

MARCH 2011

Tuesday 1 March 2011

Focus on evangelism: Manually generated Bible

When broadcasting on short wave or medium wave, mountains, valleys, and winter weather can often prevent the programmes from getting through! This is also true in KwaZulu-Natal (KZN). Add to this the broad displacement of people, the lack of electricity, and the difficulty in acquiring batteries! *Trans World Radio (TWR)* now distributes 'Sabers' to KZN listeners. It looks like a radio, but doesn't need batteries! The listener can generate the power required to operate the device by winding it up. The "radios" also don't need to receive a signal. They are embedded with two gigabytes worth of *TWR* programming. After three to six months, the Saber devices may be returned to be updated.

Website: <http://www.twrafrica.org/0267.asp> Praise God for this amazing device. Pray for listeners to become evangelists, spreading the gospel in rural areas across South Africa. Pray that children will listen, believe and find hope.

Focus on evangelism: USA Office of World Mission Centre

The USA office is responsible for rolling out *Live School* in Guyana, South America. The church in this country is still young and needs a lot of encouragement and training. *Live School* is ideal as it disciples people and gives them vision to reach the unreached living in the jungles and towns. Pray for the church in Guyana to grow strong in the Lord. Pray that God will use the *Live School* DVD-set in a powerful way to disciple people and give them vision to reach the lost.

World Mission Centre. Tel.: 012 343 1165 or fax: 012 343 1167. Websites: www.liveschool.org and www.worldmissioncentre.com or e-mail: chrissien@liveschoolsa.org or info@worldmissioncentre.com

There is one thing we need above everything else; it is something we do not talk about these days. We need a mighty avalanche of conviction of sin. - Leonard Ravenhill

Wednesday 2 March 2011

Focus on sustainable energy: Global power generators competing for SA coal

South Africa exports about 25% of its coal production, making it the world's fourth-largest exporter of coal. India and China's economic growth (both of which are over 8% per annum) have caused export prices for coal to increase to levels that are above those that South Africa would pay for electricity generation, making it more attractive to sell to the export market. Please pray that this situation will not influence the current power shortage negatively and for wise planning for our nation's own needs in years to come. Also continue to pray for the upgrading of existing, and building of new infrastructure e.g. railways, so that the economy can benefit and the existing need of various products will be addressed.

Website: <http://www.esi-africa.com/node/11284> Pray that the government will not in any way be blinded by short-term financial gain from big companies and nations that will cause destruction to our nation in years to come.

Focus on the nations: Finland

One quarter of Finland's territory lies north of the Arctic Circle. Despite a short growing season, Finland is self-sufficient in meat, grains and dairy products. Since 1998, Finland has been ranked as the world's least corrupt country. In April 2003, Finland appointed its first female prime minister, making it the only country in Europe with both a female president and prime minister. It is encouraging to see many houses of prayer emerging in Finland. Pray for connections to grow between them. Ask that God will raise up spiritual fathers and mothers to equip and release the next generation. Also pray for boldness for believers to meet with people outside the church walls. Pray for pastors, that they will have hearts to build the kingdom, not just within their own church.

Website: <http://www.24-7prayer.eu/#/finland/4541109825> Pray for Finland to be a blessing to the nations through economic and spiritual means.

Thursday 3 March 2011

2011 Focus on national revival

All of Scripture is inspired by the Holy Spirit. Those who study the Word will be taught to do God's work; the Word will teach us what is true and make us realise what is wrong in our lives. It straightens us out and teaches us to do what is right so that every Christian may be fully equipped for all good work (**2 Tim.3:16-17; 1 Pet.1:20-21**). Pray for the authority of the Word to be restored in the church, that people will submit themselves to the Word, accept the authority of the Word and obey the Word. Ask God to inspire people to read and obey the Word. Read **2 Tim.3:16-17; 1 Pet.1:20-21** carefully. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you the depth and importance of these words and how to apply them in your life.

Focus on the nations: Bulgaria

Bulgaria, situated in south-eastern Europe, is dominated by rugged mountains and characterizes one of Eastern Europe's least densely populated nations. Most of the population is urban; about 83% are Orthodox Christians, 12% are

Muslim. Communist rule ended in 1989 and democratic change began. Please pray for every individual in Bulgaria to have a personal encounter with the Lord Jesus. Also pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Bulgarian church to return to her first Love and spread that message to others. Website: <http://www.24-7prayer.eu>
There are exciting developments in terms of a national prayer network. Pray that it will expand and that it will become strong and mature.

