

God's Word Gives Our Lives Direction



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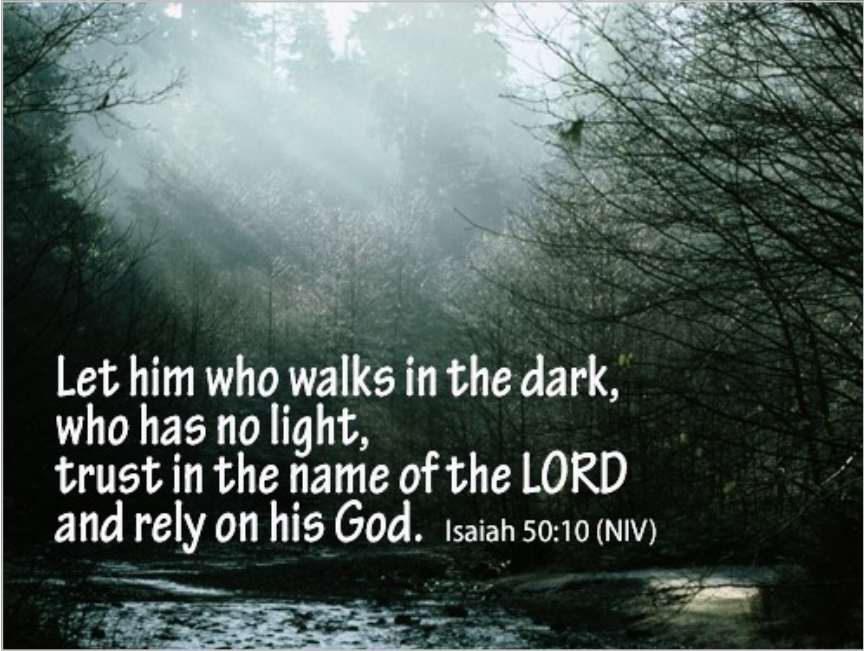
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Worship Services
10:30 AM & 6:30 PM

Church School: 9:30 AM
September—May



Let him who walks in the dark,
who has no light,
trust in the name of the LORD
and rely on his God. Isaiah 50:10 (NIV)

February 2, 2020

The Loop System is provided for those using hearing devices by using the telephone mode on your device. This is available beginning in row 5 on either side of the sanctuary.

Next Week is Communion Sunday!



Creation groans

waiting for the children of God to be revealed

Creation groans

*waiting to be born again;
waiting to be released from the bondage
of sin and decay.*

Creation groans

*in wars and rumors of war, in signs and wonders.
These are the birth pangs that
come before all things are made new.*

Creation groans

*in expectation of being fully restored,
renewed, and reborn.*

We groan too

*for the Spirit of God is in us
And moving toward all that is yet to be.*

Come Celebrate!

***Christ has died, Christ is Risen,
Christ will come again!***

Welcome to First Christian Reformed Church!

Guest Pastor Don Recker

February 2, 2020

*** Please stand in body or in spirit**

“How firm a foundation you saints of the Lord,”

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

*** Opening Hymn: LUYH #427: 1-5 “How Firm a Foundation”**

1. How firm a foundation you saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
2. “Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed,
for I am your God and will still give you aid;
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.
3. “When through the deep waters I call you to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow,
for I will be with you in trouble to bless,
and sanctify to you your deepest distress.
4. “When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
my grace all-sufficient shall be your supply;
the flame shall not hurt you; I only design
your dross to consume and your gold to refine.
5. “The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no never, no never forsake!”

Words: Isaiah 43:1-5; J. Rippon’s *Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt., P.D.; Music: J. Funk’s *A Compilation of Genuine Church Music*, 1832; harm. Dale Grotenhuis (1931-2012), 1985, © 1987 Faith Alive Christian Resources; CCLI #678905

- * God's Greeting
- * We Greet Each Other
- * Opening Song of Praise:
Ephesians 2:19-20

"Cornerstone"

1. My hope is built on nothing less,
than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name.

Repeat Verse 1

Chorus

*Christ alone cornerstone.
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love.
Through the storm, He is Lord. Lord of all.*

2. When darkness seems to hide His face,
I rest on His unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil.
My anchor holds within the veil.

