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Letting God be God in the Tough Times

In a tough and discouraging situation as I sought the Lord recently, I felt He was reminding me of the example of Moses. You will remember the seemingly hopeless circumstance the Israelites found themselves in with their backs to the Red Sea as the whole might of the Egyptian army dashed towards them across the open desert. They were rightly terrified and cried out to the Lord in the midst of great desperation. Like me, their eyes were on the scary, challenging circumstance rather than on the God of our circumstances. Contrast their panic with the calm assurance of Moses who had been conferring with the Lord and had received a clear strategy of action, or rather inaction, to share with the people.

What Moses shared is a good approach for us as we face those daunting situations of life and ministry. King Jehoshaphat and the people of Judah discovered the same thing as they faced off against an alliance of three enemy armies that were speeding towards Jerusalem. Here are some similar features of the strategy God gave these leaders in both situations:

- 1) **“Don’t be afraid or discouraged.”** God is aware of all that we face, numbers the hair on our heads, and we live, move and have our being in Him. He as Creator and Redeemer of all things is equal to any difficulty by which we may be threatened. That is also why Jesus urged his disciples, “Do not let your hearts be troubled.”
- 2) **“Stand firm, take up your positions.”** The Apostle Paul used similar language in Ephesians to describe what our stance should be in spiritual warfare against evil. When you stand firm and take a position, you do not bolt off and do your own thing. You hold ranks and keep your eyes on the Commander. “Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying....”
- 3) **“The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still....The battle is not yours but God’s.”** It is so hard to be still. Too often in our worry and fear, we scurry about trying to solve our crises in our own strength, not taking time to get aligned with the Lord of heaven and earth even though He is the one who has all power and authority to handle everything, especially those things beyond our ability to solve.
- 4) **“You will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today.”** So often in past national prayer initiatives, many of them in the midst of hopeless war and acute suffering, when people have come together to seek God with desperate hearts, we have seen a breakthrough come about that has changed the political, economic and spiritual status of a nation just as Moses and Jehoshaphat experienced.

So, whatever our current trial, let’s be more like Moses (and Jehoshaphat). Be still and submit the issue fully to Him. Take our position in prayer, listening for any action He leads us to take or not take. Many will testify that this is a God-inspired, repeatedly proven strategy for deliverance!

John Robb, IPC Chairman

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World Prayer Assembly- *Let the “New Wave” of His Glory Fill the Earth!*



You have an opportunity to shape history by participating in the World Prayer Assembly!

WPA 2012 will be a “new wave” to strategically connect and empower the global prayer and mission movements as 5000-6000 Christian leaders from up to 220 nations join with the Lord and each other through united prayer, leading to Spirit-inspired action to transform our world. It is being arranged and co-hosted by leaders of the Indonesian and

Korean prayer movements, two of the most powerful prayer forces in the world, with the support of international prayer networks such as the International Prayer Council and the Global Day of Prayer.

The ultimate goal of the World Prayer Assembly is two-fold: to see the knowledge of the glory of the Lord filling the earth as the waters cover the sea (Habakkuk 2:14) and the fulfillment of Jesus' prayer that His followers become one so the world will know He is its Creator and Savior (John 17:21).

WPA 2012 will learn from and build upon what the Body of Christ has experienced through the worldwide explosion of prayer efforts since the last International Prayer Assembly (Korea,1984), by linking together prayer, mission and marketplace ministries from all church traditions, denominations and social spheres. In the spirit of Acts 13, together we will seek to hear from the Lord of the Church His plans to engage and direct the global prayer movement, so that every nation, city and rural area throughout the world becomes filled with ongoing intercession and Spirit-inspired action until His Kingdom's values are fully manifested there.

Prayer networks and ministries worldwide will meet with those who are prayerfully working for transformation in all spheres of society such as government, education, business/marketplace, arts and media. Ministry leaders will learn from one another and plan new strategies. They will coordinate their efforts to advance world evangelization and the reaching of the unreached, ignite spiritual revival of the Church, as well as champion social justice and humanitarian efforts- so that His glory will fill the earth.

WPA 2012 will also encourage and launch the next generation to become cutting-edge leaders for Christ's global prayer and mission movement, as children and youth take their positions as equal partners in helping to lead it.

In fulfillment of Jesus prayer in John 17, the WPA will unite a large proportion of Christ's Body to cry out to God for breakthrough in the urgent issues of our time. On May 17 evening, during the WPA, 100,000 believers of all denominations, including 20,000 trained child intercessors, will gather in the national stadium of Jakarta for a massive prayer meeting. It will be linked live to 200 cities of Indonesia where there will be similar gatherings estimated at 2 million. Combining with the Global Day of Prayer broadcast through satellite TV, tens of millions of additional people will take part from other parts of the world, uniting their prayers to shape the history of our world!

For more information about the World Prayer Assembly or to register your interest in participating, please see the website at www.wpa2012.org or write to info@wpa2012.org.
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World Prayer Assembly 2012 and Reflections on the Global Prayer Movement

One generation later, the WPA in Jakarta, Indonesia in 2012 is building on the first ever International Prayer Assembly, held in Korea in 1984, which created a momentum of prayer that has subsequently spread around the world. Thus, the joint hosts for 2012 will be the nations of Indonesia and Korea.

