

## Bible 9 Persecuted Church Projects

Pam Vandermeiden

This year, Grade 9 has spent time in prayer at the beginning of each Bible class for persecuted Christians in countries around the world. Students also worked in groups to learn about Christians in a specific country that is high on the list of persecution. They learned about the needs and hardships of Christians in that country but also about their perseverance and faith. Our goals are to increase our awareness of our brothers and sisters who are suffering for their faith and to see how Christ's promise in Matthew 16:18 is true even today.

"Behold the Lord is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid, for the Lord God is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation."

Isaiah 12:2



### Student Reflections

"It means that we are standing up for Christ, the one who created us. It is an honour, and we must not be afraid to stand up for Christ. It means we are obeying Christ and living for Him." Julia VanBerkel

"What I learned that when I complain about something, there is someone out there in the world that has it worse than me. If you think your house is ugly, just think that some people live in tents if they're lucky. I learned that I should be content and give these people a thought. I should help and stop complaining." Grace Algharez

"I learned that the church is heavily persecuted in some areas of the world. Also, that some people die for their faith. Another thing that I learned is that one of the greatest things you can do is to pray to God to help them throughout their persecution. I also learned that many people want to have Bibles and are very strong in their faith." Justin Miedema

"What this means is that we put Christ before everything, even our own lives. We have to be willing to give up our lives and spend all our days to try and bring glory to the Lord. Risking our safety and health." Nadia VanBerkel

"To be persecuted because of Christ is to experience the world's hatred for those who are not of it. As believers this means we must be ready to give up all and suffer in this world. Persecution shows us that we are of Christ. It demonstrates that we are His followers since we suffer the same things He did. In fact, because of persecution we die to this world, we rise in glory with Christ. To be persecuted means we are counted worthy in Christ." Nathanael C. Sousa

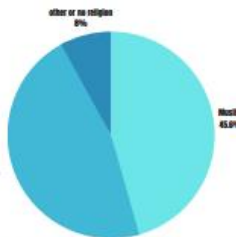
Micah 7:8 "Rejoice not over me, oh my enemy; when I fall, I shall rise, when I sit in darkness, the Lord will be a light to me." Christians all over the world are put in prison for their faith. As brothers and sisters in Christ, we are called to help them in whichever way we can. We can remind them that the Lord is always near." Sophia Dokter



## Persecution in Nigeria

### 1 the People

- Nigeria has just over 100,000,000 people
- 46.4% of the population is Christian
- Nigeria has a tense history
- It had Christian influence from the north coast



### 2 Persecution

- Nigeria has moved up 3 spots on open doors World watch list in the past 2 years and is now at #6
- It has the most violence towards Christians on earth



### 3 Violence

- Christian guys are targeted and killed while the women are attacked and forced to marry armed groups
- Christians lose everything there and are treated second class

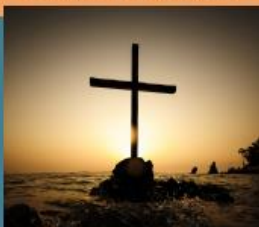


### 4 Terror

We were working in the fields of our farm when armed men approached us. They kidnapped three of us. They later killed my two friends. I am the only one living." AGNES, A SURVIVOR OF ABDUCTION BY BOKO HARAM

### 5 Hope

"For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain." Philippians 1:21



## persecution in Sudan

Sudan has a population of 46 million people. There are 2 million Christians which is 4.3% of the population.

The cuisine in Sudan is very diverse. They eat foods such as stews, gravy, lamb and chicken.

In Sudan there is very much government unrest, which sometimes causes political tension and even violence.

Beginning in 1985, Christians in Sudan began experiencing persecution by the murder of their pastors, destruction of Christian villages, and the bombing of Sunday School services.

The main religion in Sudan is Islam, which causes it to be very difficult to be a Christian.

We can support open doors who helps strengthen Christians through persecution survival training, discipleship training and economic empowerment projects.

Sudanese christian are persecuted by the murder of their pastors, destruction of Christian villages, and the bombing of Sunday School services.

Pray for the pastors and Bible smugglers who continue to face intense persecution. We pray for there to be a stable government in Sudan. Pray for a larger attendance in the churches that dwell in Sudan.

## PERSECUTED CHURCHES IN JORDAN

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### CULTURE

For the Jordanians, family is very important. They love large families. Most of the people have been there for generations. Their cultural food is Jordanian cuisine, fruits and vegetables are also highly valued.