Chorus

3. When He shall come with trumpet sound,
oh may I then in Him be found.
Dressed in His righteousness alone.
Faultless stand before the throne.

Chorus (2x)

*Christ alone cornerstone.
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love.
Through the storm, He is Lord. Lord of all.*

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LUYH #343: 1-4 "Blessed Be Your Name"

1. Blessed be Your name
in the land that is plentiful,
where Your streams of abundance flow,
blessed be Your name.
2. Blessed be Your name
when I'm found in the desert place,
though I walk through the wilderness,
blessed be Your name.

Refrain

*Every blessing you pour out I'll turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say,
"Blessed be the name of the Lord,
blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord,
blessed be Your glorious name."*

3. Blessed be your name
when the sun's shining down on me,
When the world's "all as it should be,"
blessed be Your name.
4. Blessed be Your name
on the road marked with suffering,
though there's pain in the offering,
blessed be Your name.

Refrain

You give and take away,
You give and take away.
My heart will choose to say,
"Lord, blessed be Your name." (2x)

*"Blessed be the name of the Lord,
blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord,
blessed be Your glorious name."*

"Is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

God's Law

Offering: General Fund

* Song of Preparation: LUYH #755: 1-3 *"Speak, O Lord"*

1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
to receive the food of Your holy word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
that the light of Christ might be seen today
in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
all Your purposes, for Your glory.
2. Teach us Lord full obedience,
holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
in the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail;
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.
3. Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,
that will echo down through eternity,
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises;
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built
and the earth is filled with Your glory.

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(Children ages 3 years – 1st grade are dismissed for Children & Worship)

“What more can he say
than to you he has said,”

Scripture Reading

Sermon Text: Isaiah 50:10

Prayer of Illumination

Message: ***“Keeping Trust in Our Dark Times”***

Time of Prayer

“To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?”

* Hymn of Application: LUYH #699: 1-2 *“Like a River Glorious”*

1. Like a river glorious
is God’s perfect peace,
over all victorious
in its bright increase:
perfect, yet still flowing
fuller every day;
perfect, yet still growing
deeper all the way.

Refrain

*Trusting in the Father,
hearts are fully blest,
finding, as he promised,
perfect peace and rest.*

2. Hidden in the hollow
of his mighty hand,
where no harm can follow,
in his strength we stand.
We may trust him fully
all for us to do;
those who trust him wholly
find him wholly true.

Refrain

*Trusting in the Father,
hearts are fully blest,
finding, as he promised,
perfect peace and rest.*

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* Benediction

* Parting Praise: LUYH #302: 1-2 “*Hear Our Praises*”

1. May our homes be filled with dancing,
may our streets be filled with joy.
May injustice bow to Jesus
as the people turn and pray.

Refrain

*From the mountain to the valley,
hear our praises rise to you.
From the heavens to the nations,
hear our singing fill the air.*

2. May your light shine in the darkness
as we walk before the cross.
May your glory fill the whole earth
as the water over the seas.

Refrain x2

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Postlude

Welcome to the House of God. The Lord is always near to those who gather in his name. Let us eagerly call upon God and make a joyful noise with songs and prayers of praise. Glory be to God! After joining us in worship, join us in the fellowship hall next to the sanctuary for a cup of coffee or juice and continued fellowship.

Today, we welcome **Pastor Don Recker**, a retired CRC pastor currently living in Ferndale. He will be leading us in worship and bringing God's Word to us.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Dear Friends,

The book of Jonah is probably one of the more beloved books of the Old Testament. Many of us first became familiar with this story at an early age. I personally am reminded of the story nearly every summer when we go whale watching on the coast.

