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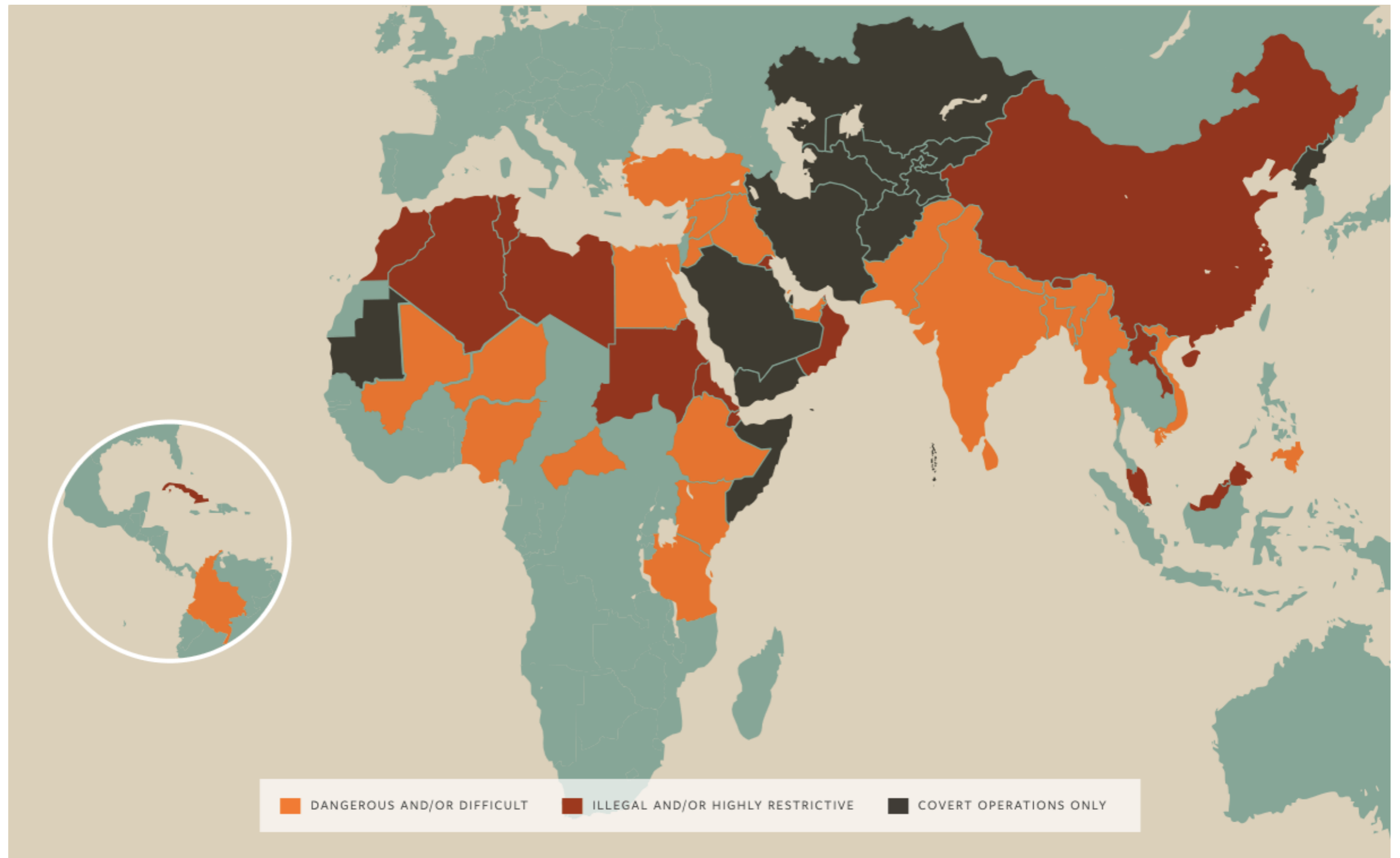
CHRIST OUR SAVIOUR — FELLOWSHIP —

WEEKLY CONNECTION

*250 Bayview Drive
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*Join Us Every
Sunday at 10:30am*

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The Top 52 countries where the Bible is difficult to get, illegal/highly restricted or banned

The United Nations - A World... *Under God*

The United Nations is an international organization founded in 1945 after the Second World War by 51 countries. Their primary purpose is:

"maintaining international peace and security, developing friendly relations among nations and promoting social progress, better living standards and human rights."

