

A multicultural charismatic church bringing the whole good news of Jesus to the whole community.

What do we want to see in Our Church?

A few weeks ago, Pastor Paul asked us what values and goals we would like to see at Cornerstone. What would we like to be part of? Here is a summary of some of the notes taken that day. We hope they serve as a reminder and spur us all on to make these goals reality!

Values

What would you like people to notice or feel when they first come to Cornerstone?

Family - invested in people's lives

Accepting - able to mix with people

Belonging - closer and stronger fellowship

Friendliness - welcoming

Non-judgmental - inclusive of all cultures, ethnicities, backgrounds, ages; treating all members the same and learning from all; using all

Help - generous

Loving - in a practical way

Heavenly - experiencing God - a people for whom He is alive. People who seek his power, His presence, are hungry for Him and living Godly lives

Relevant - to the community and the society as well as its members

Real - people who are genuine and honest

Goals

What would you like to help achieve in our church?

Organisation - standard structure

Church building - place to support members

Lively worship

Evangelism - drawing in the community, reaching out to younger people, spreading the truth

Spiritual partnerships - people paired to pray together, walk together, live together, more equal than mentoring, more reciprocal, 1 to 1

Strong relationships - people meeting outside of service, being part of a community

Participation of all - integration, involvement, building and using everyone's gifts

Able to relate to people at all levels - children, teens, university, adults, seniors

Strong ministry within the youth and for the children's ministry

Worship in children's ministry

A church that knows the Word - learning through cell group involvement, Bible quizzes, church reading list, social evenings that are Word centered, etc

Newsletter Articles

I need your help! I need volunteers who can compose an article for the church newsletter. This doesn't have to be something you do every month. Instead I would like to have input from many people in the church.

The newsletter is scheduled to be published on the last Sunday of each month. This way, you get the news before the next month begins.

So what do you see happening at Cornerstone? Do you have a testimony you'd like to share or perhaps a devotional-type article?

Please come let me know what your ideas are. -Joanna

These are our desires but who will pray and act to see some of them come to pass?

Catching up with Yulia...

January 28th

Dear friends, :)

Thank you for everything! I'm glad to be back to Congo!

We moved to another house where we have water and electricity all the time. :) Next day after arriving to Butembo, I went with Costia and bought a motorcycle. I sold my old one before going to Russia. I needed money for the trip. It's a huge blessing for me to have a bike. We live now far away from the church. I bought also an insurance and a driving license. The police here is very corrupted and mean. I was told that usually bandits go in police. I'm trying to be nice, but sometimes it goes on my nerves. :)

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Yulia continued...

Once when I was going home, in the middle of the road there was staying a policeman wearing black glasses. He stopped me and said: "I need five hundreds francs. Give it to me!" I said: "I have only candies." He told me: "Candies are for the kids." Then we started to talk. I was very friendly. :) He let me go. His name was Prince.

There is another woman. She never smiles. She looks very tough. She stopped me yesterday and asked: "Where are the money? We are hungry." Most of the police drink a lot. I'm praying for them and trying to reach. I'm asking God for wisdom.

The Lord put on my heart one policeman. First when I met him he was very rude. It was before I went to Russia. I testified him few times. Now we met again. He told me about his three kids. He was so proud of them. I was touched. Yesterday I saw him at the road on the way to the city. God put on my heart to bless his kids with something. I bought few corns. On the way back I stopped we started to talk. He said that he came to our church with his wife last Sunday. I was surprised and happy. I believe God is doing something in his heart. I gave him a bag of corn. He had a big smile on his face. :)

Thank you for your love, for your friendship! Without you I would not be able to be in Congo. I'm very happy to be here and every moment is so precious.

Much love,
yulia



Bible Word Search: Joseph & His Brothers

Find the following
names in the puzzle:

Asher
Benjamin
Dan
Gad
Issachar
Joseph
Judah
Levi
Reuben
Simeon
Zebulun

N	I	M	A	J	N	E	B
R	A	H	C	A	S	S	I
N	U	L	U	B	E	Z	H
E	S	I	M	E	O	N	P
B	R	E	H	S	A	I	E
U	D	I	D	S	R	V	S
E	H	A	D	U	J	E	O
R	G	A	N	E	L	L	J

The leftover letters answer this question: **These brothers became what nation?** _ _ _ _ _

her to stay with her. Angelica and me went to visit that lady. We talked to her, she repented and received Jesus. (I should be ashamed of myself I still don't know her name. It's very hard to pronounce.) She started to come to church and women's meetings. Father's love can change anybody. That lady was rejected by everybody. They talked about her sin even on the radio. She was ashamed to go out, but Jesus excepted her and poured out His love upon her. Love is so powerful. I pray that God will fill us more and more with His love and compassion for the lost. I want to walk in love...

Thank you for your faithfulness to give. I was able to pay for my bills :) and I even had some extra money! :) Thank you for your kindness. :) I appreciate your help so much.

Blessings,
yulia

February 27th

Dear friends,

It's already two months as I'm in Butembo. :) Amazing...