The body of Christ has discovered a whole new world in and through prayer. Prayer has been released from the closet and the church onto the streets, into the hills, onto the seas and into the air – literally! People have traversed continents in prayer by walking and praying over many weeks. People have climbed mountains to pray on the ‘high places’. People have hired planes to fly over cities to pray, and even to anoint them with oil! People have hired boats to sail around islands or along rivers in prayer. Others have gone by bicycle, in buses or cars to pray. Some have walked and prayed around the circumference of their city and around the borders of their nation. Prayer teams have gone into war zones and into other situations of conflict. Even Christians in persecuted areas of the world have learned about making up teams and going out in prayer into their own nation and neighboring nations. A new spirit of boldness has begun to grip the church in many parts of the world. Prayer has been the life-blood at the heart of some of the world’s mega-churches. It has also been the key to some amazing stories of church-planting movements, with churches having been planted in some unlikely places. New vibrant styles of worship, linking with prayer, have emerged – marrying both the contemplative approach with declaring the Word of God.

Christians have reached out to one another to pray. In the late 1980’s and the 1990’s millions of Christians around the globe engaged in Marches for Jesus in multiple centres. In the same time frame, huge stadia were hired in order to bring Christians together in prayer. Denominational barriers no longer seemed important. Houses of prayer and large prayer centres have been established in many nations. Others have established prayer towers – both physical as well as spiritual ones. Mountains have been purchased and turned into 24 hour prayer centres. There are even ‘prayer cities’ – where thousands of people have erected their homes around a prayer base in order to be near and involved daily. Some prisons have turned into 24 hour prayer turbines! City centre squares, public parks, football stadia, even beaches have been requisitioned for the people of God to gather together to pray. Some gatherings have run into millions of people in the one place at the same time!

At the other end of the scale, **there has been an explosion of small group prayer.** Triplet groups, neighborhood groups, women’s groups, business people’s groups, and children’s groups. For the macro levels are matched and mirrored by the micro levels of prayer. And so it should. There’s no value in us gathering in the big event once in a while, if we are not also gathering in small groups as often as we can.

Millions of children and youth are part of this movement of prayer. There are even children’s intercessory churches in some countries. In schools in many nations, children gather around the pole (the flag-pole), kneel in the corridors and at the gates to pray. Youth prayer movements have “taken off like a rocket”. 24/7 ‘Boiler rooms’ have been established in many nations, manned mainly by young people. They are leading the rest of us in discovering and developing new, dynamic, creative ways of praying.

There are regular television and radio programs devoted to prayer. Many thousands of people telephone in for prayer. Documentaries have been made about prayer and reconciliation journeys. Prayer booths have been set up in market squares. Hundreds of books and DVDs about aspects of prayer have been produced in multiple languages. Thousands of Christians regularly walk through their neighborhood in prayer. Regular calls to periods of prayer and fasting are issued the world over. At certain times of the year

the church around the world gathers in prayer in their millions around a common theme. Prayer really is taking place around the Throne of God, around the world, and around the clock.

The focus of this praying has been comprehensive and varied. Some prayer movements have developed around single issues – like governments, politics and politicians, the legal profession and police, education, medicine, pandemic health issues, like AIDS, the media, arts and film world – as well as on more traditionally understood aspects of mission, like personal conversion, households, neighborhoods, unreached people groups, church planting and missionary agencies and strategies. Other movements are focused on praying for nations, for women, men or children. Thus definitions of various types of prayer leadership have developed. These include mobilizers, trainers, teachers, networkers, researchers, watchmen and prophetic intercessors.



Transformation of individuals, communities and nations has been the objective of all of this. We want to see lives changed, communities changed, every area of social influence, like the market place, changed, and governments and local authorities uphold values that honor God and bless the poor. Inevitably prayer must lead to action. God “puts feet on our prayers”. So prayer is not an escape from the world but the means of engagement with the world. Prayer leads to humanitarian action and global mission. We pray for all aspects of leadership to be transformed, delivered from corruption, and thus be able to operate in ways that honor God.

Understanding of the spiritual powers has been growing during this era coupled with the need to stand against the devil and all his schemes. Systems of control have been identified. In certain cultures the manifestation of evil is visibly apparent; in others it is secret and insidious. The body of Christ has been learning how to combat these influences and spiritual strongholds, through prayer, repentance and reconciliation. As a consequence whole communities and nations have been transformed.

We believe in certain fundamental Biblical statements.

We wish to affirm that these undergird our approach in bringing together intercessors from around the world.

We are praying towards the fulfillment of the Great Commission (Matthew 28.18-20) and of the Great Commandment (Matthew 22.37-39).

We believe that “the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea” (Habakkuk 2.14 & Isaiah 52.10).

We believe in a God who answers our prayer “before you call I will answer” (Isaiah 65.24, Jeremiah 33.3), and that the prayers that Jesus prayed will be answered – “Father forgive them” (Luke 23.34, “Your kingdom come your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven” (Matthew 6.9-10), and “that they may be one as we are one” (John 17.20-21).

Prayer is a unity between the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit and us. The Holy Spirit prays with us and for us (Romans 8.26-27). And Jesus is praying in heaven for us (Romans 8.34). That unity and oneness is one of the goals of the WPA. We come from every tribe and nation, from three generations, and many denominations, speaking many languages from many cultural backgrounds. We wish to find and express our unity through the sharing of stories, vision, varying styles of both worship and prayer, and through the love of God shared among us.