At large the world has benefited and has seen great success by *the will of man*. Time magazine says this of the past 70 years of the U.N's (and operating agencies) top five achievements :

- 1. Saving the Pyramids**
- 2. Eradicating Smallpox**
- 3. Protecting the Ozone**
- 4. Helping Save the Lives of 90 Million Children**
- 5. Promoting Arms Control**

These are some good achievements of *carnal man*, as I mentioned. Yet in all of this, we see in the world great trials and tribulations for the top group of persecuted people, Christians! Yes, you read that correctly. Christians and the Christian Faith is the top persecuted group in the world. According to another NGO (non-governmental organization), Open Doors, that monitors Christian persecution globally, they estimate about 360 MILLION Christians live in/with significant persecution.

In Africa , Open Doors states this persecution in *UNPRECEDENTED!* Here is what they say, "Violent persecution in Sub-Saharan Africa is on a scale never seen before. Christians are being murdered, raped and kidnapped. Islamic extremists target believers and want to destroy the church. Estimates of 16.2 million Christians are displaced. Many are persecuted for their faith. The very survival of the church is at risk."

That is a stark, eye-watering picture!

We see two situations of the carnal world: man at work trying save what they deem important, and another of man's true heart of hate and rebellion against the things of the Most High God and our Saviour Jesus Christ. I contrast these with the events of Easter weekend and the services at Christ Our Saviour Fellowship this past week.

Firstly, we know and see this is no work of *man*, for if that was the case you wouldn't be reading this at the moment. The doors would have been shut and *man's intentions* would have ruled. Yet *God's* church continues and praise the Lord for that!

Secondly, we have been led by the Holy Spirit into the mission and harvest fields. Initially, this was to Florida and a church plant to proclaim God's glory and remind His

people of His true nature and call them back to Him. It is a preparation for a move of His mighty hand.

Thirdly, we have had the fields of India and Africa open up to us. India has been in a holding pattern, waiting for the right "soil" to be cultivated. In other words, seeking the humble hearts to labour with us. Africa, on the other hand, has been moving at the speed of the Holy Spirit!

We have seen the culmination of this on Sunday morning where the convergence, the *united nations under God* was on display at COSF. In Barrie-Canada, Florida-USA, Kenya-Africa, we participated and saw the preaching to the glory of our saviour as we shared the Word of God and the sufficient sacrifice of our Lord and God Jesus Christ.

Here it is, the work of man vs the work of God. There is victory and honour for His name's sake in the things the Lord does. He alone is glorified and uplifted when we, His children, are found obedient to His will and where He pours out His goodness upon us. This we see, this we rejoice in, as we go forth in our Lord and Saviour's righteous name.

Think of it, the nations united, as a world under God...How glorious is Your Name in ALL the earth, O God!

See you Sunday 10:30am

Pastor Bhawani

Who will you invite?

"Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!"
Psalms 8:1

Countries where the bible is illegal severely persecuted

1. Afghanistan
2. Iran
3. Kazakhstan
4. Kyrgyzstan
5. Maldives
6. Mauritania
7. North Korea
8. Saudi Arabia
9. Somalia
10. Tajikistan
11. Turkmenistan
12. Uzbekistan
13. Yemen
14. Algeria
15. Bhutan
16. Brunei
17. China
18. Cuba
19. Djibouti
20. Eritrea
21. Kuwait
22. Laos

23. Libya
24. Malaysia
25. Morocco
26. Oman
27. Sudan
28. Tunisia
29. Bahrain
30. Bangladesh
31. Central African Republic
32. Columbia
33. Egypt
34. Ethiopia
35. India
36. Iraq
37. Jordan
38. Kenya
39. Lebanon
40. Mali
41. Myanmar (Burma)
42. Nepal
43. Niger
44. Nigeria
45. Pakistan
46. Philippines (Mindanao)
47. Sri Lanka
48. Syria
49. Tanzania
50. Turkey
51. United Arab Emirates
52. Vietnam

Missed

Sunday?