The book of Jonah challenges us to consider not only what it means to *believe* the gospel of God's grace, but also what it means to *live* it. Furthermore, Jonah reminds us that one of the chief characteristics of believers is not that we never sin, for sadly we still do, but that we should be ready to repent of our sin whenever we are reminded of God's grace. Therefore, if you are still learning the grace of Jesus Christ – then Jonah is an ideal companion to study and learn from.

The following is the tentative schedule of our study in the weeks to come. As always, you are encouraged to read the text in advance before each Sunday. May God bless us as we walk/swim with Jonah in these weeks to come.

In His Grace,
Pastor John

Feb. 9 – *“A Cry from the Depths”* – *Jonah 1:17-2:10*

Feb. 16 – *“A Great Revival”* – *Jonah 3:1-10*

Feb. 23 – *“The Mercy of God”* – *Jonah 4:1-11*

Family Visiting: The following is the current family visiting schedule for November & January. If your family is included in the list, please expect a call from the listed Elder to arrange the day and time for the visit. If you have questions about the schedule, please call the listed Elder or call Henry Hammingh at 360-424-3019.

NOVEMBER-JANUARY 2019/2020 FAMILY VISITS

Elder	Deacon	Family
Dave V	Jack VK	Boonstra, Shirley
Dave V	Jack VK	De Groot, Marjean
Kevin K	Randy B	De Vries, Alice
Kevin K	Randy B	Haarsma, Martha
Henry VZ	Mardick S	Klunder, Clarence & Eleanor
Henry VZ	Mardick S	Rasmussen, Keith & Jean
Tim VH	Brad DK	Kok, Kevin & Glenda
Tim VH	Brad DK	Pippel, Bob & Andy
Darrel L	Dan VK	Reehoorn, Sally
Darrel L	Dan VK	Van Zanten, Hank & Sylvia
Pastor John	Rich C	Vander Kooy, Daniel & Briana
Pastor John	Rich C	Vander Veen, Henry & Anjean
Henry H	Mardy S	VanDyke, Trudy
Henry H	Mardy S	Visser, Dave & Nancy

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

The whole Kok family would like to extend our thanks for your love, prayers, and concern during this painful time of Jordan's passing and for all the hard work done for the memorial service. We are truly blessed to be part of such a beautiful community of believers. Kevin, Glenda, and family.

There will be a ***piano concert*** at Bethany Covenant Church on Feb 23 at 4:00 p.m. It will be a concert of classical music and hymn arrangements, assisted by Bonnie Wilkens (violinist) and Becky Dutton (soprano). It is free to attend.

Classis Pacific Northwest is holding a ***Safe Church Conference*** on March 28 from 10a.m. – 4p.m. at New Hope Fellowship in Monroe. All church council members, staff, and volunteers are invited to attend. Registration is requested by March 18. Please contact Jayne Hammingh for more information.

OUR CHURCH EVENTS

Following the service today there will be a **Church Potluck** in the Fellowship Hall. If you are visiting with us today, you are welcome to join us for lunch.

Today you will have opportunity to sign up to bring a casserole or dessert for the **Friendship House** on Wednesday, February 12. Servers are also needed. There will be a table in the Fellowship Hall where you can sign up and pick up a recipe. Monetary donations are accepted also. Any questions? Give Sylvia Van Zanten a call.

There is be **no evening service** tonight.

The **Men's Bible Study** will meet Wednesday, February 5 at 6:30 a.m. at Shari's Restaurant in Burlington.

A memorial service for **Duane Van Dyke** will take place here at church on Wednesday, February 5 at 2:00 p.m.

The **GEMS Sleepover** will be Friday, February 7 at 6:30 p.m..

Choir will begin the 2020 season on February 9! New members are always welcome! Singing in the choir is rewarding on a personal level, as well as a great blessing for the entire congregation! Please consider joining!