God wants his house to be “a house of prayer for all nations” (Mark 11.17, Isaiah 56.7). What was true of the temple in Jerusalem in Jesus’ day is now true of God’s worldwide “house of prayer” – for all nations and among all nations. “The glory of this house will be greater than the glory of the former house”, says the Lord Almighty (Haggai 2.9).

The Father sent the Son to be the Savior of the world. Through accepting Him, knowing Him, and serving Him, not only are we changed, but every situation that we are part of should also be changed. The earth is the Lord’s and everything and everyone in it. (Psalm 24.1 paraphrase).

We believe in the manifestation of the kingdom of God. The kingdom of God is near (Luke 10.9-11), within us (Luke 17.21) and around us (Matthew 6,10, 33 and 24.14). Some day “the kingdom of this world will become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ” (Revelation 11.15). God wants His kingdom extended on earth.

What we are hoping for through and beyond this Assembly are for connections to be made across the nations, generations and denominations, around common areas of interest, leading to ongoing cooperation and strategy. We wish to see the Great Commission and Great Commandment worked out through transformation-focused initiatives and sharing of stories, vision, ideas and ways of working.



This Assembly should not be seen as one event in 2012, but part of a process of building waves of prayer across the globe, in which we are all engaged. We wish to emphasize that this is a World **Prayer** Assembly – not a World **Teaching** Assembly. As such we expect prayer (in its diversity) to be significantly part of every plenary and track, national gathering and stream. Any presentation or teaching should help develop this and flow into responsive and deliberative prayer.

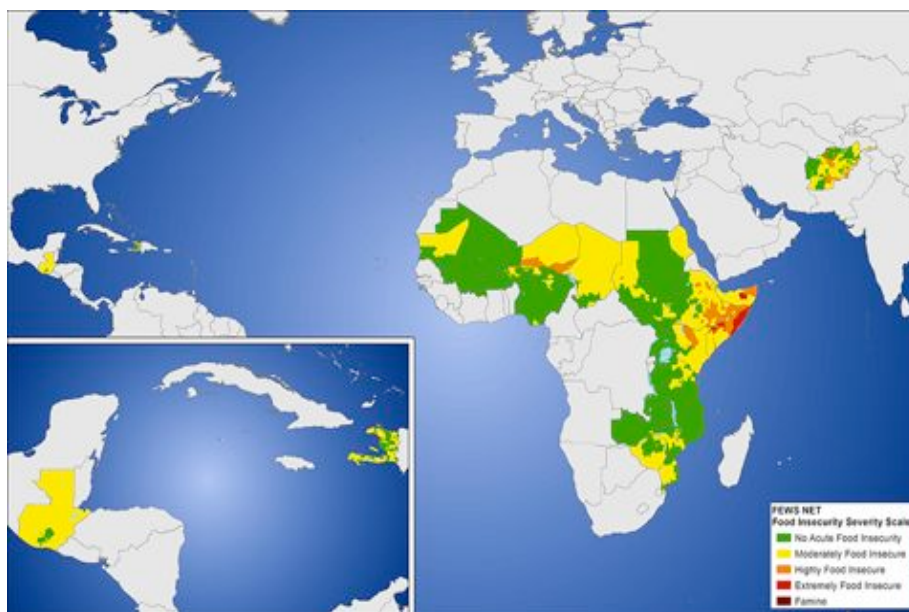


And we wish to emphasize our intention that **children and young people will be involved**, their opinions and suggestions sought and their public participation welcomed and proactively encouraged. This is a gathering of the grandfathers, grandmothers, fathers and mothers, and sons and daughters of prayer. The spirit of this tri-generational approach needs to be reflected publicly.

Plenary speakers and chairmen of sessions will have key roles in helping to shape the Assembly. But their task primarily should be to help everyone to engage thoughtfully and creatively through discussion and prayer, with the issue they are carrying. Listening to God directly, as well as through (and to) one another, will be of equal importance in this Assembly.

Brian Mills, IPC Senior Advisor
On behalf of the WPA Program Task Force
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Call to Prayer for the Drought and Famine Crisis in East Africa



Over 11 million people in Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia and the newly formed Republic of South Sudan have been left in need of food, water and emergency healthcare. The U.N. calls it “the worst drought for 60 years), and it is this severe drought that has forced thousands of people to flee their homes and cross their country’s borders in search of aid. Southern Somalia is already experiencing famine – the first for 19 years – and unless the international community acts quickly, it may spread to the rest of the country within months. “We still do not have all the resources for food, clean water, shelter and health services to save the lives of hundreds of thousands of Somalis in desperate need,” said Marke Bowden, the U.N. humanitarian coordinator for Somalia.

The long-running conflict in Somalia has made it very difficult and dangerous for aid agencies to operate inside the country, complicating the crisis. Al-Shabaab, an Islamist insurgent group linked to al Qaeda, has recently once again banned international relief efforts, making it impossible for food agencies to help those most at risk.

From an article by Bryony Jones, CNN

<http://globalpublicsquare.blogs.cnn.com/2011/07/22/what-has-caused-the-east-africa-crisis/>

Please pray for a lifting of this ban by Al-Shabaab and for the resumption of effective relief efforts where they are most needed. Pray for the rescue of those in the region who need food, water and emergency healthcare and that the international community will be moved to take quick and appropriate action.