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### STATISTICS

In Jordan 170 000 out of 10 301 000 people are Christians. That's only 1.7% of the population! Most Christians belong to Roman Catholic or Orthodox churches that are approved of by the government.

### PERSECUTION

Christians are persecuted because they are converts from Islam. Because of the predominance of Islam they have been persecuted in psychological and social ways. Often even by their own families.

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### GOVERNMENT LAWS

Jordanian law can put someone in jail for speaking badly about Mohammed or speaking negatively about the government. The Government also controls some marriages, and divorces. In summary, persecution isn't strictly government induced but by Sharia law judges in family affairs, since family is most important in society.

### HOW CAN WE HELP

One of the most important things we can do to support the Christians in Jordan is to pray. It is the most powerful and effective way. Another way is to donate to organisations that help with training the people in their faith, relief aid, and rehabilitation projects.

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### PRAYER POINTS

- People socially discriminated by family and community that they may be assured of God's love and protection
- Converts from Islam that they might find mercy by their community
- To give strength and courage to people that are spreading the gospel
- Forced marriages

BY RHODE, JORDAN, AND NATHANIEL

## General Information

**Report Cards:** First semester, Term I report cards have been mailed and should be arriving in your mailbox soon.

**Membership Meeting:** The Providence Reformed Collegiate Fall Membership Meeting will be held D.V. on Monday, November 20, 2023 at 8pm. The meeting will be held in-person at Providence Reformed Collegiate. In order to achieve quorum, we ask that all members make attendance a priority. If you are unable to attend, we ask that you submit an absentee ballot to a board member or to the school. If you have not received an email in regard to the membership meeting (which includes the absentee ballot) please contact the school at 519-471-0661. The Lord has blessed PRC in many ways. Come and join us as we rejoice in the faithfulness of our covenant God.

**Pursuit of a Calling:** On Wednesday, November 22 we hope, the Lord willing, to once again hold our bi-annual Pursuit of a Calling Day. As in previous years, we plan to have various speakers come into the school to share with the students the various aspects of their specific career. This year, as well, we plan to take a bus and visit a few businesses in London. We have 23 different speakers presenting in four different sessions. We look forward to an informative day.

**Source for Sports Teamworks store,** Phys. Ed. version, is now open. This store will be open until Sat December 2nd.  
<https://www.sourceteamworks.com/collections/pvc-phys-ed>

### *Chromebook Observations and Recommendations*

*Mrs. Pieterman*

As I've been in classes and hallways over the past few weeks, I've observed students using their Chromebooks in various ways. I've seen students carefully putting their Chromebooks into a sleeve before leaving the classroom. I've seen students shove their Chromebooks haphazardly into their lockers. I've seen Chromebooks fall out of lockers to land on the tile floor. I've seen Chromebooks slide off desks onto the floor.

I've also had a Chromebook brought to me that had a damaged screen because of a fall or drop, which comes with a significant repair or replacement cost.

Most of the Chromebooks that we see damaged or needing replacement have one thing in common – they are not protected by a case and/or sleeve. Cases and sleeves are available on Amazon for a reasonable cost (usually around \$30) and come in a variety of styles and colours. This small investment will provide extra protection to student Chromebooks in case of accidental drops or falls.

As a reminder, our students have these models of Chromebooks:

Grade 9: Lenovo 300e Gen 3

Grade 10&11: Samsung 310XBA-K01

Grade 12: Lenovo 100e 2nd GenA case will help protect the Chromebook while in use (in class) while a sleeve provides protection during transport (between classes, or in backpacks on the bus).



## Fall Fundraising Drive

The purpose of the drive is to supplement the tuition income of the school in an effort to balance the operating budget without placing undue burden on tuition paying families. The school relies on the support of the covenant community at large to assist in making Christ-centered education available and affordable for our children.

This year the goal is to raise **\$473,031** between Thanksgiving and the Christmas season. This is no doubt a formidable amount at first glance, and especially so when we try to tackle it on our own. However, when we join together before the Lord to seek His provision, work faithfully together, and give sacrificially, we can trust that our needs will be met. We ask that each of you join us in this task, prayerfully consider a donation to the drive, and give generously, as you are able.

If you have questions or require further information, please contact Ian Benjamins, chairman, PRC Finance Committee at [benjamins.ian@providencerc.com](mailto:benjamins.ian@providencerc.com)



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**Salaries and textbooks...**  
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**FALL FUND DRIVE 2023**

**Ways to Donate:**  
E-transfer: [prcfinance@gmail.com](mailto:prcfinance@gmail.com)  
Mail: make cheque payable to:  
Providence Reformed Collegiate  
93 Queen Street  
Komoka, ON  
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REFORMED COLLEGIATE  
ASSOCIATION INC.