Friday 4 March 2011

Focus on Global Day of Prayer (GDOP)

In South Africa many cities / towns / townships and villages had prayer events where Christians came together on 23 May 2010 to pray and exalt God's Name. These events ranged from small groups praying together at home to a few big events where thousands were gathered to unite in prayer. The next GDOP is around the corner in 3 months' time. Please pray for thousands to start crying out to God during this time, so that people from every tribe and tongue and nation may gather to pray in His name.

Global Day of Prayer. P.O. Box 3856, Somerset West, 7129. Tel.: 021 856 3130 or fax: 086 675 8584 / 021 856 1174. Website: <http://www.globaldayofprayer.com/> or e-mail: info@globaldayofprayer.com

Focus on evangelism: Facebook and Twitter

Since *Facebook* is accessible worldwide with coverage in many languages, it provides a range of opportunities for cross-cultural evangelism. There are multiple options for sharing the Good News cross-culturally on *Facebook*. For more info visit: <http://www.Internetevangelismday.com/facebook-missions.php> and <http://www.Internetevangelismday.com/twitter>. Please pray for new users of the Internet to discover these websites and that the Holy Spirit will work a desire in them to ask questions about Christ. Ask for new believers to benefit from this as well and to grow spiritually.

Saturday 5 March 2011

Road safety focus: Highway Ministry Prayer Patrol

Highway Ministry is an interdenominational ministry focusing on the trucking and taxi industries, as well as all road users. It is a non-profit organisation with a mission to proclaim the Word to, and establish the love of Jesus Christ in the hearts of all road users. Pray for this initiative to become thoroughly established and well supported. Ask that it will become a tool to help bring true transformation in the hearts and minds of South African road users. Pray for favour with other role players as the organisation endeavours to connect with and strengthen existing programmes such as *Arrive Alive*. *Highway Ministry*. Tel.: 016 349 1996, fax: 086 502 8441 or e-mail: highwaymin@lantic.net

Focus on the nations: Russia

The Soviet Union was dismantled after a failed coup in 1991, producing Russia and 14 independent republics—with Russian minorities in most of these republics, totalling some 20 million. Russia seeks to protect these minorities, maintain its economic influence on resources (like oil), and confront separatism at home (as in Chechnya). Pray for integrity and wisdom for politicians and governments. Strong governments are needed in these states, but not governments that will rule in an authoritative way, without encouraging democratic participation from the population. Pray that freedom to worship and trade will be possible. Pray for economic stability, since the poverty of the majority and their hopelessness has stimulated crime, drug abuse, alcoholism, family breakdown and suicide to escalate to alarming heights. Cry out for God to pour out His Spirit on the church in Russia and send revival that will literally draw millions into His kingdom.

Website: <http://www.24-7prayer.eu/>

Sunday 6 March 2011

The believer's access to the Throne of God (2) (Cont. from 27 Feb.)

There are Biblical arguments why you can come before the throne of God boldly and speak with Him. So often people doubt or are uncertain whether God will hear them when they pray. Here are 5 reasons why you can come with boldness before the throne of God and know that He hears and answers.

On account of the blood: **Heb.10:19-22**: *Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.* On account of God's oath: **Heb.6:17**: *Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His*

counsel, confirmed it by an oath. On account of God's character: **Num.23:19**: "God is not a man, that He should lie, nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good? On account of our priestly role: **Rev.1:6**: ... and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. On account of the name of Jesus: **John 14:13-14**: And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it. (Quoted from *Praying with Purpose*, Bennie Mostert).

Monday 7 March 2011

Salvation focus: Specialist troops in the "Bush war"

In the old regime many individuals served as special troops to perform various services on behalf of their country. Now, 20 years later, many are still trying to live ordinary lives and come to terms with the past. Several however, continue to carry the vivid memories of the traumatic and often life-threatening situations they had to face, and difficult choices they had to make in serving their country. Please lift them up in prayer. Ask that they will find complete forgiveness, healing and peace in Christ and that the latter part of their lives will again have purpose as they attempt to right the wrongs. Ask God to open doors for them to testify of His love, find work and be able to contribute to the well-being of the nation.