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10/40 WINDOW SUNDAY – OCTOBER 2, 2011

A special opportunity to focus prayer on a region of the world that is home to:

- the majority of the world’s Muslims, Hindus and Buddhists
- the majority of the world’s least-reached people groups
- the poorest of the poor (more than eight of every 10 impoverished people)
- 45 of the 50 nations where Christians are most persecuted

WHEN? The first Sunday of every October. This year, 10/40 Window Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday, October 2.

WHERE? In your home, with your small group, at church.... Anywhere Christians gather to seek the Lord.

WHY? Because the 10/40 Window is the “final frontier” of world missions. In order to finish the task given to the Church, we need to pray!

“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you....” – The Bible, Matthew 28:19,20

HOW? Mark Sunday, October 2 on your calendar. Tell your friends, family, small group, pastor.... Plan to join with Window International Network and countless Christians around the globe in interceding for the 10/40 Window.

You don't have to wait until October. Start praying today! Go to www.WIN1040.com for nation profiles, prayer points, and to learn about how you can get involved in reaching the people of the 10/40 Window.

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Another Mexican Drug Lord Captured!



Jesus Enrique Rejo Aguilar

Zetas cartel founder Jesus Enrique Rejo Aguilar and Pedro Ortega Herrera were arrested Sunday. "Mexican authorities said Monday that they had arrested a Zetas drug cartel leader who was connected with the killing of a U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agent this year. Federal police captured Jesus Enrique Rejon Aguilar, known as "El Mamito," Sunday, a top official with the agency said.

Rejon is suspected of being behind numerous deaths in northeastern Mexico, where the Zetas have been engaged in a turf battle with their former allies, the Gulf Cartel. He is also "connected to the attack against agents" of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement that killed Agent Jaime Zapata in February, a statement from Mexico's public safety secretary said. Mexican authorities called Rejon "one of the leaders and founders of the Zetas criminal organization." They said he was the third most powerful leader of the drug cartel, which was created by deserters of the Mexican Army's elite forces.

Rejon is also being investigated for the deaths of dozens of Central and South American migrants whose bodies were found in the northern Mexican state of Tamaulipas at a ranch just 100 miles south of the U.S. border. His arrest was called "a triumph for the Mexican government."



By Rafael Romo, Senior Latin American Affairs Editor, CNN
July 4, 2011

Late breaking news from CNN on July 25 says that over 1000 involved in human trafficking have been arrested in Juarez and 20 young women were rescued from their grip. President Calderon has

given Mexico's Congress 180 days to approve a new nationwide human trafficking law that will greatly streamline how authorities handle such cases across the country". With increasing frequency, he said, criminal organizations that ship and sell drugs and weapons have added human trafficking to their repertoire. "There are thousands and thousands of cases, in a society that is still unaware of the seriousness of this crime," he said. "We have to break through this curtain ... that is hiding from the Mexicans a criminal reality that is in front of us."

Mexican President Felipe Calderon

<http://edition.cnn.com/2011/WORLD/americas/07/25/mexico.human.trafficking/>

Praise God for these wonderful answers to prayer and please keep praying for the arrest of drug and human trafficking criminals and the overthrow of this horrific crime against women and children.

Pray for President Felipe Calderon, his colleagues and officials that they will be given God's wisdom and protection as they fight this battle with terrible evil. May they experience victory after victory until Mexico is fully delivered!

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USA-Mexico Border Prayer Alert

Bridgebuilders Prayer Network from Arizona reports the following answers to prayer in the Mexican drug war. Praise God for His intervention as we pray!

Praises!:

- Mexico's federal police have caught the top hitman for the Knight Templar drug gang in the western state of Michoacan, authorities said Wednesday.
- Also in Michoacan, authorities announced the seizure of 44 metric tons of chemicals used to produce methamphetamine.
- Mexican soldiers found the largest marijuana plantation ever detected in Meixo, a huge field covering almost 300 acres (120 hectares), the Defense Department said Thursday. The plantation is four times larger than the second biggest marijuana fields ever found by authorities.
- Pinal county deputies seized more than 1,800 pounds of marijuana in the Vekol Valley, a well-known smuggling corridor. The marijuana had a street value of more than \$1 million."

They ask our continued prayer for the following issues:

Pray:

- **For officials to see the plans of the smugglers with new eyes. May they be alert to all situations and not become complacent in their watching.**
- **For freedom from drug addiction so there will be no need to supply the demand.**
- **Especially for the young people to not be drawn into this lifestyle.**

www.bridgebuilders.net

Prayer Alert – 6 Million North Koreans in Jeopardy – Need for Immediate Food Aid

North Korea's food shortage has reached a crisis point because the agricultural sector was affected by torrential rains and the coldest winter in 60 years. Six Million are living "on the knife edge" and will go hungry without food aid according to the World Food Program.

Please pray for the \$224 million needed—that it will be supplied quickly and get to those who are suffering want.



Prayer Initiative for North Korea (PINK), September 19-22, 2011

Prayer Initiative of the Organizers of Several Korean Prayer Organizations Supported by the IPC:

1. We want to bring together about 300 local and 100 foreign prayer leaders from all over the world to pray for critical breakthroughs regarding the issues regarding North Korea and for its liberation.
2. We also want PINK 2011 to be a stepping-stone for the World Prayer Assembly, May 14-18, 2012 in Jakarta, Indonesia—more information available at www.wpa2012.org.
- 2.1 We aim to download strategies from the heaven for the global prayer issues of this generation: Islamization of the globe, the homosexual agenda, increasing natural disasters, restructuring of the global economy, etc.
- 2.2 We want to connect various prayer networks all over the world to be united in focused prayers for these things.
3. We expect that nation-wide prayer networks can emerge in Japan, China, and Korea, and that these networks can be joined with each other to form an East Asian prayer network.

