



PRAYER UPDATE

Summer 2024



The LORD has been so gracious to True Vine Mission Church in the first half of 2024! We continue to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism as the Lord has saved many New Americans through our local church. We rejoice in this new life and the growth of our church family!



New American Assimilation Training. The first Saturday of every month we equip New Americans with the tools they need to flourish. First session Janis Lynn, Founder of Express Employment, offered advice, connections and employment. Topics include Homeownership, Education & more.



Meeting Physical Needs of New Americans. In partnership with our parent church, Buck Creek, we are able to provide New Americans with much needed furniture, clothing and food items. If you have gently used furniture we appreciate your donations and put them to good use.

Contact Pastor Sepa to find out how you can partner: (616) 617-5758



Investing In Our Future. The children of True Vine Mission Church are being trained up in the way of Christ through Sunday School bible teaching. We are praying for a children's ministry leader and would love to speak with candidates for this important volunteer role.



Remy Kaluba Complete Rising Leaders Cohort. Congratulations to Remy for participating in the Plant 616 Rising Leaders Cohort. This 8-month journey offered training and education as a leader in the church.



Certified to lead the Evangel School of Church Planting. In June Pastor Sepa received certification as a Dean of World Impact's church planter training boot camp and will host the course across Africa later this year.



Pastor Sepa continues his studies through **Coram Deo** and has even taken on a part time staff role in helping Coram Deo connect with Pastors and leaders of refugee churches. With this new role and his covocational role assisting adults with disabilities at MOKA he now has three jobs!



Bethany Christian Services has recognized True Vine Church and Pastor Sepa for their work welcoming refugees and recorded a video to inspire American churches to do the same. Bethany is a key partner of True Vine Church who welcomes refugees to America.



Anne Sepa Graduation Celebration. The youngest daughter of Pastor Sepa and Esperance, Anne, graduated from Grand Rapids Christian High School and plans to attend Western Michigan University to study engineering. Her graduation party was filled with joy, family and friends.



Unity Church in Kentwood. Thank you to Pastor Wayne Otten for sharing the pulpit with Pastor Sepa. During the service the members of Unity Church (pictured) were inspired to share a love offering to help Pastor Sepa travel to Africa this fall. Thank you for your partnership Unity Church!



Driver License Training Provided. Thanks to the Jerusalem Project of Calvary Church GR for helping us provide driver training for True Vine members. This service allows for greater employment opportunities and for assisting other church members for medical and government appointments.



Upcoming Conerts. August 25 we will host a concert featuring Hérítier Sepa & the True Vine praise band. They were able to have music professionally recorded & have produced a music video. The young people of True Vine are passionate about those who are displaced by war & persecution. United Prayer & Praise for the Nations is planned for September 29.



True Vine Church in Two Continents. Did you know, in addition to True Vine Church in Grand Rapids, Pastor Sepa has planted five churches in Africa as well? It's true. The leaders there are hungry for Pastor Sepa to return and to invest in their ministry. They continue to grow and desire the multiplication of disciples & churches.



HELP GET SEPA TO AFRICA

We hope to raise an additional \$5,000 for Pastor Sepa to equip church leaders & planters this October. **Would you consider partnering to make this happen?** Funds will be used to purchase translated training materials, food & lodging. Thank you to all those who have already given who made it possible to purchase airline tickets!

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