Mongolian Christians want to connect to global body

Mongolia is sparsely populated with only 2.9 million people, and less than 1% of Mongolians are Christians. Through evangelistic and missionary activities of the Mongolian church, 300 home groups have been started throughout the country, and they have already sent missionaries to five other countries! Pray that God will raise up more leaders in the church and in the marketplace, who will exemplify Christ and disciple new believers. Website:

<http://www.mnnonline.org/article/14384>

Tuesday 8 March 2011

2011 Focus on national revival

Pray for a deep conviction of sin in the hearts of Christians. There are many lukewarm and backslidden Christians. Many Christians live with secret sins in their hearts, sins of the flesh, and hearts not fully focused on God (**Gal.5:19-21**). Pray for Christians for a desire to be free of the power and contamination of sin and fleshly lives, and to have hearts with a greater desire for God than for the world. Ask for the Holy Spirit to convict people of sin (**John 16:8-11**).

Focus on the nations: Lithuania

Ethnic groups: Lithuanian 84%, Polish 6.1%, Russian 4.9%, Belarusian 1.1%, other or unspecified 3.9% (2009). The Catholic Church plays a key role in the Lithuanian society, but it has not yet recovered from years of isolation and persecution, and is unprepared for the challenges of the 21st century. Please cry out to the Lord to send revival to this country, to draw people into His kingdom, and refresh the hearts of believers that have been pleading with Him for spiritual breakthroughs for years. Ask for an increase in Christian broadcasting, literature and Bibles. Pray to the Lord of the harvest to send His chosen labourers to Lithuania. Website: <http://www.24-7prayer.eu/> Pray for growth of the existing prayer network in Lithuania.

Wednesday 9 March 2011

Focus on SA's unemployment rate

SA's unemployment rate went up in 2010, confirming that even though the economy is recovering, jobs are still not being created. The official unemployment rate rose to 25.3%, a new five-year peak, led by formal job losses, particularly in manufacturing – the economy's second-biggest sector. SA's jobless total stands at 4.312m compared with 12.742m employed people.

Website: <http://www.ifr.sun.ac.za> or e-mail: future@ifr.sun.ac.za

Continue to pray for God's revelation in hearts of Christians to start sustainable new businesses that will create many job opportunities, as well as for new government initiatives that will create long-term solutions.

Focus on North Korea

North Korea tops the list of countries that persecute Christians. Current estimates suggest that some 200,000 North Koreans are in prison, many of whom are believed to be Christians. Religious prisoners are often subjected to harsher treatment and given the most dangerous tasks, all in an effort to force them to renounce their faith. When they refuse, they are often tortured to death. Those caught praying are normally beaten and tortured. Pray for Christian literature to soon find its way to those in need, without being traced. Ask for the persecuted and tormented to be faithful to Jesus

Christ. Pray for a spiritual revival that will change the nation and break the yoke of oppression. Website: <http://www.mnnonline.org/article/14435>

Thursday 10 March 2011

2011 Focus on national revival

Pray for the church to be baptised with the Holy Spirit and with fire (**Matt.3:11**). Ask God the Father for the power of the Holy Spirit in the church. People want the power of God, but often do not know what they are asking for, or how to prepare themselves for the Holy Spirit to come. When the power of God is in a congregation, there will be no empty seats. Where God pours out His Spirit upon congregations, people begin to live holy lives. The power of God comes into the church, leading to the salvation of people, and church members start reaching out to all kinds of needs of the people around them.

Focus on the nations: Slovenia

Slovenia has a strong Catholic tradition. However, the three main Christian groups (Catholic, Orthodox, and Lutheran) have little spiritual vitality. Widespread atheism and increasing rates of suicide and abortion challenge the role of the church in society. Pray that the many nominal Christians in the mainline churches will be awakened and come to personal faith in Christ. The Slovenian Bible Society has completed a translation into Slovene. Please pray for the effective distribution of the Bible throughout Slovenia via schools and secular bookshops and also the churches. Pray that God will reveal Jesus to individuals reading the new Bible. Website: <http://www.24-7prayer.eu>

Friday 11 March 2011

Prayer focus: Jericho Walls International Prayer Network

Please pray today for all staff members (and their families) of *Jericho Walls Prayer Network* and specifically for their physical health, their safety and protection from spiritual oppression. Ask that God will open new doors to promote prayer as a lifestyle in the different spheres of society, inspiring Christians to cry out to God. Continue to pray with us that prayer material will reach its destination, especially the *Jericho Walls Daily Prayer Guide* and for the availability of simple prayer material that can be used by children, young people and adults. *Jericho Walls International Prayer Network*, Private bag X22, Lynnwood Ridge, 0040. Tel.: 012 365 3213, fax: 086 594 0565.