A Call to Prayer for the Liberation of North Korea

Korea is the only divided country in the world and many people in North Korea are dying in hunger and oppression every day. Several million have already perished under the regimes of Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il. The appalling human tragedies we see there have come about through the spirit of communism and idolization of egocentric leaders. The current rising prosperity of South Korea is a huge contrast, much of it certainly resulting from the influence of the gospel and its vigorous prayer movement.

To bring down the barriers around North Korea and set the people there free, we believe that God is calling the nations, including those who delivered His gospel to South Korea in the past, to pray together for the decisive breakthroughs we need to see in the North. Pyongyang was once called the “Jerusalem of the East” during the 1907 revival that swept Korea, so we believe that as we pray, the Lord is able to transform and restore North Korea to its former spiritual greatness.

We do not believe that this is only a matter of North Korea itself. As this most oppressive national situation on earth is death with by bringing down barriers and setting the people free, we will also see the ancient doors in the other nations open, and the King of Glory come in to reign. ‘Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.’ (Psalm 24:7).

The current situation in North Korea cries out for an international prayer initiative like this. These are some of the ways it has been described in the media and by those who have been there as eyewitnesses:

- Largest prison camp in the world
- Worst human rights violating country
- Worst persecutor of Christians
- 4 million North Koreans have died of starvation since 1995
- Economy “literally collapsed, operating at about 20%” due to adherence to juche central planning failures
- Famine again stalks the land
- 500,000 fled to China for survival, mostly women and 80% of them raped and sexually trafficked
- 1 million killed in concentration camps with cruel brutality
- North Korean people “the most isolated, most persecuted, and most suffering”

Please pray with us for what we believe will be a history-shaping initiative for the last divided nation. God brought down the Berlin Wall, uniting East with West Germany, after a concerted strategic prayer initiative. He also united black and white South Africa on the verge of Bloody civil war as His people prayed so a new nation was born. He can do the same for Korea, liberating the North and reintegrating it peacefully with the South. Let’s believe Him for this to happen!

Prayer Concerns for PINK:

- 1. Please pray for PINK 2011 and its effective organization.**
- 2. Pray for the right ministry leaders and intercessors to take part from within South Korea and around the world.**
- 3. Ask the Lord to unite us and give us His strategies for the issues of our time and for breakthrough in North Korea.**
- 4. Prayer for a documentary prayer video on North Korea being prepared now that will help rally prayer around the world.**
- 5. Pray for the formation of a regional prayer network for NE Asia.**

Thank for your support for this initiative and for His healing and transformation of the Korean peninsula!

For more information about the PINK initiative, please contact Youngchae Song of All Nationals Intercessors, one of the sponsoring bodies in the new national prayer network that is organizing this prayer initiative. His email address is ysong1@gmail.com.

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ERITREA: Dozens captured in crackdown on Christians *June 7, 2011* **As reported by Christian Solidarity Worldwide, June 7, 2011**

“Over the last two months, Eritrean authorities have arrested dozens of Christians, including 26 college students, in a fresh crackdown.”



Renewed Crackdown on Christians

News of a fresh wave of arrests in Eritrea has recently come to light. According to the NGO Release-Eritrea, approximately 90 Christians, including several Christian students, have been imprisoned over the last two months following a renewed crackdown on religious freedom by one of the most repressive regimes on the African continent.

Sixty-four Christians were arrested in May this year in Adi Abeito, an area close to the capital city, and detained in Asmara's 6th Police Station. Six have been released, but there is confusion regarding the whereabouts of the remaining 58 detainees, who are thought either to still be detained in the 6th Police Station or to have been moved to Mitire Prison, where conditions are extremely harsh and torture occurs routinely. During a 2009 CSW (Christian Solidarity Worldwide) visit to Eritrean refugees in Africa, former prisoners described Mitire, an open-air facility located in the desert, where there are poisonous snakes. There are no medical facilities, and prisoners receive very little food. The staple diet is lentil soup, although prisoners can at times bake bread from sorghum. They are made to work hard constructing buildings for officers, and most leave the facility after falling gravely ill. At least twelve Christians are known to have died in custody in Eritrea since the repression in May 2002.

Arrest and 'Disappearance' of 26 College Students

On 2 June, 26 college students from Mai-Nefhi College of Technology, southwest of Asmara, were arrested. Their whereabouts is yet to be confirmed although some sources report that they too may have been transferred to Mitire Prison. The circumstances surrounding these arrests are unclear; however, Release-Eritrea reports that on previous occasions the authorities have detained Christian students for alleged unwillingness to participate in Independence Day Celebrations.

Thousands of Christians Imprisoned Since 2002

In May 2002, the Eritrean Government effectively banned all but the Orthodox, Catholic and Lutheran churches of Eritrea. Since then, thousands of Christians have been detained and held in appalling conditions, often in military prisons, underground cells, or in metal shipping containers in searing desert heat. Between 2,000 and 3,000 Christians are currently being held without charge or trial. Several people have died in prison as a result of torture, treatable illnesses and malnutrition. The regime also harasses “permitted” churches. Around 1,700 Orthodox clergy of all ranks have been forced out of the church, and at least 24 are known to be detained, including the legitimate Orthodox patriarch, Abune Antonios.