## Upcoming Events

**Christmas Concert:** Providence Reformed Collegiate invites you to join us for our Christmas Concert, 'There is a Yearning' on Friday, December 8, 2023, at 7:30pm at Providence United Reformed Church, 447 Second Street, Strathroy.



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**PRC CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

December 8, 2023 | 7:30 pm | Providence United  
Reformed Church  
Strathroy, ON

## New Student Day

You are invited to our New Student Day at Providence! We look forward to getting to know you and sharing our school community with you. [Download our schedule here.](#)



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# NEW STUDENT DAY

**EXPERIENCE A DAY AT PROVIDENCE!**

**NOVEMBER 29, 2023**

**NEW STUDENT DAY INCLUDES:**

<b>VISIT A CLASS</b>	<b>STUDENT PANEL</b>
<b>CREW ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>GROUP-BUILDING ACTIVITIES</b>
<b>GUIDANCE PRESENTATION</b>	<b>FREE LUNCH</b>

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You're invited to our New Student Day at Providence! We look forward to getting to know you and sharing our school community with you.

### School Transportation

Looking for a ride to school? Students are welcome to take the bus to Providence on New Student Day. Just let us know when you register for the day that you would like to take the bus. Find out more about our routes and stops at [www.providencerc.com/transportation](http://www.providencerc.com/transportation) (PW 'prcmember').

### Crew

8:40 Students, we invite you to join our Crew meetings (small group devotions) to start our day.

### Classes

9:15 Students will participate in one of our classes to get a taste of high school education.

### New Families Round Table

9:15 Parents, are you new to Providence? You are invited to join us in a roundtable discussion with some current parents and the principal to learn about the mission and vision of our school community.

### Guidance Presentation and Student Panel

10:30 In this two-part session, our guidance counsellor will present to students and parents what their course schedule will look like. In the second part, we will have a current student panel to learn from them about their experience at Providence. You're encouraged to bring your questions!

### Lunch and Afternoon Activities

12:00 Parents and students are invited to join us for lunch. Afterwards, students will get to participate in a number of curriculum-based activities to give students a sense of life at Providence.



## RSVP

Please register for the day:

P: 519-471-0661

E: [office@providencerc.com](mailto:office@providencerc.com)

W: [www.providencerc.com/new-student-day](http://www.providencerc.com/new-student-day)

## Parent Information Evening



Providence Reformed Collegiate

# Parent Information Evening

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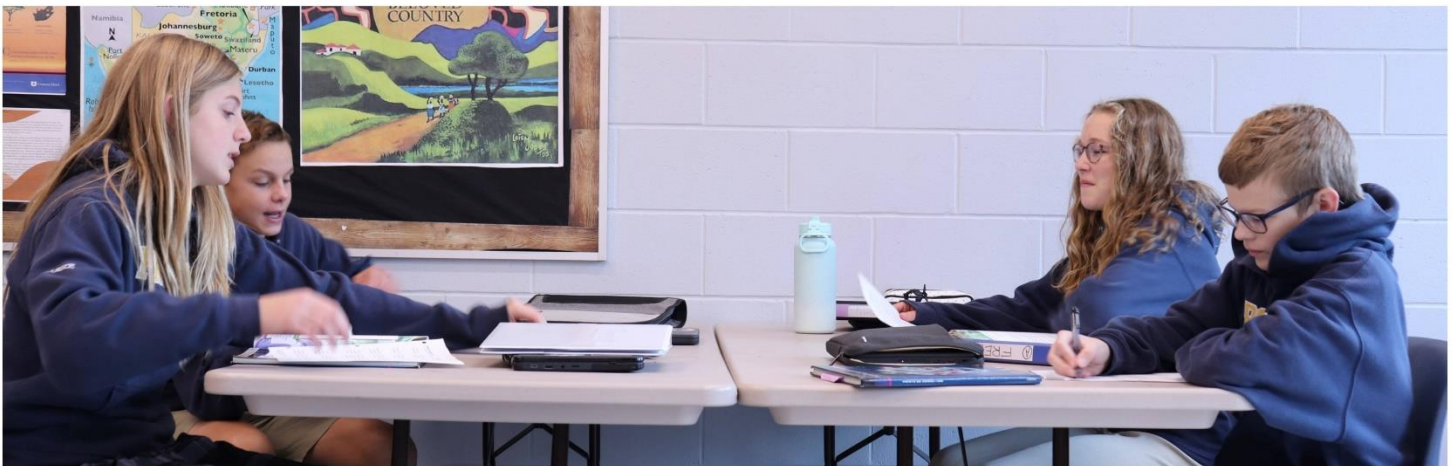
February 5,  
8:00 pm

