**Garry Prieb**: bonjour a tous le monde connecte ici aujourdhui

**Garry Prieb**: Fixer nos yeux sur Jesus, meme pendant cette periode de pandemic.

**Garry Prieb**: James 1:1-12

**Garry Prieb**: What can we do as we go through the fire.

**Garry Prieb**: sometimes we think the best time alive is when we have little stress/problems in life.

**Garry Prieb**: But the Bible offers us a different way to consider our life.

**Garry Prieb**: The Bible tells us that during these difficult times we should experience joy.

**Garry Prieb**: During times of testing we should experience joy because God is doing great things in our lives.

**Garry Prieb**: According this text of James there are 5 things James will teach us during times of testing.

**Garry Prieb**: Celebrate what is happening behind our testing.

**Garry Prieb**: Celebrate because we see above and beyond what God is doing.

**Garry Prieb**: God has something to say to us.

**Garry Prieb**: Don't look at the virus but at what God is saying to us beyond this.

**Garry Prieb**: First point is that we look beyond above and beyond what God is doing during this testing time and in that we can rejoice.

**Garry Prieb**: 2. God will bring two things to our lives during our lives.

**Garry Prieb**: the first, patience.

**Garry Prieb**: patient to endure the hardships during this time.

**Garry Prieb**: secondly, we will become more and more maturity.,

**Garry Prieb**: 3. during this difficult we should focus on God.

**Garry Prieb**: during this Covid time we have only one resource Who is God.

**Garry Prieb**: God is good, generous, and gracious.

**Garry Prieb**: because God is good, he will be with us through everything we are facing.

**Garry Prieb**: We will see his grace a grace of abundance.

**Garry Prieb**: James tells us when passing through testing we should not doubt.

**Garry Prieb**: God will intervene for us.

**Garry Prieb**: 4. God will not leave us desperate but will raise us up.

**Garry Prieb**: God will not let us be tested but will come to us and lift us.

**Garry Prieb**: 5. In our testing there is a recompense in heaven for us.

**Garry Prieb**: vs. 12, as we are firm in our faith during times of testing, there is a recompense in heaven.

**Garry Prieb**: The world is going through difficult times. We are going through fire.

**Garry Prieb**: But we must read the events through the lens of faith.

**Garry Prieb**: God doesn't do things by hazard. Already planned.

**Garry Prieb**: Psalm 41--see that God is the almighty God.

**Garry Prieb**: It is not the powerful, or the weak, but it is He on the throne who controls history.

**Garry Prieb**: During these times, let us think of these 5 points from James 1:1-12.

**Garry Prieb**: 1. God is working.

**Garry Prieb**: 2. Results will come: patience, maturity

**Garry Prieb**: This is the time to get back to Scriptures and in the we come to maturity.

**Garry Prieb**: God desires us to come to brotherly communion, not looking at colour, race, rich or poor but unity in Him.

**Garry Prieb**: Give the hand to those who have little to come into the communion of fellowship to build His kingdom.

**Garry Prieb**: Do not forget that it is He who has destroyed all barriers to unite us into one body.

**Garry Prieb**: This is the time to show that we are ONE in Christ,

**Garry Prieb**: As in the parable of the Good Samaritan, we canot pass by along the road without consideration.

**Garry Prieb**: The poor are in two categories--poor and those who are poor spiritually.

**Garry Prieb**: Both have needs--but both need Jesus.

**Garry Prieb**: God will not abandon usl

**Garry Prieb**: Matt. 28-:20-Jesus is with us--even during the difficult times.

**Garry Prieb**: brothers and sisters, support this communion of churches in the diaspora.

**Garry Prieb**: The African churches have something to offer here in North America.

**Garry Prieb**: God has broght you here to the US to offer something.

**Garry Prieb**: Life for Christ, testify for Christ, what He is doing through and for you and in you.

**Garry Prieb**: Here in America we need to embrace our sisters and brothers from Africa for God has something to teach us. Thus accept them. Work with them.

**Garry Prieb**: Let the Spirit of God allow transformation to come to us. With eyes fixed on Jesus let us see the consummation of our faith.

**Garry Prieb**: The Diaspora the new force of God in mission today.

**Garry Prieb**: I will finsh by saying we can count on God for he is good, gracious, generous, and He will be glorified through all evenduring this difficult time.

**Garry Prieb**: May God bless you. Thank you.

**Terry Hunt**: Thank you Dr. Nzuuzi for that powerful word!

**Randy**: Thank you Nzuzi! We are a global family on mission together.

**Garry Prieb**: Diaspora is the new way of mission. Don't let anyone be left behind.

**Garry Prieb**: Rick Eshbaugh: will be speaking now.

**USMB**: Thank you, Nzuzi. I appreciate your challenge!

**Garry Prieb**: Dans quelques instants nous voulons entrendre a travers vous ce que Dieu est en train de faire chez vous.

**Garry Prieb**: La foundation freres mennonites a distribute l'argent collecte parmi les eglises pour aider nos eglises pendant cette pandemie.

**Garry Prieb**: Pendant cette periose il faut toujours savoir que 1. Dieu est Souvereign, et 2. Il sera avec nous jusqu'a la fin du monde.

**Garry Prieb**: notre desire est de vous ecouter. Mes question: qu-est-que y ce passe dans vos eglises? opportunites, vos besoins pendant ce temps de "blizzard" ou pendemie.