To find out more, visit the Eritrea country page: www.csw.org.uk

Please pray for His encouragement and deliverance for fellow believers suffering extreme persecution in Eritrea and elsewhere in our world.

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Pray and give thanks for what the Lord is doing in Pakistan!

Here is an encouraging report on how God is answering prayer for the nation of Pakistan from one who has been intimately involved in the prayer movement there for many years:

“PRAISE for what God did in Global Day Of Prayer!



KARACHI Because of security issues, the Global Day of Prayer was observed a little differently than previously. There were fewer large gatherings in central places. However, many came together in larger churches or courtyards. In a few places, churches congregated together in parks with about 800 attendees. Some of these groups had separate meetings for the children. Those who had the boldness to meet in public places were again and again greeted with comments by Muslims: “You are praying for our country and praying blessings for our country. We do not do that.” What a testimony.

LAHORE Lahore has never had more than about 150 for the GDOP. Last year we divided the city up into four areas. After all their hard work of preparation, some of the leaders were quite discouraged about the turnout for GDOP. After going through what happened in

each area with them and adding up the figures they were amazed that 400-430 took part. They were able to rejoice in what God was doing.

OTHER PLACES Other cities took part, and many villages between Lahore and Karachi where there are few Christians met to pray. PRAISE God for what HE is doing. PRAY people will see the need to pray for their country and continue to pray throughout the year.

Prayer is beginning to catch on. The slogan, “Love Pakistan. Pray for Pakistan” is rising up around the country. Another encouraging thing is that more are beginning to reach out to the lost. When you start to “pray and love Pakistan” and give them unreached people groups to love and pray for, it is only natural that God gives them a desire to reach those people. PRAISE God. May this grow.

PRAY for God to raise up strong, effective prayer leadership from within the Pak Church. PRAY for the right people to be raised up with both motivational/administrative gifts as well as spiritual leadership.

We asked for prayer for the “BANNING OF THE BIBLE IN PAKISTAN.”

PRAISE - this seems to have quieted down some and is not a frontline item. May it not rise up again.

RAMZAN (MONTH OF FASTING) will be from August 2-29. (Dates depend on the sighting the moon with the naked eye and may vary up to three days within Pakistan.) This is a time when hunger and the extreme summer temperatures cause tempers to flare and fights and riots to break out. Street demonstrations take place. May these not be directed against Christians. It is a time when Muslims desire to appease their god. May they find the TRUE GOD and experience His love.

A 52-page prayer guide to pray for Muslims during this period is found at www.30-days.net.
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Terror of the Taliban



A BBC News report included video footage appearing to show the execution-style killing of

16 policemen in the restive north-west of Pakistan was released by the Taliban. The article says:

“The video shows policemen lined up on a hillside with their hands tied behind their backs in front of gunmen who berate them and then open fire on them. The incident is said to date from June when militants crossed the Afghan border and captured police...At least 25 Pakistani troops were also killed during the prolonged clash. The Pakistani Taliban claimed responsibility for that attack.

The footage released by the Taliban is disturbing. The policemen are lined up on the left with only a few moments to live. On the right, a local Pakistani Taliban commander accuses them of being the enemies of Islam and says God wants him to punish them. He also talks about Pakistan’s security forces lining up six “children” from Swat and shooting them, referring to footage that emerged last year which appeared to show six young Taliban suspects being led into a forest and killed by soldiers – the army claims that video is fake.

Human rights groups say there is considerable evidence that Pakistan’s army has also conducted summary executions of suspected Taliban militants – an accusation the army denies. <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-south-asia-14181938>

Please pray that the Taliban in both Afghanistan and Pakistan will be set free from their violent and destructive course and that these two nations will be able to enjoy peace and healing.

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Targeted Killings of Innocent Civilians in the Nuba Mountains of South Sudan



“About the current situation in the Nuba Mountains, there is intensive fighting going on...A continued fighting jets bombardment all over the Mountains is a daily program for the Sudanese Government. Twenty people were killed in Kurchi three weeks ago. Three victims died in Alatmor village. Hundreds are reported injured. The report from the Sudanese Government says that the military should clear the Nuba Mountains and destroy all churches built by the Samaritan Purse, but we trust that God the Creator of the universe

will not allow this to happen to His beloved creation. Brother...we are God's children, and we confidently own His protection and strength."

The Church and membership, many of whom are Nuban, have been subjects of targeted attacks by the SAF and Government of Sudan police since the violence erupted in Southern Kordofan...Reported human rights violations include: aerial bombardments resulting in destruction of property; forced displacement; significant loss of civilian lives, including women, children, and the elderly; abductions; house-to-house searches; arbitrary arrests and detentions; targeted killings; summary executions; reports of mass graves; systematic destruction of dwellings and attacks on churches." To download the full report, please click [here](#).

This situation is VERY worrying indeed. Please pray that God would turn into good, what the enemy intends for evil. God still reign supreme - praise Him for that. Please keep fellow brethren in the Nuba Mountains under severe oppression right now in your prayers.

