
Journey together with us during this two-session class to learn more about Calvary Church. We'll gather in an informal setting to meet others new to Calvary, meet staff, and tour the building. You'll want to attend both weeks as each is different. Walk-ins welcome!
- 2 Third Monday Missions Prayer**  
**July 17 | 11:30am | Room 140 (Entrance I)**  
Join us tomorrow to hear updates from and pray for our missionaries around the world. Bring your lunch and meet in room 140 (Entrance I) at 11:30am.
- 3 Creative Arts Workshops for Kids**  
**Art & Dance: July 17 | 9:00-11:00am**  
**Drama & Art: July 19 | 9:00-11:00am**  
Kids in first through sixth grade are invited to attend our free summer creative workshops. Worship God through dance, drama, and art. Register at [calvarygr.org/events](http://calvarygr.org/events).
- 4 5th/6th: Around the Fire Night**  
**July 17 | 7:00-9:30pm | Room 208**  
**\$5 | Register: [calvarygr.org/events](http://calvarygr.org/events)**  
We will enjoy burgers and hotdogs on the the grill with all the fixin's as we enjoy our new patio. We will also enjoy a "bonfire" and yard games. If the air-conditioning is more your speed, then the gym, ping-pong and several more indoor games will be available as well. Come hungry!
- 5 High School: Going Deeper Service Project**  
**July 21 | 9:00-11:00am | Room 208**  
Join Josh Karhan and Brian Novak, Calvary's Custodial Supervisor, as we explore the heart that is eager to do what is good and that rejoices in service. We will begin with a fun activity before we dive into cleaning deeper than the facilities team is regularly able to, and conclude with a devotion encouraging us to follow the example of Christ.