## Science 9 discovers the Van de Graaf Generator!









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## Course Updates

### Grade 9

**Bible 9 – Mrs. Vandermeijden:** We have been working through the steps of writing an essay this past week. Students should come to class with a printed rough draft on Monday for peer assessment - there is likely some work to do at home this weekend! Final drafts are due at the beginning of class on Thursday, November 23. On Thursday, we will begin our study of Wisdom Literature.

**French 9 – Mrs. Bergsma:** On Monday and Tuesday, the students completed their final assessment for unit two. We started unit three on Wednesday and learned some new vocabulary to help us express what we do in different seasons. We're also starting to look at suggestion, desire, and obligation statements, and how to use them properly.

**Healthy Active Living 9 – Mr. Pennings:** We are currently in the Y each day working on our movement skills while learning the sport of badminton. The badminton knowledge test is on Tuesday, Nov 29. Each Wednesday the class is in health in room A/B. We are studying healthy eating habits. The nutrition label reading assignment is due today, the healthy eating plan is due next Wednesday, Nov 22.

**Learning Strategies 9 – Mrs. Pieterman:** This week we concluded our Literature Circle study of “I am David”, but we're not quite done with the book yet! As part of our Writing Wednesdays students are working on a book report of the novel, practicing their analysis skills and also learning how to format their work in MLA style. Book reports are due Tuesday, November 21. Next week we will watch the movie based on the novel, and compare the effectiveness of the different types of media.

**Science 9 – Mr. Ellens:** We are well into our unit on electricity. We have worked through some characteristics of static electricity and are now working on current electricity. We are drawing circuit diagrams, we are building parallel and series circuits, we are working on some practical wiring. We will also be measuring and calculating voltage, resistance, and current.

### Grade 10

**Bible 10 – Mr. de Visser:** Students did a great job on the presentations of their Church History Project today! It's great to hear them articulate their understanding of the church's mission, how it has struggled to be faithful to it in the times before us, and what we must remember as we strive to be faithful going forward. Next week, we finish

looking at the intertestamental period and begin our study of the Gospels.

#### Canadian History since World War I – Miss Averink:

Students have been busy presenting and working on their World War 2 presentations. We will continue these presentations next week taking a break on our double block to learn about the Holocaust.

**Math 10D – Mr. Vander Deen:** We are starting Chapter 4 which will take the next step in our understanding of quadratics. We will be learning about vertex form and how helpful this is in understanding quadratic relations. A retest for Ch. 3 will be on Tuesday.

**Math 10P – Mrs. Barrett/Mrs. Tenhage:** We will continue to solve unknown sides and angles for triangles, but most of our time next week will be spent on solving problems using trigonometry ratios. Unit 5 quiz Friday.

**Science 10D – Ms. Xu:** We are learning how to balance equations and classify types of chemical equations. A quiz will be given early this week. An investigation and the test is scheduled for next week. Please read and type out the procedure before conducting the investigation.

### Grade 11 and 12

**Accounting Essentials – Miss Averink:** This week we have learned all about adjusting the books. Next week, we will continue this chapter and move on to our next Performance Task. Students are reminded to stay motivated with the content and to keep up with their homework!

**Art 11M – Mrs. Bergsma:** The students worked on their African coil pots this week, and finished building them on Thursday. They need a week to dry before we go on our fieldtrip next week to learn about the firing and glazing process. The artist statements are due next week Wednesday, Nov. 22nd.

**Biology 11U – Miss Wattel:** After completing our pig dissection our class is ready to start the next unit on genetics.

**English 11C – Mrs. Pieterman:** I've enjoyed hearing the students share stories as they write their memoir assignment. We'll work on peer editing and polishing memoirs, which are due next Tuesday, November 2. We'll also be delving into our next unit which will have the students considering the importance of words as they create poetry.

**English 11U – Mrs. Vandermeijden:** Students will create short instructional videos on an aspect of essay writing to share with the class. On Tuesday, we will be visiting Indwell during our double block. On Friday, we will debrief from our

trip and finish our study of *Cry the Beloved Country*. Students will prepare to write an in-class essay on a theme or character from the novel on Tuesday, November 28.

