

# PRAYmissions

## Harrison Western Asia

Now, this year Raegan is in the 3rd grade local school and Rory is in the 1st grade. How long do you think it took for "I'm Angry" to get used on our two girls? That's right about 2 days. Dear sweet Raegan has come home heartbroken more times than I can count. Feisty Rory struggles not to throw the word back at her friends, but is in agony that her friend groups keep hurting each other so much. We've had so many deep conversations with the girls, and the Spirit has empowered them and is strengthening them to be peacemakers in their classrooms. Daily Raegan chooses to hold her friendship with open hands because she is convinced our Shepard does the same for us. Friends it's hard to choose love. May perfect love have victory in these spaces. (On a side note, our children are not being coerced or compelled to hold the attitude of openness. We have MANY conversations about keeping yourself safe, not allowing others to use you, and setting healthy boundaries and I have contacted teachers on their behalf.)

Now for the high: Relationships have been trickling in in surprising places. Every week, John had three scheduled swim times at our local public recreation center. One day, in celebration of his good swim time, he splashed the water too enthusiastically, startling the man in the lane next to him. Through John's apology, they start chatting and find out that they are at the same level in each other language. A plan was quickly made for a language exchange, which has been going strong for several weeks. Mr. A the butcher, (as in, owned a butcher shop for many years) is in his 50's and is practicing English to visit his daughter in Texas. Come to find out that he is a well connected member of the community with string connections to our kid's school. May love find its way into places where it was previously unknown.

May we rely on the Lord's timing in everything, giving ourselves fully to the work. John and I continue to chip away at our language studies. We've reached the point where we know too much to play dumb, but know too little to do anything meaningful. We are becoming more comfortable with the transportation options. We're taking more buses and taxi-vans!

See the Welcome Center bulletin board for the full missionary prayer letters.



December 24, 2023

# GRACE

## COMMUNITY CHURCH

Today's Verses: *John 1:14-18*

Today's Speaker: *Pastor Tim Combs*

*Great to have you at Grace!*



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## Week of Dec 24

### Sunday

10:15 am Worship Service

### Wednesday

No Services

### Friday

7:00 pm Volleyball

### Saturday

10:00 am Volleyball

Church Office Closed this week Merry Christmas to all!

## Stewardship Report

### Weekly Goals

Local Budget: \$4,890  
Missions: \$742

### Received Dec 17

Local Budget: \$4,002  
Missions: \$2,440  
Love in a Bag: \$100  
HotH: \$50  
Youth: \$20

**Head Sets are available** for the hearing impaired for use during the Sunday morning services. The sound technician at the rear of the auditorium is happy to assist you.

### Lost & Found

Please check in the Welcome Center closet for your "strays." Any items left will be donated on January 2.

**Is this your first time at Grace?** So glad you're here! Please fill out the yellow-green visitor card so we can say hi and get to know you better. Stop by the Welcome Center kiosk for a welcome gift! Hope to see you again!

### Year-end Giving

To qualify for IRS credit on your 2023 return, GCC must receive your donation by Dec 31.

### Stay connected!

Want to know what's up at Grace Community Church?

- Regularly visit: [www.hhgcc.org](http://www.hhgcc.org)
- Join the "Grace Community Church" Facebook page
- Receive email prayer requests and announcements by joining GCC's Gmail groups via the church website, [www.hhgcc.org](http://www.hhgcc.org).

**Donor Envelopes** donor envelopes are in the Welcome Center to be picked up. If you would like a set of envelopes for giving there is a sign up sheet there as well. Tiffany will be mailing out next week the remaining envelopes left in the Welcome Center.

**Help GCC De-decorate** from Christmas *Next SUNDAY* following the church service. Volunteers, see Karen Bays for any additional questions. Thank you for your help in making our church festive.



### Next Week:

Text: Philippians 3:12-16

**SEE YOU**  
Next Week!  
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**Volleyball** We have had so much interest in volleyball that we are now offering it Friday evenings as well as Saturdays. Come check it out! 7-10 pm Fridays and Saturdays 10-2pm in the Commons Open to church and community and all skill levels. Contact David McMeans 937 266 9281 for more information.

**Thank you** so much, to the members of the Heart of the Holidays cast and crew for the huge investment you made again this year in making Christ known in our community. A special thanks to Penny Davis, David and Pam McMeans for the countless hours spent during the entire event.



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**Events:** as we begin to pick up in activity, it is more important than ever that everyone who is planning on an activity that will take place on the church campus must complete an event request form. It is crucial that we coordinate the preparation and cleaning of the space and that we coordinate the usage of various spaces on campus.

## About Us

### Purpose

Grace Community Church exists for God—for His praise and purpose and to display His character and compassion.

We are to worship Him, grow to be like Him, and encourage others to believe in and follow Him

(See: Eph. 3:20; John 15:8, 16; Col. 3:17; Matt. 28:18-20)

### Pattern

- Cultivating people with a growing love for God and His truth.
- Rejoicing in our worship.
- Strengthening our families.
- Encouraging each other with words, prayer, and actions.
- Actively reaching our world near and far.



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