- We gather at 10:30 am every Sunday at the church to worship, praise and hear the Word of God

Wondering what our Sunday services look like ?

- 10:30 ~10:50 worship & Praise
- 10:50 ~11:25 Sermon
- 11:25 ~ 11:40 worship & Praise
- Closing prayer



To view the most recent Sunday service from Christ Our Saviour Fellowship. please click on the link / image above.

To view the service archives please [click HERE](#)



The
Shepherd's
Table

What's Happening at COSF?

Upcoming Events & Services:

- Mother's Day - May 11th
- COSF Florida Service-
"I AM...PATIENCE" June 7th
- Father's Day - June 15th
- Africa Revival and Crusade -
Jul/Aug 2025 *TBD*

CHRIST OUR SAVIOUR
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"I AM...PATIENCE"

JUNE 7TH, 2025
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

1251 MARLLO ROAD
KISSIMMEE, FLORIDA



*Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.
2 Corinthians 9:7*

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We thank the Lord for ALL He has done and the magnificent labour that we are being led to do in His righteous name. COSF continues the programs that we have been led to offer along side regular Sunday services.

- International / Local missions & revival events
- Variety of classes and courses to strengthen God's people:
- Alpha film series, Alpha Youth, Conquer,
- Discipleship series, Mentorship based Ministry Leadership Certificate

Jacob Martins & Laura Morris

Youth Walk

Hello everyone, Jacob here ... welcome to the Youth Walk.

This week I wanted to take a moment to talk about our thoughts and feelings. God has made us with these awesome minds that can do some really amazing things. But sometimes, I'm sure we all wish that our minds would just stop!!! I don't know about you, but I can so quickly let myself start to worry about if I did something good enough, or be afraid if people like me, or what the future holds. Or even sometimes I just feel bad for no reason!

But I want to encourage you by saying that God has done something amazing for us to help fight these negative thoughts...God has made it clear who we are in His word, the Bible. He gave us the best resource to know who we really are and how to stay true to our identity in Jesus!!!



For example, God says He has made us (Psalm 139:13-14), He has an awesome plan for our lives (Jeremiah 29:11), He has defeated all of the evil and bad things in the world (John 16:33), He gave us the cure for anxiety and worry (Philippians 4:6-7) and He loves us, His children (1 John 3:1).

And these are just some examples of what God says about us, but there are so many more! So be encouraged! Just because we have a thought, it doesn't mean it's true. Who God says we are, that is the truth!

IN THE LIFE

Noah Martins

Upon speaking and praying with a man from Pakistan, we have just learned that 8 Christian children were given poisoned candies, 3 dying and 5 in critical condition. This shows more clearly than ever the persecution of Christ's church worldwide. Our hearts and prayers are with the families that have suffered this tragedy, as we lift them up to our Heavenly Father. We pray for healing amongst those still in hospital, healing for the hearts of the families, and that the Holy spirit wash over them.

In the life of one believer from Pakistan, hoping to find a church to fellowship and serve the Lord, with Muslim landlords creating obstacles and telling the Lord's people not to pray, a daughter unable to walk and hoping to be able to provide clothing for Sunday school children.

They have reached out for prayer and we have prayed with them. Despite all the challenges and trials, there is a gratitude and joy that you can hear in their voice on that call and an eagerness to seek the Lord deeper, to know His Word more.

Emma Censoni



Classes & Studies

Alpha Film Series

The Alpha Film Series is emotive, engaging and epic in scale and scope. Nicky Gumbel and two new presenters, Toby Flint and Gemma Hunt, walk through the basics of the Christian faith in a way that everyone can relate to. The episodes feature inspiring stories and interviews from all around the world, as well as visual illustrations and motion graphics.