Website: www.jwipn.com or e-mail: info@jwipn.com

Focus on Kenya: Deaf artists illustrate Bible stories

Three deaf Indians and one deaf Kenyan are spending countless hours drawing the gospel to help deaf people remember the gospel as they have seen it on a DVD in sign language! They draw a frame for each action, concept or visual step of the Biblical Bible story. One artist said this about his work, "I have to meditate on the stories in order to draw them. It causes me to walk much closer with the Lord." Praise God for the talent He has given these deaf men. Continue to pray for them to put God's heart in sign language and for many deaf people to come to know the Lord Jesus. *Wycliffe Prayer Focus Bulletin*.

Website: www.wycliffe.net or e-mail: Personnel_Southafrica@wycliffe.org

Saturday 12 March 2011

Focus on children: Foetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS)

Current data indicates that around 1 million children in SA are affected by mental or physical defects as a result of *Foetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS)*. Prevalence rates in some Western Cape and Northern Cape communities are as high as 8.8% and 10.2% of live births respectively, compared to 0.2% in the rest of the world. Fact a Day.

Website: <http://www.eighty20.co.za/databases/contact.cgi> or

e-mail: fact.a.day@eighty20.co.za

Lift up young mothers and their unborn babies in prayer; ask the Lord to reveal Himself to these young mothers in such a way that they will completely change their lifestyle and care well for their babies. Pray for the salvation of young men and women who do not want to be parents, but have to face that responsibility. Pray for the root of this problem and that people be delivered from substance abuse and find healing from the pain of past hurt and hopeless circumstances.

Focus on the nations: Denmark

The Kingdom of Denmark is a constitutional monarchy that includes the self-governing territories of the Faroe Islands in the Norwegian Sea, and Greenland, the world's largest island. Pray for a fresh visitation from God in Denmark, as only 14% of the 90% of the population who are members of the *Lutheran*

Peoples Church attend church. Young people have been particularly affected by the prevailing secularism and postmodernism of society, and have become more responsive to spiritual challenges. Ask that God will touch and open their hearts and cause them to yield to the magnificence of His Word and love. The New Danes', guest workers and refugees, need to hear the gospel. Pray that Danish Christians may be motivated to share their faith with them. Website: <http://www.24-7prayer.eu/>

Sunday 13 March 2011

2011 Focus on personal revival

Jesus clearly states that God the Father will give us the Holy Spirit if we ask Him to (**Luke.11:13**). In **Eph.5:18** Paul writes that we need to be filled with the Holy Spirit. It is clear from this verse that we need to be filled with the Holy Spirit daily and repeatedly. In **Matt.3:11** we read that John the Baptist said that Jesus would baptise us with the Holy Spirit and fire. Take these three scriptures, read them, meditate on them and pray them. Ask the Lord to baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire; for a daily infilling with the Holy Spirit. Seek the power of the Holy Spirit, because the whole Christian life flows from it.

Monday 14 March 2011

Salvation focus: Student Leaders

Voting for those in leadership positions at tertiary institutions involves a lot of tension and backbiting, and often also discrediting another's character in order to reach the possible position as student leaders of hostels, universities, etc. Please pray for young people with integrity to confess Jesus Christ as their Lord unashamedly. Pray for those in leadership positions at these institutions to have a personal encounter with God, and completely turn over their lives to Christ.

Pray for India

In the last year India has been experiencing very tumultuous times. Major floods hit the northeastern state of Bihar where 3.5 million people have been affected and many rendered homeless. There have been intensified attacks from Hindu activist groups against Christian believers and churches in India. Pray for God's wisdom upon the heads of the government, police force and antiterrorism squads. Ask that the attacks against Christians will give them many opportunities to testify of Christ and His love in such a way that even their attackers will be touched and surrender their lives to Jesus Christ.