It was very hot and dusty here. In the evenings, when I come home I'm covered with dust, my eyes, my eyebrows, my face, my clothes. :)

Recently we had an accident. Costia was driving my motorcycle and he hit a goat. We fell down. Praise God it wasn't so bad. We just had few scratches. Now I'm driving very carefully looking for the goats! :)

Few weeks ago we met one lady. She stayed at mama Eliza's place. Mama Eliza, a member of our Church, told us that the lady was caught in adultery and her husband put her in jail for that. She was beaten with a stick. After when she was released, her husband threw her from the house. She met mama Eliza who invited

Changed Priorities

OUR DAILY BREAD: July 3, 2000
READ: Matthew 4:12-22

They immediately left their nets and followed Him. Matthew 4:20

The sign alongside the road in England said, "Changed Priorities Ahead." When I asked the taxi driver what it meant, he said, "It has to do with how you give way to the traffic in the roundabout just ahead. You yield to a different driver than usual."

Long after we negotiated the traffic circle, I continued to ponder the sign. I saw it as a vivid three-word summary of what it means to follow Christ.

When Jesus called Peter and Andrew to be His disciples, "they immediately left their nets and followed Him" (Matthew 4:20). At that moment, it was as if God placed this sign on the road of their lives: Changed Priorities Ahead. He does the same in our lives as we hear Christ calling us to follow Him.

Jesus taught that our natural concern for material needs must be replaced by seeking God's kingdom first and trusting Him to provide (6:33). When He associated with "sinners" and invited a despised tax collector to become one of His disciples, He challenged our prejudices (9:9-13).

Upcoming Events...

Thursday, May 1st - Ministry Deacons Meeting (See Paul for details.)

Sunday, May 4th - Building Fund Sunday

Monday, May 5th - Exams begin at UCD

Thursday, May 8th to Sunday, May 11th
- Horizon Leaders Conference in Paris!

Sunday, May 11th - NOT AT NEWPARK.
Location to be announced.

Friday, May 16th - Cell Deacons Meeting
(See Paul for details.)

Sunday, May 18th - After the service, meet in People's Park for a picnic and outreach meeting!

Sunday, May 25th - Special Guest
Speaker: JC Alzamora & Celebrate Birthdays!

The very latest from Yulia...

April 7th

Dear family,

Thank you for your friendship. :) I love you all so much :)

We had lots of heavy rains in Butembo, few storms. I was afraid to lose my cucumbers, but they survived! :) Now for four days it's very hot. I think it's too hot. It's hard to breathe even, but at least I got some sun tent.

Our guests from Russia arrived yesterday at 7.30pm. They had a long trip and were very tired, but we were so happy to see each other. We screamed and hugged and kissed! :) On Tuesday they will start to teach.

On Saturday we had a baptising. We went to the river. Water wasn't so dirty. :) There is a nice waterfall. I like the place a lot. We baptized two young men and two women. I was very happy. It's such a joy to see people who committed their lives to Jesus Christ.

I started to teach English in Mike's Bible school. I do it twice a week. I have around forty students. Of course it's a challenge. I hope my English in the same time will improve, cause I spend lots of time studying grammar. I also twice a week teach Natasha and Costia Swahili. In the same time, I learn myself.

On Tuesdays I have a small Bible study with my worship team. We learn about praise and worship. I enjoy it a lot. Noe, who plays the piano, wrote two melodies. Last week I put some words for one of the melodies. I like new songs, but sometimes my style is different from what Congolese people like. :) I try to have a mixture of African songs and European songs.

Thank you for your prayers! I appreciate it so much!
yulia

Jesus also rebuked our jockeying for position when He said, "If anyone desires to be first, he shall be last of all and servant of all" (Mark 9:35).

When we follow Jesus Christ, we discover that changed priorities are necessary to negotiate the road ahead. — David C. McCasland

Today Christ calls, "Come follow Me!
Do not look back to yesterday;
Fresh grace I'll give to do My will,
My joy you'll find as You obey." —DJJ

When we accept Jesus' invitation to follow Him, our whole life changes direction.

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May 2008

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 7:00pm Ministry Deacons Meeting	2 7:30pm Youth Group	3
4 11:00 Service Building Fund Sunday Ushers: Lukas, Philip, Mick Projection: G-Deck	5 Exams begin at UCD <i>Zep Kudyba's birthday</i>	6 8:00pm Stepside Cell Group	7 8:00pm Shankill Cell Group	8 Horizon Leaders Conference	9 7:30pm Youth Group	10
11 11:00 Service NOT AT NEWPARK Location to be announced Ushers: Zep, Dorota, Kazik Projection: Charles <i>Kyle Holland's birthday</i>	12	13 8:00pm Stepside Cell Group	14 8:00pm Shankill Cell Group	15 <i>Mehaul Lawlor's birthday</i>	16 7:00pm Cell Deacons Meeting 7:30pm Youth Group	17 Living Stones End of Semester Party!
18 11:00 Service Ushers: Marius, Shirley, Calvin, Kayley Projection: Tracey Picnic in People's Park and outreach meeting - All are welcome!	19	20 <i>Christian Adams & Paul Perry's birthday</i> 8:00pm Stepside Cell Group	21 8:00pm Shankill Cell Group	22 <i>Deirdre Campbell's birthday</i>	23 <i>Deirdre Campbell's birthday</i> 7:30pm Youth Group	24
25 11:00 Service Guest Speaker: JC Alzamora <i>Celebrate Birthdays!</i> Ushers: Cindy, Sarah, Jolynn Projection: Jolynn	26	27 8:00pm Stepside Cell Group	28 8:00pm Shankill Cell Group	29 <i>Dorota Lawlor & Stephen Moore's birthday</i>	30 7:30pm Youth Group	31

If you are scheduled to help during a Sunday service and will not be present, please trade Sundays with someone else.