**Garry Prieb**: C'est a vous, votre moment d'offre vos commentaires, questions, etc.

**Garry Prieb**: Nous sommes ici a vous ecouter.

**Garry Prieb**: Est-ce que vous avez une reponse?

**Garry Prieb**: Une question?

**Randy**: Pastor Nzuzi, how are our Kinshasa churches responding to the pandemic? How are the relief efforts with most at risk families going?

**Garry Prieb**: Ndabaramiye from Missouri-- He knows all churches are affected by the virus. What do we do with the "new" or youngest churches among us. They need care. Limited knowledge about technology.

**Garry Prieb**: On a besoin de traduction en francais.

**Fideline Gulefua Kabeya Katchounga**: traduction en français please

**Fideline Gulefua Kabeya Katchounga**: Papa Henry où êtes vous?

**Garry Prieb**: La pandemie nous a emmene beaucoup de problems.

**Garry Prieb**: Est-ce que vos eglises ont complete la demande d'application pour l'aide?

**Fideline Gulefua Kabeya Katchounga**: Papa Henry traduction

**Fideline Gulefua Kabeya Katchounga**: c’est la causerie de deux personnes?

**Henri**: nous attendons notre tour svp

**Fideline Gulefua Kabeya Katchounga**: pcq nous sommes perdus là

**Garry Prieb**: Avec la question de technologie, peut etre traiter a travers le "training" formation des cohorts, vers le mois de Septembre-Decembre.

**Garry Prieb**: Veuillez envoyer vos question directement a **Henri** ou a Claude.

**Garry Prieb**: Par email.

**Garry Prieb**: Does everyone have their email addresses?

**Rick Eshbaugh**: Rick Eshbaugh email is reshbaugh@msn.com

**Terry Hunt**: How would you define racism?

**Garry Prieb**: We will now hear from **Terry Hunt**, district minister from the MB Eastern District.

**USMB**: Don Morris email: don@usmb.org

**Terry Hunt**: How have you personally been impacted by Racism?

**USMB**: Claude Tambatamba claude.tambatamba@yahoo.com **Henri** Ngolo <**henri**.ngolo@yahoo.com>

**Terry Hunt**: **Terry Hunt** pastortwh@gmail.com

**Garry Prieb**: Si vous avez des question vous pouvez aussi les envoyer a l'adresse ci-dessus.

**USMB**: **Henri** Ngolo **henri**.ngolo@yahoo.com

**Terry Hunt**: Should we, as Christians, be concerned about social issues like racism?

**Terry Hunt**: How did Jesus model for us breaking down racist barriers?

**Mulanda Jimmy Juma**: Churches should be concerned with racism in America. Advocacy is one of the ways of dealing with racism.

**Mulanda Jimmy Juma**: Personal transformation is also very important the foundation

**Terry Hunt**: Do you have any wisdom or advice for us about getting trough this moment?

**Fideline Gulefua Kabeya Katchounga**: Non, Genèse 1:26 nous sommes tous créé a l’image de Dieu et 1 corinthiens 13 peut résoudre ce problème si nous sommes vraiment enfants de Dieu

**Fideline Gulefua Kabeya Katchounga**: L’amour de Dieu est la solution au racisme qui autre que la discrimination

**nico kinwa**: john4: 6-10

**Terry Hunt**: Acts 17:26

**Terry Hunt**: James 2:9

**Terry Hunt**: 1 John 2:9

**Fideline Gulefua Kabeya Katchounga**: Amen

**Randy**: Thank you Terry, excellent word!

**Terry Hunt**: Thank you brother **Henri** and Pastor Claude for your leadership!

**Joshua Ruseruka**: Amen, we are blessed!

**Terry Hunt**: Thank you Garry for your words of encouragement and your connection with our Congo brothers and sisters.

**Terry Hunt**: Looking forward to the LEAD Cohort which will provide training for pastors and leaders.

**USMB**: La cohorte LEAD est GRATUITE. La cohorte se réunira toutes les deux semaines pendant environ 90 minutes. Les dates provisoires pour cette cohorte sont les 12 et 26 septembre, les 10 et 24 octobre, les 7 et 21 novembre, les 5 et 19 décembre.

**Fideline Gulefua Kabeya Katchounga**: Amen

**USMB**: Cohort ya LEAD ni ya bure. Jumuiya hiyo itakutana kila baada ya wiki mbili kwa dakika 90. Tarehe za kujengwa kwa kikundi hiki ni Septemba 12 na 26, Oktoba 10 na 24, Desemba 5 na 19.

**Terry Hunt**: To God be the Glory for He is doing in this season. Oneness gives us the strength to go forward. Thank you **Henri**, Claude, Rick, Don and Gary for leadership. Thank you Lori!

**USMB**: The LEAD Cohort is FREE. The cohort will meet every two weeks for about 90 minutes. The tentative dates for this cohort are: Sept. 12 & 26, Oct. 10 & 24, Nov. 7 & 21, Dec. 5 & 19.

**Fideline Gulefua Kabeya Katchounga**: la communauté congolaise à deuil prions et soutenons à enterrer notre sœur

**Randy**: Thank you **Henri**, Claude, Nzuzi, Rick, Terry and Gary for serving us well today!

**USMB**: It’s been wonderful to with you all this morning. God bless!