Winter session of the ALPHA film series
BEGINS April 1st, 2025 7:00-8:30 pm

Location: Christ Our Saviour Fellowship
Address: 250 Bayview Dr. Unit # 7,
Barrie ON
Cost : FREE



Alpha Youth Series is designed to engage students (11-18) in conversations about life, faith and Jesus. Discussion time is interspersed throughout the short talks to make it simpler for them to share their thoughts

and questions.

New session of Alpha YOUTH series
BEGINS - SPRING COURSE COMING SOON

Location: Christ Our Saviour Fellowship
Address: 250 Bayview Dr. Unit # 7, Barrie ON
Cost : FREE

Alpha YOUTH! Series

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The PRE Marriage Course



The Pre-Marriage Course

The PRE - Marriage Course is an opportunity for you to invest in your relationship through five in-person or online date nights created to help you to learn to communicate well, understand and appreciate your differences, and prepare for potential challenges.

New Sessions Begins in 2025- stay tuned

Location: Christ Our Saviour Fellowship

Course Journal required: a free PDF provided OR
The Pre Marriage Journal available to purchase
for \$15 each

The Marriage Course runs over seven sessions, and each session begins with sharing dinner as a couple, followed by a fun, insightful video covering topics that are relevant for every couple like Good Sex or Resolving Conflict. In short? Your marriage. But better challenges.

New Sessions Begins in 2025- stay tuned
The Family Unit is vital and we're excited to introduce the Marriage course at COSF to help support the family unit! Please contact us if you are interested in participating in this course please contact us.

Location: Christ Our Saviour Fellowship
Cost: workbook approx \$18



The Marriage Course

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Men's Conquer Series

The Conquer Series is a powerful cinematic study that is transforming the lives of men around the world. Now in two action packed volumes, each containing Biblical teaching and proven principles to help men conquer porn and walk in freedom.

Men are finding freedom by the thousands. Dr. Ted Roberts, host of the Conquer Series, has personally counselled over 10,000 men with a 90% success rate. He's taken his proven Biblically-based process and incorporated it into the Conquer Series. We are now seeing thousands of men finding freedom from porn and remaining free for years!

2025 Course Dates - TBD

Email us to find out more OR if you would like sign up for the upcoming course.



2 Year

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Diploma

**Duration: 15 courses, 8 weeks
per module completed at own
pace during the 8 weeks**

Where: Online

**Material: all resources
provided for each course**

Cost: \$195 per course

**Course Dates: Begins June
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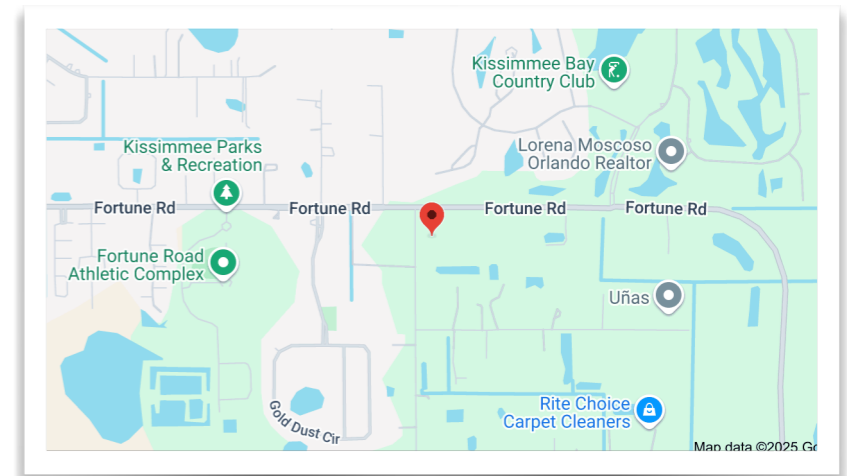
We have been praying that the Lord lead and show us how we may continue to encourage those wishing to become leaders in the church today. COSF has partnered with an international institute to offer a mentorship based 2 year ministry leadership certificate. We thank the Lord for His leading in this!