ADVANCED NOTICES

Donations for Neighbors in Need - Next week, February 9, you will have opportunity to bring your donations of canned and non-perishable items for the food drive for "**Neighbors in Need**". Please bring your donations in the morning or evening to the church and place them in the basket located in the foyer and the Fellowship Hall.

The **Council** will meet Monday, February 10 at 7:00 p.m.

Cadets will meet Wednesday, February 12 at 7:00 p.m.

Need a night out? The **Youth Group** will be hosting their annual **babysitting night** on February 14 from 5:00-9:00 p.m.

Additional Staff Possibility - The Council would like to invite the congregation to an open 'town hall' meeting shortly following the **Feb. 23 morning service** to further discuss the possibility of being a 'mentor church' to a current seminary student. The purpose of the meeting is to update you on the current discussion in council, answer/clarify any questions that remain, and then hopefully receive congregational support to proceed in the process. If you did not receive the Jan. 3 congregational letter and would like a copy - please contact the church office. If you have any other questions/concerns in advance of the town hall meeting please don't hesitate to contact to a council member.

ORGANIZATIONS WE SUPPORT

Mount Vernon Christian School welcomes parents and students to tour our facilities, meet teachers and students, ask questions and learn more about how we integrate faith and learning as we partner with families to provide a safe learning environment. **Open house dates are Thursday, February 13 and Tuesday, March 10, 2020.** The March 10, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. date will also include Preschool and Kindergarten information. Please visit www.mountvernonchristian.org and click on "Contact" or call 360.424.9157 to register.

Open House Times:

February 13

10:00-11:30 a.m.

1:00-2:30 p.m.

March 10

10:00-11:30 a.m.

1:00-2:30 p.m.

6:30-8:30 p.m.

Know someone who should visit? There are postcards available on the shelf in the breezeway. Please take some to share!

We are excited to announce that **Aspire 2020** will be coming to Bothell in February. We have a great night planned for you, all you have to do is gather some girlfriends and show up, we got the rest. It may seem like a long time from now but we wanted to get this on your calendar. We have an amazing lineup including Author & Speaker Melissa Spoelstra, Comedian Amberly Neese, and Worship Leader Mia Koehne. We are reaching out to you now to get you everything you need to get started. We hope you can join us! Visit <https://aspirewomensevents.com/> for more information.

Groundwork: The Hidden Hand of God - Life's coincidences are much less coincidental when we recognize the hand of God at work. Join Groundwork as we study Esther 5-10 to see how God worked in and through the actions of ordinary people and receive the assurance and hope we need to persevere in faith. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

The Six Clocks - Check out our kid shows at www.kidscorner.net. In this week's episode, there's a thief on the loose in Terrene stealing clocks! Why clocks? What's the thief doing with them? What lesson does Grandpa Anole teach about contentment? Join in on the adventure and see if you and your family can figure out the mystery before the Lizarardo Detective Agency does! Listen now at kidscorner.net and subscribe to KC's weekly emails for future episodes. Download KC's Valentine Card Collection to share with family and friends. kidscorner.net/activities.

At-Home Faith Formation Tip - Looking for creative ways to pray with kids? Check out a helpful blog post at network.crcna.org/sunday-school/5-pointers-praying-kids, or take a look at the book *Praying in Color: Kids' Edition* by Sybil MacBeth, 2009 Paraclete Press. (Tip from Faith Formation Ministries; crcna.org/FaithFormation)

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

SUN	10:30 a.m.	Morning Service
	11:45 a.m.	Potluck
TUES	7:00 p.m.	Vida Nueva Bible Study
WED	6:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
	2:00 p.m.	Memorial Service for Duane Van Dyke
FRI	6:30 p.m.	GEMS Sleepover

