

weekly focus: france update

When asking about a mission trip most people say “What will you be doing?” And for many of us that is the mindset we had while preparing for our trip to France to support the Calvary missionaries there. Rather than calling us to do, God asked to be — be in His presence, spend time in prayer, and be a light in the darkness.

We walked through Muslim neighborhoods covering them in prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to move in the hearts of those on whose doors we would be knocking. When doors opened, we prayed Christ’s light would shine through us as we interacted with the person. Some doors stayed closed, but we rejoice over the many people who entered into conversation, allowed us to pray for them, and even welcomed us into their homes.

We traveled across the ocean to proclaim the name of Jesus to the North African Muslim immigrants and to encourage the missionaries on the ground there. We came home encouraged by the testimonies of the Muslim-background believers we met and the way God is moving in France. Our eyes were also opened to the opportunities to pray for and declare the power of Jesus to people in our own neighborhoods here in Grand Rapids.

We may no longer be in France, but our hearts and prayers are still there. The names and faces of the people we met and the neighborhoods we walked through are etched on our hearts and give greater depth to our continued prayers for the people of France and the mighty work God is doing there.

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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.

Spain & Guyana

Please continue to pray for our Spain team (return July 26), as well as the Guyana team (return July 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.

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.

Blodgett: Scott Bowman

Butterworth: Haley Izenbaard

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

Bereaved

We extend our Christian sympathy to Marguerite Sturgeon at the homegoing of her husband, Roy, on July 18; and also to Dan & Gayle Hoven at the homegoing of Dan’s father, Max, on July 18.

July 23, 2017

9:00am & 10:45am

Don’t Settle for Disney Swag

John 4:1-42

Toran Scott

Lead Pastor, The Local Church

FOR THE RECORD

	Revised Projected Offerings	Actual Offerings	Surplus/ (Deficit)
Last Week	\$ 127,956	\$ 131,806	\$ 3,850
Fiscal YTD Sept. 1 - Jul. 16	\$ 6,651,794	\$ 6,689,587	\$ 37,803
Open Door Project		\$ 133,195	

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welcome

If you are visiting today, we are glad you are here. For information about our many groups, programs and events for all ages, pick up a copy of the quarterly *Calvary Life* magazine, visit us online at 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.

today

Guest Speaker: Toran Scott

Toran Scott serves as Lead Pastor at The Local Church, as church plant of Central Wesleyan that is currently meeting at Calvin College. Toran is married to Brenda, and are blessed with four children, Tayton, Isabella, Ki & Max.

this week at calvary

1 7th/8th: Michigan's Adventure July 27 | 10:30am-8:30pm | \$30 Meet at Entrance D

Register at 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) at ext. 5161.

2 Help Needed: Final Cleaning July 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 (elohroff@calvarygr.org) to help.

coming events & announcements

Pray with the Elders

Aug. 1 | 6:15-7:15pm | Rm 211

The elders meet for prayer on the first Tuesday of the month. If you would like the elders to pray for you, please stop by. You are welcome to come unannounced, but if possible it would be helpful if you could contact Cindy (cmarrell@calvarygr.org) in advance so she can put you on the schedule.

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. 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! You do not need to be leading a neighborhood study to take part

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. Lunch is \$8. Please make reservations by July 31 with Howard & Arlene Timmer at 365-0728 (hrtakt@iserv.net).

Caring for Kids

This fall both the Gathering Place

Study (Women's Bible Study) and MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) will return to Calvary on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. With moms, come children! Would you consider helping us welcome our little ones by rocking a baby or playing with a toddler? We have a growing team of women, men, and couples who serve our children at Calvary during the week. Contact Donna (women@calvarygr.org) at ext. 5186 for more information about serving in these two important ministries.

Play Ball

Calvary Church has men's and women's slow-pitch softball teams looking for additional players in August and September. For more information and to sign up, contact Cy Jourdan (cymiwolv@yahoo.com).

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.

This is an open house, dinner will be served from 6:00-8:00 and ice cream will be available all night. Come as your schedule allows! We are excited to connect with you.

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building project
UPDATE

GRACE BEYOND GIVING

Total Giving Commitment to Date: \$ 20,329,222

Cash Received: \$ 16,519,479

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE CALVARY KIDS DATES TO NOTE

August 6 - Nursery Only Family Service

Construction is wrapping up in the Calvary Kids ministry area. The first Sunday in the new Calvary Kids area will be August 20. In order to accommodate the moving process, August 6 will be a special family service Sunday. Only the Nursery will be available in their current space in the West End.

August 13 - No Calvary Kids Programming or Calvary Café

On this Sunday, we will have a Cry Room available at the back of the Connection Point (room 215) and the Nursing Mom's room will be in room 212. We encourage you to come to the Calvary Night In on Monday, August 14 for a chance to tour the new Calvary Kids Ministry Area prior to the first Sunday of programming.

August 20 - Fall Promotion in Calvary Kids

Fall promotion will take place on August 20 and then we will resume regular summer programming in the new ministry area, downstairs below the Gathering Place.

GATHERING PLACE DATES TO NOTE

The Gathering Place Opens August 14

The first meal enjoyed in the Gathering Place will be at our Calvary Night In on August 14. We will begin serving coffee in the Gathering Place on Sunday, August 20.