UPDATE: there's still time to sign up for the leadership course, if interested please register with the link. for any questions please contact Bhawani.

COSF In The Field

Christ Our Saviour Fellowship Florida *"I AM ...PATIENCE"*

We are looking forward to our next service in Florida! As we seek the Lord for guidance and preparations are under way, please pray for those who are again going forth as we continue to preach through the series on Galatians 5.



Dates: June 7th, 2025

Times: 4:00pm - 6:00pm

**Location: 1251 Marllo Road,
Kissimmee, Florida**

A poster for the service. The background is a dark, textured image of water. At the top left is the logo for Christ Our Saviour Fellowship Florida, featuring a red cross and the text "CHRIST OUR SAVIOUR FELLOWSHIP FLORIDA". In the center, the title "I AM...PATIENCE" is written in large, white, serif capital letters. At the bottom left, the date and time "JUNE 7TH, 2025 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM" are listed. At the bottom right, the address "1251 MARLLO ROAD KISSIMMEE, FLORIDA" is listed.

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COSF Florida Church](#)

COSF International & Mission Notes

We continue into 2025 and we see the Lord leading us into His harvest field. This is an exporting to the regions we are called to - of what we have been called to do at home - preaching the Word, make disciples, feed the poor. This is unfolding as we engage with our brothers and sisters in each region, and we pray the Lord continue to bless and to lead us in the labour of His glory and righteous name.



COSF Africa

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AFRICA



Kenya & Uganda Location of COSF



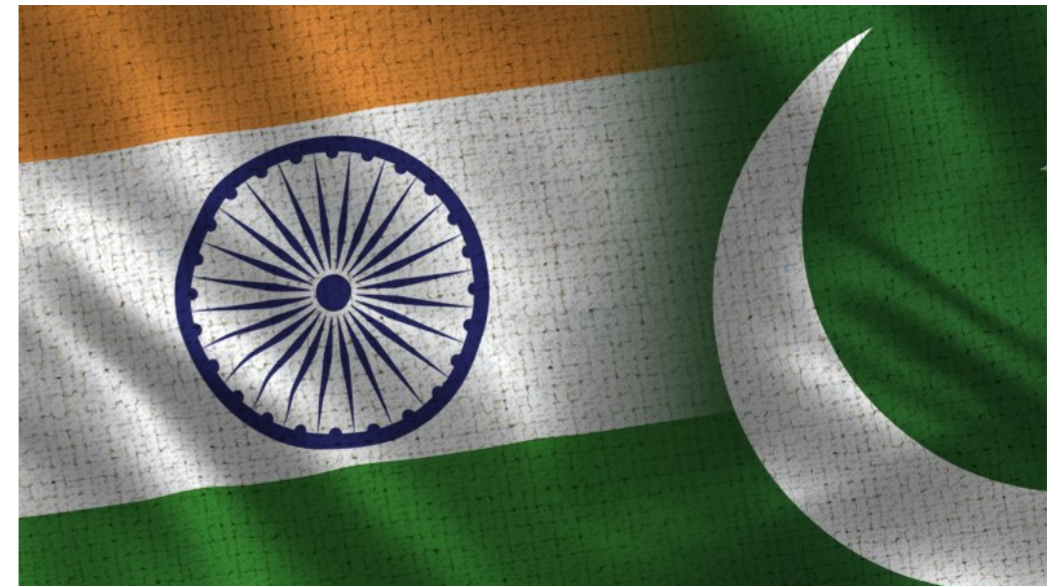
Kenya & Uganda Location of COSF

COSF Africa Pastor James Misiko
Preaching in the local church in Kenya

COSF Carribean



The waters of baptism await as the Word is preached and hearts are turned by the grace of the Lord. Please pray the Lord continue to move in the hearts of those throughout the region.