#### **Entrepreneurship Venture Planning – Mr. Haklander:**

This week students learned to identify resources that could be required to create a venture. Once they have identified these resources, they analyzed strategies to implement them into a venture plan.

#### **Families in Canada 12U/C – Mrs. Barrett/Mrs.**

**Tenhage:** Next week, we will finish unit 3; the test will be Tuesday November 28th. Next Tuesday is a double block day, so we have prepared to host a guest speaker panel on parenting (very exciting!). This is our entry event for unit 4, “Parent, Child & Family Relationships.” **Interview project:** The students should contact (if they haven’t already) a Christian couple to interview who has been married for at least 1 year and who is not their parents/sibling. Most students have questions prepared; they must have questions in the eight categories given on the assignment (see Teams for an additional copy, page 2). Students must take a picture of themselves with the couple they interview, and they will give an oral reflection via Teams screencast on how they can apply what they learned to present/future preparation for marriage. The interview reflection is due Friday December 1, so they have two weekends to help with this assignment.

**French 11U – Mrs. Bergsma:** This week was full of formative literature circles on our novel. The students received teacher feedback and completed peer and self assessments to improve their next circles. On Thursday, they completed their final literature circle and read the rest of the book as a class. On Monday, Nov. 20th, they will write their test about the novel.

**Functions 11U – Mr. Ellens:** We continue to work through Trigonometric functions. We are looking at transformations of sinusoidal functions and graphing trig functions.

**Math 11C – Ms. Xu:** Students will hand in your project on Monday and be ready to present to the class your design of the dream house with details. We are going to cover chapter 4 Quadratic after presentations.

**Philosophy 11M – Mr. Pennings:** In the unit on metaphysics we have answered the question, “What is Man?” in light of God’s revelation. The test for this unit was written on Wednesday. Students have a poster due today explaining how one of the major philosophers answered the big questions of life. Our next unit of study will be on the existence of God.

**Philosophy 12U – Mr. de Visser:** Students showed excellent engagement and critical thinking in their discussion of readings related to epistemology. Having written the unit test, we now turn to the next big question: in light of what the Bible says about our creation, about our purpose, and about truth, we must now consider, “how then shall we live?” Our worldview must have coherence and integrity. What kind of ethics flows from a Biblical worldview?

#### **Recreation & Healthy Active Living Leadership 12M**

**– Mr. Pennings:** As a class we have been studying the three essential skills of a leader: communication, conflict resolution, and decision-making. There is a test on chapter 2 on Tuesday, Nov 21. The next topic of study will be on event planning. Students are starting to prepare for their event planning assignments which will be held on the next 5 Fridays, beginning on Nov 24.

**Physics 11U – Ms. Xu:** We will have the chapter 11 test next week. Make sure you finish daily assignments and ask questions whenever are needed.

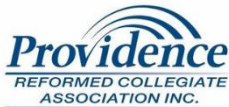
#### **Transportation Technology 11C – Mr. Haklander:**

Students have learned about steering systems and suspension geometry. This part of the chassis unit helped the students understand how the suspension, steering systems and tires affect the handling and ride of vehicles.

#### **World History since the Fifteenth Century – Miss**

**Averink:** We have been learning about the Enlightenment and the American Revolution. Next week, we will learn about the French Revolution and prepare for our Unit 3 Test. Many students have started their Unit 3 Artifact Assignment. The final essays will be due on Friday with a peer review session on Thursday!

## Calendar

<div>  <h1>November/December 2023</h1> </div>						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Hockey – 7am Fall Membership Meeting – 8:00pm Boys' BB – 3:45pm	Double Block BBAA	Pursuit of a Calling Girls' VB -4pm	Double Block DDCC Board Meeting	Lunch Box Social	
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	Hockey – 7am Boys' BB – 3:45pm		New Student Day Girls' VB -4pm	10:15-CCBR - Philosophy Girls' VB – Redeemer		
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	Hockey – 7am Boys' BB – 3:45pm		Girls' VB -4pm	Co-op Preplacement class- 3:30	Christmas Concert – 7:30-pm – Providence United Reformed Church	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Hockey – 7am Boys' BB – 3:45pm	Double Block - BBAA	Girls' VB -4pm	Double Block DDCC Bible 9 - Trillium Co-op Preplacement class- 3:30	Girls' VB Chatham tournament at 3:30	Heritage Senior Boys' BB tournament
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	Hockey – 7am Boys' BB – 3:45pm		9:50 Assembly Girls' VB -4pm		Last day of classes	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	Christmas Day					