

DENOMINATIONAL NEWS FOR April 14th, 2019

From Back to God Ministries International

<u>FAMILY FIRE</u> - is an online community exploring Spirit-led family, marriage, parenting, in-laws, blended families, and intimacy. Find encouraging articles and devotions at familyfire.com. Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

<u>GROUNDWORK: GOOD FRIDAY: THE CRUCIFIXION OF JESUS CHRIST.</u> - The Gospel of Matthew gives us the opportunity to dwell and reflect on the cursedness of the cross. Join Groundwork as we examine Matthew 27:32-66 to focus on the great significance of Jesus' death that indeed makes his sacrifice good for our eternal life with God. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

<u>TONGUE-ZILLA</u> - What happens when Liz mixes his bad mood with a tongue that just won't quit talking? Trouble. Listen now at kidscorner.net and subscribe to KC's weekly emails for future episodes. Download this month's Kids Corner Easter puzzle and game giveaway The Bible Challenge Activity Book 5.

From Faith Formation Ministries

GOOD FRIDAY FAMILY FAITH FORMATION TIP - Without experiencing the darkness of Good Friday, we can't fully appreciate the joy of Easter. Let kids know that it's appropriate to be sad this week as we remember Jesus' suffering and sacrifice, but remind them that death does not have the last word in God's salvation story! (Faith Formation Ministries; crcna.org/FaithFormation)

From CRC Communications

<u>READY TO BE INSPIRED?</u> - The early-bird rate for Inspire 2019 is just \$80 and ends Monday, April 15 (that's tomorrow)! Join Christian Reformed people from across North America in Windsor, Ontario from August 1-3, for amazing worship, exciting plenary speakers, and inspiring workshops. You'll discover new resources for your church, connect with people doing similar ministry, and reimagine what the future of ministry could look like. You won't want to miss it! Register today at www.crcna.org/Inspire

HELP IS ONLY A CALL, CLICK, OR CHAT AWAY - We're making it easier for you and your church to access CRC resources. If you're involved in a church ministry and wonder if your denomination can help with something, just CALL (800-272-5125), CLICK (www.crcna.org/Resources), or CHAT (from any page on www.crcna.org). We're here to serve, and would love to connect you with people and resources to support your ministry.

PRAY FOR INSPIRE 2019 - Inspire 2019 is a conference to connect people from across the 1000+ churches in the Christian Reformed Church for three days of worship, workshops, speakers, and conversation. As we plan and prepare for this event, happening August 1-3 in Windsor, Ont., please join us in praying for the event and all who will attend. This week, please pray for all aspects of transportation and accommodation. Pray that God will guide and protect participants, organizers, and speakers as they make plans to travel, and as they are en route to Windsor. Pray that the details for accommodations will be smoothly worked out to provide space and rest for all involved.

From World Renew

<u>WORLD RENEW RESPONDS TO CYCLONE IN AFRICA</u> - Right now, more than 2.5 million people in Malawi, Mozambique, and Zimbabwe are facing devastation in the aftermath of Cyclone Idai. World Renew is working to deliver emergency shelter and lifesaving supplies to the survivors affected by the disaster. To find out more and to donate, please go to worldrenew.net/cycloneidai.