Blessings,
Norman Johnson
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"Raising Up a New Generation from the 4-14 Window to Transform the World"
www.4to14window.com

Will you pray for the 4/14 Generation?

This prayer bulletin will be focusing on the 3rd Global 4/14 Summit being held in Singapore, 6th-9th September, 2011. The Summit will serve as a platform for **10 Global Tracks** to significantly expand their reach in advocating for the 4/14 Window movement through their track focus. In this issue, we will be highlighting prayer requests for two of the 10 tracks.

CHILDREN IN TRANSFORMATIONAL MINISTRY:

The purpose of this track is to provide children a voice throughout the Summit and beyond and to recognize and empower child ambassadors as emerging leaders and key influencers.

Prayer Requests:

Pray for each child ambassador as they prepare their hearts to represent their nation and generation:

1. They would hear God's heart and have insight and wisdom to be His voice.
2. They would have soft teachable hearts and a hunger to seek after God.
3. They would be empowered and envisioned re: their role in God's Kingdom.

"Pray that the eyes of their hearts may be enlightened in order that they may know the hope to which he has called them, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for those who believe." Ephesians 1:18

Pray for the adult leaders:

1. That they would support, encourage and release the children into all God has for them.

2. For God's blessing and protection over their families.
3. For a deepening of their personal relationship with God.
4. That they would hear God's heart regarding children and the way forward.

MISSION STRUCTURES TRACK:

In this track, leaders of mission structures (mission sending organizations, mission agencies and researchers will affirm and enforce the 4/14 movement as the global missional focus for this decade.

Prayer Requests:

1. Pray for a new movement among mission structure leaders to see how a focus on the 4/14/ Window moves the Great commission forward greatly!
2. Pray for anointing for the speakers and presenters as they share innovative models, stories, and practical examples of how 4/14 focus can be implemented for radical positive change in their structures, organizations, ministries.
3. Pray for humble, soft and repentant hearts to hear the voice of God regarding children.
4. Pray for anointing for tools and videos that are being produced to communicate God's heart to mission structure leaders.

An encouragement from Psalm 78:4-7

Let us tell the 4/14 generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, His power, and the wonders He has done. Let us respond to the command He gave our ancestors to teach our children God's ways, His principles, His commands, so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born; that they in turn will tell their children; that they will put their trust in God, will not forget His deeds and will keep His commands.

What is the 4-14 Window?

The 4-14 Window refers to the demographic group from age 4-14 years old, which is the most open and receptive form of spiritual and developmental input. God is calling us to a new missional focus: the 4-14 Window golden age of opportunity to transform the world. God is calling us to radically change the way we view children to respond to their strategic importance and rightful place in His Kingdom. This often ignored and suffering people group can be transformed into a precious window of opportunity. In God's hands, this enormous and largely ignored people group can become agents of transformational mission under the headship of Jesus Christ.

The 4/14 Global Summit III Singapore, 6-9th September 2011

There will be 3 different groups actively participating in the Summit and contributing to the movement but with differing roles:

The NFT (National and Facilitating Team) Forum: This will be a gathering of national and regional facilitating teams. Their role is to drive and coordinate 4/14 catalytic events in their respective countries and regions.

The Global Track Summits: The task of the tracks is to broaden advocacy and accelerate mobilization. Each Track holding a Global Summit will use their time to generate a strategy for greater advocacy and mobilization. (The purpose of the Track is not training or equipping in nature.)

The Global Resource and Support Networks (GRSN) Workshop Sessions: These are ministries, networks, and organizations eager to contribute and engage with the 4/14 Movement by providing resources and support (tools, curriculum, literature, training modules, program content, etc.). www.kidspray.org.au
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The Response USA, August 6, 2011, Reliant Stadium, Houston, Texas



In a recent conference call with Governor Rick Perry of Texas, he said: "It will be a time to call out to God... to get on our knees and pray. America faces an abundance of crises. Like the Founding Fathers, Harry Truman and others, we need God to bless and guide us... We need to set aside our differences and get on our knees to pray."

No political placards are being permitted and clothing with political statements is being strongly discouraged. It is a time for seeking the Lord through prayer and fasting only. There will also be a simulcast via the Internet that you can tune into if you are unable to be there at Houston's Reliant Stadium in person.

A National Solemn Assembly called **The Response: A Call to Prayer for a Nation in Crisis**, will be held on Saturday, August 6, 2011, in Reliant Stadium in Houston, Texas. There will be no political agenda, no merchandise sold, no ministries promoted, no literature distributed and no offering taken. Registration is free. This event will not promote any denomination or organization. It will simply be a gathering of those who love God and love America in response to this invitation to join together and ask for His mercy, guidance, wisdom and provision. The website, www.theresponseusa.com, will give you critical information and help you see how this movement is building across the USA and among national church leaders."

Please pray for the USA at this crucial time in the nation's history and for the success of this timely attempt to bring Christ's people together to pray for God's deliverance of the nation.

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Himalayan Global Summit, 14-16 September in Hong Kong



One of its organizers requests our prayer support for the Global Summit for the Himalayan people.