Website: <http://www.everynation.org/pages/news/pray-for-india>

Tuesday 15 March 2011

2011 Focus on national revival

One of the most remarkable things we notice when reading the stories of the big revivals in history, is the prominent role children and young people played. Almost without exception, children and young people were involved in prayer for revival. It is encouraging to see the exceptional prayer awakening among both children and youth over the past 10 years. It seems to be a worldwide tendency. Pray that these movements will grow and deepen. Ask for spiritual leaders to give guidance to this prayer movement with great wisdom and insight.

Focus on the nations: Belarus

The 1986 nuclear disaster at Chernobyl, just south of Belarus in the Ukraine, contaminated one third of Belarus (meaning "White Russia"); 70% of the radiation affected its territory. Belarusians continue to suffer from high incidences of cancer and birth defects, and about 25% of the land is considered uninhabitable. Belarus has received far less attention from missions than her Slavic neighbours, Russia and the Ukraine. Pray the Lord of the harvest to send out long-term workers to serve in this needy land with a humble heart and mind. Ask God to visit this nation this year with revival in an unprecedented way.

Website: <http://www.24-7prayer.eu/>

Wednesday 16 March 2011

Focus on deliverance

Many Zulu families, even Christians, still depend on communicating with the spirits of the ancestors to help them in times of trouble or to guide them for the future. This particularly happens at important meetings such as weddings and funerals. Many are afraid of the ancestors and to be punished by them. Let us pray that these individuals will come to know God

as their Heavenly Father who lives forever and will guide them to everlasting life. Ask that their ears will not be shut to the true voice of our God and Father. Marlene Cathey, tel.: 035 5620 500 or e-mail: sukkotcoffee@gmail.com

Focus on the nations: Spain

The Catholic Church is in a serious crisis. Its loss of numbers and influence and the widespread mistrust of it as an institution have had a demoralising effect. Pray that the legacy of bondage and blindness may be removed and that the spiritual vacuum which is being filled by secularism and materialism will soon be turned around. There has not been the longed-for turning to a personal relationship with Christ as religious freedom has increased. Cry out for revival to wipe out the presence of the occult, mediums, witchcraft, astrology, parapsychology and Satanism which currently have a high profile in Spain as a nation.

Website: <http://www.24-7prayer.eu/#/spain/4542587450>

Thursday 17 March 2011

Focus on national revival

James Edwin Orr, one of the most well-informed people on revival, wrote: "History knows nothing of revival without prayer." Without prayer, there is no revival. There is no instance where revival could not be traced back to either an individual, or at least a group of believers who prayed for it. In the first place we need a **prayer revival** in the church. It has little impact to speak to people about the importance of prayer and then expect them to pray. It is only through prayer, when we pray for a prayer awakening in the church, that the Holy Spirit quickens people to pray. **Above all, let us pray for a prayer revival!**

Focus on Israel: Purim festival: 17-18 March 2011

The book of Esther tells us that Hamman was a descendant of Agag, an enemy of the Jews who wanted to wipe them out in Persia (now Iran). Today it seems that history is repeating itself. Consider fasting and praying this week, and go before the Throne of Grace asking the Father to redeem these people by the blood of His Son Jesus Christ. *Christian Friends of Israel*. Tel./fax: 012 361 1437.

Website: <http://www.cfjrusalem.org/> or e-mail: allwiese@lantic.net

Friday 18 March 2011

Focus on farm workers

Something is suddenly happening after 13 years of hard work by *Waterval Bediening* among farm workers in the Western and Northern Cape. Hundreds of workers are coming to Christ and remain excited about following Him. Many are disciplined to minister to others. Praise God for restoring relationships between workers and their colleagues and also between them and the farmers. Testimonies of deliverance from addictions, immoral behaviour and domestic violence are the order of the day. Please continue to pray for this and other similar ministries to continue their work, to have favour and for many more to come to know the Lord Jesus Christ. (*Waterval Bedieningstrust*. Tel.: 021 887 3060.

Website: www.watervalbediening.co.za or e-mail: waterval@mweb.co.za

Focus on Costa Rica

Costa Rica has recently elected an actively pro-life female president. Although abortion has remained illegal in this country up until now, there has been international pressure to legalise abortion. Praise God that Costa Rica has not legalised abortion. Pray for the new president, that she remains firm in her convictions and does not succumb to international pressure. Ask for Christian ministries supporting pregnant women in the country, showing them alternatives to abortion. Children at Risk Prayer News.