COSF India & Pakistan Region

We continue to connect and pray with those in the India & Pakistan as well as Central & South America regions. We patiently wait to see where and how the Lord directs us in helping His people and sharing the Gospel.



COSF Central & South America

COSF @ Home

The Shepherd's Table

Our Shepherd's Table Ministry provides warm, nutritious meals for those in need locally and in the missions field where we are called.

UPDATES: We will be out this Saturday April 12th from 1:00-3:00.
Thank you all for your support and participation in the street ministry in Barrie

Menu: LAST WEEK- Chicken, mashed potatoes
veg
April 19th - Sloppy Joe's, Baked Beans & Brown
Sugar, coleslaw

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Need a Ride to Church?

We have now launched the right now media app. As we populate some of the rooms you may receive an email asking you to download the app and join. If you are

already using the right now media app (scan the QR code below) you can find the message rooms at the bottom in the message bubble. One of these groups is for Sunday transportation if you require a ride to Church on Sundays. Please let us know if you require a ride prior to Sunday as this will help us to coordinate things easier.



COSF & Right Now Media

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Have you seen the COSF Library...

Faith for the Curious

The logo for rightnow MEDIA. The word "rightnow" is in a bold, lowercase, orange sans-serif font. Below it, the word "MEDIA" is in a smaller, all-caps, orange sans-serif font, followed by a registered trademark symbol (®).

Heart of the Gospel

In a world where spiritual curiosity is on the rise, many people are searching for meaningful answers and authentic conversations. *Faith for the Curious*, hosted by Mark Matlock (Barna senior fellow, author, speaker), is a dynamic course designed to equip you with the tools needed to engage spiritually open individuals well. This course provides insights into how you can meet people wherever they are in their spiritual journeys, exploring faith in a way that is authentic, empathetic, and thought-provoking.

Through four engaging sessions, you will dive deep into Barna's latest research on spiritual curiosity and learn practical ways to engage in open-ended spiritual conversations. You'll discover how to cultivate a culture of curiosity and connect with those who are exploring their spiritual beliefs, offering them a safe space to ask questions, wrestle with doubts, and grow in their journey of faith.

If you're passionate about sharing your faith in honest and thoughtful ways, this course will challenge and encourage you to approach evangelism with empathy and openness.

Prayers For The Saints

Church Prayer - Tuesday Mornings 9:30 am - both your Pastors are praying for YOU during our church prayer time. If you have a specific need or request please email us at info@choursaviourfellowship.com

Please Pray For:

Salvatore Papandrea- health concerns and his lungs to be healed

Tracy Morieira Lucas - she is preparing for brain surgery, pray for success and guidance of the doctor's hands

- COSF church location - we are seeking the Lord in finding a new location for the church as costs have been extremely high. Pray that the Lord lead us to where He wills for His house in a quick and joyous way!

- Sam and His family, as the Lord is moving in his life please pray the Lord lead them all to His glory
- Please pray for the Lord to reveal His will for COSF regarding the missions and nations we are called to; that funding be provided to deliver the Gospel, and food to feed His people.
- There is great persecution of the church worldwide, please pray for the global church.
- COSF Worship & Easter Events- April 19th & 20th 2025 Florida Church service, please pray for guidance, provision and the Lord's favour as we are sent forth into this harvest field and frontline.
- Please pray for the leading and provision for COSF Africa and the July/August conference and crusades
- *Please pray for everyone in the congregation for help of the Lord to overcome challenges of the past, rebuke the lies of the evil one and to realize the glory of God in their lives*
- The waters of Baptism await those in Trinidad, please pray for encouragement in the hearts of those the Lord has begun a work in and reveal the truth of Himself to. The situation in Trinidad has become very grim with very high crime and murder rates. with The Lord to move upon this nation and the people.

Scripture Memory Verse

Fellowship

And let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.

Hebrews 10:24-25

Baptism



Are you ready to accept our Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour and be obedient unto His command of Baptism? Please speak with us.