Please pray for:

1. the Himalayan Global Summit 2011 core committee for God's wisdom and guidance from the Holy Spirit as they work towards the preparation for the conference.
2. God's provision for the needed finance through churches and individuals.
3. Hong Kong visas, especially for Nepal delegates.
4. Regional coordinators to mobilize prayer in their region.
5. For the keynote speakers/workshop leaders and the Hong Kong committee.

http://hgs2011.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=7&Itemid=15
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Call to Prayer for the World Prayer Assembly (WPA), May 14-18, 2012
(www.wpa2012.org)



Please keep praying for the WPA! Your prayer support will be all-important to the planning of this event which is intended to be a “new paradigm” for an international congress—carried out Acts 13-style—incorporating listening to God, united prayer, and strategic implementation of world-impacting action that proceeds out of that encounter with the Lord and one another.

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IPC EVENTS CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	DETAILS
2011		
June 13-September 10	90 Days of Blessing (the Global Day of Prayer)	http://www.globaldayofprayer.com/90days_prayer.html (downloadable prayer guide at this website)
August 1-30	30 Days of Prayer for the Muslim World	www.30-days.net
August 6	The Response—Call to prayer for a nation in crisis, Houston, Texas, USA	www.theresponseusa.com
August 10-13	6 th Annual Sudan Prayer Seminar in Malawi	www.sudanpartners.org
August 13-17	International Children Intercessors Conference (ICIC), Chennai, India	http://royalkids.org//icic.php
September 5-September 2, 2012	Pray 52—A year of non-stop prayer for the church and by the church for 52 weeks in 52 nations with Christian minorities	pray52@supermail.co.za
September 14-16	Himalayan Global Summit 2011	http://hgs2011.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=7&Itemid=15
September 14-17	India Mission Association National Leadership Conference, IMA Vision City, Hyderabad	www.imaindia.org
September 19-21	Prayer Initiative for North Korea (PINK) in Seoul, South Korea 300 local church leaders and 50 international prayer leaders and intercessors	Purpose: Gathering South Korean church and prayer leaders with internationals to pray for the liberation of North Korea and for the healing and transformation of the Korean peninsula. If you are in prayer ministry, you can write to our office for an invitation.
September 27-October 1	North American Prayer Summit	Purpose: Annual summit of Canada, Mexican, and U.S. prayer leaders to pray for their 3 nations as well as common continental issues. Those in prayer ministry in North America are welcome to ask to be invited. Registration deadline, August 1 st . Email: office@ipcprayer.org
September	All Nations Convocation	www.jhopfan.org ; http://vimeo.co

28-October 9 (October 9-11, tour)	Jerusalem and Watchmen's Tour of Israel	m/18737493 (video)
October 2	10/40 Window Sunday	www.win1040.com
October 2	Day of Prayer for the Peace of Jerusalem	www.daytopray.com/What-Is-DPPJ.aspx
October 20-22	Commonwealth Christian Assembly (SHINE).	Celebrating the 54 nations of the Commonwealth plus its friends. Held in Perth, Australia prior to the heads of government meeting (CHOGM). 50 nations now taking part. www.commonwealthprayer.org/assembly.html
October 24-29	CONVERGE during the CHOGM week.	Night and day prayer, worship, special events, and sessions with international and local teams. www.commonwealthprayer.org
November 11	Global Day of Worship	www.globaldayofworship.com
2012		
January 27-29	The 13 th Annual Sudan Prayer Gathering in South Africa combined with a Global Concert of Prayer for Sudan	www.sudanpartners.org
March 24- April 6	Un-Lock North Africa Prayer Journey to Algeria and Istanbul	accounts@cityharvest.org.au
April 8 (Easter)	Release of "Messiah" movie	www.injesusnameproductions.org
May 14-18	World Prayer Assembly, Jakarta, Indonesia	www.wpa2012.org

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The IPC Website

The website consists of the following sections, and we would appreciate it if you could assist us in the following ways:

1. Home: Please send us news of *international prayer-related* interest such as upcoming initiatives and conferences. We will update our calendar regularly with such dates.
2. Regions: Please send us strategic prayer requests and alerts for your nation or region.

Please send your suggestions to the IPC administrator Cheryl Sharps at

office@ipcprayer.org
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About International Prayer Connect (IPC)

OUR VISION:

"Compelled by God to seek Christ's glory worldwide for the blessing, healing, and transforming of the nations, International Prayer Connect exists as a coalition of prayer networkers and mobilizers working together to motivate, develop and equip national movements and local churches to fill all nations with prayer for the fulfillment of the Great Commandment and the completion of the Great Commission."

HOW WE OPERATE:

The IPC is not an organization as such. We are a fellowship of people involved in mobilizing prayer throughout the world. We function as an international "network of networks", connecting international, regional, and national prayer ministries and networks. We also arrange or support special prayer initiatives that bring prayer leaders together from time to time to pray for matters of regional and global concern to the Body of Christ. Regional prayer summits have been arranged or supported by the IPC in most regions of the world as well as international prayer initiatives for the United Nations, Hollywood, and other issues.

The IPC is led by an international leadership team, now called the International Prayer Council, is composed of twenty leaders who coordinate regional prayer networks or international prayer initiatives of various kinds. We seek to be catalysts and connectors within the global prayer movement towards the fulfillment of Habakkuk 2:14- that *"the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea."*

We do not have an official membership but connect with individuals and networks through *IPC Connections*, a periodical newsletter distributed via e-mail to give prayer information to interested people. Please share this newsletter with prayer coordinators, prayer network leaders, and others who have an interest in the global prayer movement so that they can be informed about different prayer initiatives, existing prayer networks, and how to participate in them.

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