Website: <http://www.viva.org/> or e-mail: pray@viva.org

Saturday 19 March 2011

Focus on righteousness: Online system to combat ID fraud

South Africa's *Department of Home Affairs* is working on rolling out an online *Identity Document (ID)* verification system that is expected to cut down on document fraud in the country. The project will give the *South African Social Security Agency*, banks, insurers and retailers, among others, real-time access to the *Home Affairs National Identification System (Hanis)* in order to verify the identities of current and prospective clients.

Website: http://www.sagoodnews.co.za/general/online_system_to_combat_id_fraud.html

Give thanks to the Lord for answering many prayers in this respect. Ask that criminals will be caught, convicted and effectively punished for fraud.

Focus on the nations: Norway

Norway is situated in northern Europe and includes the Arctic Islands of Svalbard and Jan Mayen. Revival and persecution gave birth to many voluntary organisations within the church agencies, prayer houses and fellowships, which have great influence in promoting Christian schools, theological education and foreign missions. Ask that the church at large and its leadership may be committed to Biblical theology and faith. Also pray for revival once more, especially among the youth. Pray for the Saami in the far north who are culturally and linguistically very different. Committed Christians are relatively few. Website: <http://www.24-7prayer.eu/>

Sunday 20 March 2011

Focus on personal revival

What does your prayer life look like? Your prayer life is a mirror of your relationship with God. To pray is to express your relationship with God. So many of us lead lives in which prayer is sadly lacking; a symptom of a shallow relationship with God, or that something is wrong in your relationship with God. Is prayer not part of your life? Now is the time to make the choice to remedy the situation. Speak to God about it. You need more than good intentions to pray. Ask God to pour out His Spirit of prayer and supplication in your heart (**Zech.12:10**). It is the Holy Spirit that teaches you to pray and who helps you grow in your prayer life (**Rom.8:26**).

Monday 21 March 2011

Salvation focus: Captains of sports teams

Sport plays a very important role in the lives of people in our country. Pray today for every captain of a sports team you know, that they will have a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus, confess Him and set a humble example of a true leader. Pray for Christian captains, to walk in integrity at all times, not to take bribes or become involved in any form of indiscretion.

Focus on human trafficking in West-Africa

Human trafficking is not always forced prostitution or child labour on plantations and in mines. Children from West Africa are enrolled in football-schools, with the hope of getting a contract at a European club, their families often paying up to € 5.000 to set up a trial with a minor European team, even if the kid is obviously not good enough. Eventually they end up roaming the streets of Europe as illegal immigrants. Other children leave their parents, thinking that they are going to a football-school or a foreign club, but then are forced to work in the mines and plantations of West Africa. Life expectation is incredibly short for these child workers. Website: www.ywam.eu/weeklyword Pray for children in these circumstances to have opportunities to know Jesus Christ and for many to be released from their unbearable situations.

Tuesday 22 March 2011

2011 Focus on national revival

A close study of revivals over the past 300 years shows that almost without exception, the Spirit of God used small prayer groups to pray for revival. It usually starts with a small prayer group (3-5 people). Then there is a multiplication of prayer groups. Often the growth is tenfold, at other times even up to hundreds of prayer groups are formed, bringing on a growing hunger and thirst for God. One of the most important things we can do in preparing for revival, is to start prayer groups; in congregations, the marketplace, friends coming together to pray, young people and children.

Focus on the nations: San Marino

Originally a medieval city-state, it is the world's oldest republic. San Marino takes pride in its finely minted coins, ceremonial guard, and postage stamps. Well-preserved castles and sweeping vistas of the Adriatic coast enchant 3.5 million visitors a year. Thank God for the peaceful history of this tiny nation, on a continent where few countries have managed to escape the rigours of war. Pray that doors will open for those who sense God's call to start new churches in San Marino. The population is 100% Roman Catholic. Pray that God's Spirit will blow through this nation, and that those who are Christians in name only, will come to life in Jesus, and will have a hunger to know Him and to live for Him.

