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IMPRISONED WITH ISIS By Petr Jasek

One will scarcely keep a dry eye when reading the captivating saga of Petr Jasek who suffered greatly for his faith. Petr, who is from the Czech Republic, has served with The Voice of The Martyrs since 2002.

In 2015 when Petr made a four-day survey trip to the Sudan, he was detained and imprisoned. As he was transferred from prison to prison he was treated inhumanely, tortured, and placed in solitary confinement. When he shared a cell with six ISIS prisoners, his very life was in jeopardy.

After a lengthy series of trial hearings, Petr was unjustly accused of spying and conspiring against the Sudanese government and sentenced to life imprisonment.

As Christians around the world prayed for him, Petr witnessed God's miraculous intervention numerous times. He came to the realization that his imprisonment was all part of God's plan and purpose. Once Petr surrendered to God's will, unbelievable opportunities for ministry became available. Through him, scores of prisoners came to Christ.

After 445 days of imprisonment, God gloriously intervened in orchestrating his release from prison.

This book will also give you glimpses into the ministry of The Voice of the Martyrs as well as the plight of persecuted Christians. **A MUST READ!**

Review by Sam Smoker



Will You Pray for our Missionaries?

Our Missionaries need your prayers and the best way to keep up to date on what their needs are is to join our Missionary Prayer Letter e-mail list.

If you prefer to receive paper copies in your church mailbox, please let me know but do be aware that some of the prayer letters are photo heavy which are sometimes too much to print so you may receive a text only version. Also, often the prayer requests are time sensitive so by the time you are able to get the prayer letters from your mailbox it is old news. If you would prefer to receive these letters electronically, please e-mail Kristi at <u>secretary@mccoybaptist.org</u> and ask to be added to the Missionary Prayer e-mail list.



Missionary of the Month:

Our missionary family of the month is the Butati family serving at the Baptist Hospital under World Venture Mission in Ferke (easier to pronounce than Ferkessedougou) in Northern Cote D'Ivoire (previously Ivory Coast). Cote D'Ivoire is French speaking and the dominant religion in the north is Islam. The Butati's are missionaries from the Democratic Republic of Congo. We have been supporting the Butati family since 2014 after our long-time missionary, Robin Hampton, retired from service at the Baptist Hospital. Michael reports that he loves to worship with McCoy via Facebook live-stream each Sunday!

As the only family physician at the Baptist Hospital, Michael has had a heavy daily work load seeing patients in the clinic and hospital, doing C-sections, taking night call, and being involved in the spiritual ministry at the hospital and his local church. Michael & Mamy have 4 daughters—Roseline, Grace, Christelle, and Alice.

Current Prayer Requests:

- Pray for our Family—our health and spiritual life to stay strong in Jesus.
- Pray for our upcoming trip to DRC to visit family and get some much needed rest from hospital duties.
- Pray that God would allow us to visit McCoy possibly next year.
- Pray for finances for the education of our daughters. Roseline is in college (gr 11-12) and Grace will be starting college in September.
- Pray for the hospital finances. January salaries for medical staff were just paid in late March.
- Pray for the preaching of the gospel at the Baptist Hospital.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL! Sunday, June 13 -Thursday, June 17, 2021 6:00 – 8:30 PM Ages 4 – Jr. High



Cardio Drumming Exercise Class Thursdays at 6:30 --- FREE & FUN *Follow our Facebook page!* <u>https://www.facebook.com/</u> <u>McCoyCardioDrumming/</u>

This is a great way to introduce your friends to McCoy & have fun together! It's also a safe physically distanced way to exercise. Questions: See Esther Flora or Kristi Martin

April Anniversaries

Mark & Kristi Martin4/6/85Ike & Shelby Miller4/23/88Colton & Sadie Feller4/26/20

April Birthdays

Will Wenzel	4/1	Jerry Perry	4/17
Lana Hewitt	4/2	Katie Palmer	4/17
Koert Miller	4/3	Owen Ross	4/17
Travis Witmer	4/3	Ike Miller	4/18
Terry Bogue	4/6	April Nelson	4/18
Shawn Jordan	4/7	Janet Sonam	4/19
Kathy Leeper	4/7	Esther Flora	4/19
Chelsey Swope	4/10	Leith Wenzel	4/21
Barry Scharr	4/11	Finley Miller	4/23
John Hallam	4/11	Gary Winegar	4/28
Andre Yoder	4/12	Ken Peterson	4/28
Nate Ellis	4/12	Jonah Salyer	4/28
Jen Ellis	4/12	Mae Lloyd	4/29
Pastor Ray La-			
borde	4/13	Mike Tapia	4/30
Justin Witmer	4/13	Missionaries	
Aric Chevalier	4/13	Mark Sheppard	4/2
Hannah Weaver	4/14	Nancy Sheppard	4/8
Samuel Kratzer	4/14	Becky Eastling	4/9
Hannah Kocher	4/14	Paul Eager	4/15
Lnadon Chap-	4/15	Rachel Eastling	4/23
Owen Kinney	4/15		



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Julie Flora - Worship Planner worship@mccoybaptist.org Perfecting the saints for the work of ministry ... McCoy Memorial Baptist Church is a community of believers existing to honor God by becoming fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ. Therefore, as a church we purpose to:

- **Exalt** the Living God (Psalm 95:1-3)
- Explore the Word of God (2 Timothy 2:15)
- Encourage the Family of God (Hebrews 10:25) and
- **Extend** the Love of God (Mark 16:15)