NURSERY

Today: Beth Boon, Kyler Houck, Kayla Van Hofwegen

Next Week: Michele Feddema, Nathan Van Beek, Julissa Oostra

GREETERS

Today- Rovers: Dennis & Melba De Kok

AM: Clarence & Eleanor Klunder, Kevin & Glenda Kok

Next Week- Rovers: Greg & Tish Ackermann

AM: John & Dena Klunder, Henry & Sharon Kuipers

USHERS

Today: Tim Hibma, Wiebe Van der Hoek, Henry Van Zanten

Next Week: Larry Greidanus, Henry Hammingh, Tim Van Hofwegen

SOUND

Today: Mardick Stevens

Next Week: Tim Hibma

PROJECTION

Today: Nathan Van Beek

Next Week: Hannah Van Hofwegen

VIDEO TAPING

Today: Carson Blom

Next Week: Mike Hibma

CHILDREN & WORSHIP

Today:

Teacher: Heather Van Hofwegen

Assistants: Julie Speck, Julissa Oostra

Next Week:

Teacher: Darrel & Sunee Lagerwey

Assistants: Briana VanderKooy, Tessa Speck

COFFEE HOSTS

Today: Potluck

Next Week: Henry & Sharon Kuipers, Joe LeClair,
Keith & Jean Rasmussen

VIDA NUEVA CHILDCARE

Today: Jayne Hammingh, Josh Hammingh

Next Week: Sylvia Van Zanten

MINISTRY OF PRAISE

Today: none

Next Week:

Leader: Kevin Kok

Accompanist: Shirley Boonstra

TRANSPORTATION CARE TEAM

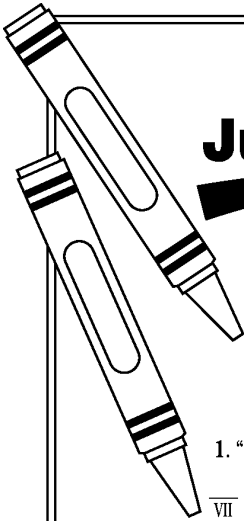
February 9: Shirley Boonstra

February 16: Les & Joy Faber

FEBRUARY OFFERINGS:

AM: General Fund

PM: Pregnancy Choices



Just for

KIDS

There are rules for everything we do! Some very important rules for your life are found in the Bible in Exodus 20.

I - A	VIII - H	XV - O	XXI - U
II - B	IX - I	XVI - P	XXII - V
III - C	X - J	XVII - Q	XXIII - W
IV - D	XI - K	XVIII - R	XXIV - X
V - E	XII - L	XIX - S	XXV - Y
VI - F	XIII - M	XX - T	XXVI - Z
VII - G	XIV - N		

1. "You shall have no XV XX VIII V XVIII CODE
VII XV IV XIX II V VI XV XVIII V XIII V."
2. "You shall not XIII I XI V for XXV XV XXI XVIII XIX V XII VI an
IX IV XV XII in the VI XV XVIII XIII of I XIV XXV XX VIII IX XIV VII in heaven
above or on the earth II V XIV V I XX VIII or in the waters II V XII XV XIII."
3. "You shall not XIII IX XIX XXI XIX V the XIV I XIII V of the Lord your God."
4. "XVIII V XIII V XIII II V XVIII the XIX I II II I XX VIII IV I XXV
by XI V V XVI IX XIV VII it VIII XV XII XXV."
5. "VIII XV XIV XV XVIII your VI I XX VIII V XVIII and XIII XV XX VIII V XVIII."
6. "You shall not XIII XXI XVIII IV V XVIII."
7. "You shall not III XV XIII XIII IX XX I IV XXI XII XX V XVIII XXV."
8. "You shall not XIX XX V I XII."
9. "You shall not VII IX XXI V VI I XII XIX V
XX V XIX XX IX XIII XV XIV XXV I VII I IX XIV XIX XX your
XIV V IX VII VIII II XV XVIII."
10. "You shall not III XV XXII V XX...."

