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## Pray with Kenya on Sunday, December 30, 2018

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***Lectionary Selection: Luke 2:41-52***

***Prayers for Kenya:***

The restoration work of the Organization of African Instituted Churches (OAIC) in restoring the earth through a massive tree planting throughout Africa and giving communities alternative cooking sources so that trees are not cut for charcoal.

The restoration work of the Presbyterian Church of East Africa (PCEA) as they reach out to Anglophone Cameroon and offer church leadership a room in their guesthouse to come and rest/reflect/rejuvenate.

The restoration of a Programme for Christian Muslim Relations in Africa staff member who is from Anglophone Cameroon. Her brother was kidnapped a week ago. They paid a ransom to get him back but he has not been returned. Pray for the people of Cameroon.

***Mission Stewardship Moment from Kenya:***

A few Sundays ago in church, a visiting minister gave “A moment for missions.” What does “moment for missions” mean? The intention is for whoever is speaking to make it quick! This Sunday the speaker took a much longer time and the congregation was holding onto his every word. “This is a marriage of servitude,” the speaker described the union between the West-Central African country of Cameroon. Cameroon was colonized by France while the British colonized Southern Cameroons. French speaking Cameroons received their independence and the British handed over the agricultural rich Southern Cameroons to the French speaking newly independent Cameroons. Since independence there has been tension, discrimination and attempts by French speaking Cameroon to assimilate English Cameroon according to the speaker.

Throughout history there have been revolts and complaints. The most recent was sparked in 2016 and continues to this date. The recent revolt took place because Anglophone lawyers protested the move by the central government to send French trained judges to Anglophone courts. This led to Anglophone lawyers protesting in the streets and many were brutalized. The following year teachers requested the Central government not to send French speaking teachers to Anglophone schools because the students did not speak French. Their request fell on deaf ears. This sparked a protest of teachers, parents and students and ended in the brutal beating of the protestors. These are just a few of the issues that have virtually paralyzed Anglophone Cameroon for months. Many of the churches and schools in Anglophone Cameroon have been closed for a year because of the violent response to the protests.

Students have been kidnaped from the Presbyterian High school and the principal was shot. Freedom of the press has been suppressed. “Our people are experiencing genocide; we wonder if the world hears or sees us” were the finally words during this “moment for missions.”

Jesus and his family went to Jerusalem (City of Peace) to attend the commemoration of the liberation of Israel from Egypt. It was during this Passover that Jesus became separated from Mary and Joseph. They searched for the King for three days and were finally reunited. He proclaimed he was about God’s mission. This mission was to bring a new shalom and the restoration of all of creation.

(Prayer and Mission Moment by Phyllis Byrd)

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## Kenya

Kenya is located in Eastern Africa, bordering the Indian Ocean, between Somalia and Tanzania.

Kenya is recognized as the home of some of Africa's most beautiful and best preserved game reserves, yet the human suffering in Kenya is not as well known. With the world's fastest growing population (4.5 percent annually), Kenya is struggling under poverty, authoritarian political rule, and massive urbanization. The National Council of Churches of Kenya is the world's largest, providing grassroots development projects throughout the country. The Presbyterian Church of East Africa maintains a network of the best health facilities and educational institutions in the country.

We relate to two partner organizations which deal with problems throughout Africa. They are the All Africa Conference of Churches, Africa's regional ecumenical body, and the Project for Christian Muslim Relations in Africa, which specializes in promoting understanding between adherents of Africa's two mission-planted faiths.

Pray for: The clergy and members of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church of Nairobi and their far reaching programs of care and evangelism in Kenya's capital city. The patients and staff of the world-class Kikuyu Hospital operated by the Presbyterian Church of East Africa, and especially for its ophthalmologic unit.

Population (2014 est) – 45,010,056

Area – 360,600 mi

Capital – Nairobi

Ethnic Background

Kikuyu – 22%

Luhya – 14%

Luo – 13%

Kalenjin – 12%

Kamba – 11%

Kisii – 6%

Meru – 6%

Other African – 15%

Non-African (Asian, European, and Arab) – 1%

Exports – tea, horticultural products, coffee, petroleum products, fish, cement

Imports – machinery and transportation equipment, petroleum products, motor vehicles, iron and steel, resins and plastics

Life Expectancy (2014 est) – M 62 F 65

Infant Mortality (2014 est) – 40.71 deaths/1,000 live births

Adult Illiteracy Rate – 12.6%