BONUS: What are these rules called? _____

1. "You shall have no other gods before me." 2. "You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below." 3. "You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God." 4. "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy." 5. "Honor your father and mother." 6. "You shall not murder." 7. "You shall not commit adultery." 8. "You shall not steal." 9. "You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor." 10. "You shall not covet...."

Bonus: The Ten Commandments



How can we **PRAY** for you?

People to be remembered with prayers, cards, letters & words of encouragement. Call the church office at (336-2405) or e-mail: secretary@firstcrmv.com by Thursday of each week with your prayer items.

NEW REQUESTS:

Don Lagerway suffered a heart attack while on a cruise ship. He is currently recovering in a hospital in Costa Rica. Pray for continued healing for Don. His wife Joanne and daughter Chris are with him.

CONTINUING REQUESTS:

As a church family, we have lost many loved ones recently. Please continue to lift each other up in prayer.

Continue to pray for healing for **Adelaida Vega** (Michelle Kuiper's mother) as she continues chemo.

Continue to pray for **Ryanne Vander Pol** as she continues with her IV therapy and some radiation treatments.

PRAISES:

Jerry & Barbara Van Vliet celebrated 50 years of marriage on Jan. 24.

Marjean De Groot will celebrate her 93rd birthday tomorrow, Feb. 3.

SHUT INS:

Nell Annema at Birchview Memory Care in Sedro-Woolley; **Mary Koopmans** at Where the Heart Is in Burlington; **Case Lanting** at Olympic Place in Arlington, WA; **Wilma Paul** at Life Care Center in Sedro-Woolley; **Sally Reehoorn** at Creekside in Burlington; **Adrianna Swanson** at Homeplace in Burlington; **Bev Van Slageren** at family in Grandview, WA; **Lona Vander Griend** at Home Place in Burlington.

OTHER REQUESTS:

Back to God Ministries International: (Latvia) Praise God for new partnerships! Our Russian ministry team recently began a new partnership with a radio station in Latvia. Pray that this expanded reach will lead people in Latvia to respond to God's good news.

Race Relations: (All nations) The vision in Revelation 7 pictures a great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language worshiping God. Pray for the millions of people in our countries who are hoping and working for citizenship. Pray for helpful changes to our immigration systems. Pray also for increased awareness through an upcoming Blanket Exercise in Iowa, and for strength and assurance in the daily stand against racism.

Resonate Global Mission: (Coquitlam, B.C.) Give thanks for God's work through The Tapestry: Nights, a church plant in the Mundy Park area of Coquitlam, B.C. Many people have joined this worship community since it launched in 2018. Many are finding Christ for the first time, renewing their relationship with him, and stepping into church leadership. Ask God to continue to draw people to himself through this church.

World Renew: (Bangladesh) World Renew continues to serve and pray for the people of Bangladesh, including Rohingya refugees and communities who participate in our programs. We give thanks for land regeneration training that took place this past year. We pray that local farmers can work together to regenerate the forest land near Sahinbganj, Jharkand. Praise God for continued transformation and opportunity!

Back to God Ministries International: (Chinese ministry) Praise God for a young woman who recently came to faith in Christ after receiving a book published by our Chinese ministry team. Pray for her spiritual growth, asking that mentors and supporters will surround her at this crucial time and that her life may be utterly transformed by the good news and grace of Christ.

Safe Church Ministry: (Classis connections) In this new year, pray for Safe Church staff to renew their commitment to building relationships with classis Safe Church Coordinators, to offer support, coaching, and encouragement in their work. The classis Safe Church Coordinator position is vital to local safe church ministry, and regular connections help to strengthen our ongoing working relationships.

Resonate Global Mission: (Central Asia) Give thanks for fruitful leadership training facilitated recently by Resonate missionaries in Central Asia. Your missionaries ask you to pray for ministry leaders as they reach rural communities with the good news of Jesus in both physical and spiritual ways.