Website: <http://www.24-7prayer.eu/>

Wednesday 23 March 2011

Focus on SA's impact on global economy

South Africa's three year chairmanship of the *International Organisation of Supreme Audit Institutions (INTOSAI)* will give us a chance to influence events affecting global economies. It is an international body of public sector auditors, with 188 member states, including over 50 African states. It will look at the value and benefits of having auditors general, the approach to auditing, environmental issues and sustainable development.

Website:http://www.sagoodnews.co.za/economy/bigger_voice_for_sa_in_world_economy.html?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=e-mail&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+SAGoodNews+%28SA+The+Good+News%29

Pray for opportunities to have bilateral talks with several nations on issues such as fraud and corruption, public debt and intensifying the independence of auditors general. Ask that these talks will bear the fruit of the Holy Spirit and influence people to introduce and establish Biblical principles.

Focus on radio-gospel-outreach

Two of SAT-7 ARABIC's (a Christian satellite network in the Middle East) newest programs "Safari Service" and "Stand and Build" are taking the gospel directly to SAT-7's viewers. In "Safari Service" a bus, loaded with a Pastor, Christian teachers, musicians and young people, drives to remote villages, hospitals and orphanages to bless the people living there. In "Stand and Build" SAT-7 connects people with Christian humanitarian aid groups who can help to meet their needs.

SAT-7. Website: <http://www.sat7.org/>

Praise God for both of these programs that are helping to satisfy the spiritual, psychological and the physical needs of SAT-7's viewers. Pray for lasting fruit and the spiritual growth of new believers.

Thursday 24 March 2011

2011 Focus on national revival

Pray for greater spiritual depth in **spiritual leaders**, for a more intimate relationship with God and a baptism with the Holy Spirit and with fire. Ask for renewed insight into the Word, spiritual power and authority in their preaching and that God Himself, through the Holy Spirit, will give leaders messages and boldness to preach. Ask that men and women who live holy lives, will not compromise Biblical principles. Do not pray with condemnation in your heart and do not accuse spiritual leaders before God. The devil is the accuser of believers. We have to intercede for, and not judge leaders.

Focus on the nations: Vatican City

The Vatican City State is situated on the Vatican hill, within the city of Rome. The pope has full legal, executive, and judicial powers. Executive power over the area is in the hands of a commission of cardinals appointed by the pope. From this state within the city of Rome, the pope ministers to a flock of more than a billion Roman Catholics. The Holy See maintains diplomatic relations with more than 150 countries; issues passports, coins, and stamps; has a radio station and a publishing house; and billets a force of Swiss Guards. Pray for God to personally touch the lives of each and every person in the Vatican with the revealed knowledge of Jesus Christ. Pray for revival to come to the whole Catholic Church worldwide.

Website: <http://www.24-7prayer.eu/>

Friday 25 March 2011

Focus on the economy: Employment

In South Africa permanent employment dropped at an annual rate of 2.4% during August 2010; the 18th consecutive monthly decline. Fact a Day.

Website: <http://www.eighty20.co.za/databases/fad/fad.cgi> or e-mail: fact.a.day@eighty20.co.za

Do not grow tired of crying out to the Lord for new sustainable businesses to be established in our nation, providing permanent work for the unemployed. Pray for the unemployed to cry out to God as their Helper and Provider, and to testify of His goodness towards them in times of trouble.

Focus on Japan

Japan is one of the most technologically advanced countries in the world, yet lacks knowledge of Jesus Christ (1% Christians). Please pray for many more Christian workers to devote their lives to permanent service in this country. Ask God to pour out His Spirit upon the Japanese, reviving them to call upon His Name and that He will turn around the plight of this nation soon.

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Saturday 26 March 2011

SA researchers create 'tea bag' to purify water

A type of herbal 'tea bag', traditionally used to infuse water with flavour, is now being used to purify water. The sachets designed suck up toxic contamination when fitted into the neck of a water bottle. Communities that have no water purifying facilities will be able to use it to purify dirty water. Each bag should cost around three South African cents.

Website: http://www.sagoodnews.co.za/science_technology/sa_researchers_create_tea_bag_to_purify_water.html?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+SAGoodNews+%28SA+The+Good+News%29

Give thanks to the Lord for answers to

the problem of distributing purified water in the country, especially this combination of inexpensive raw materials. Pray for communities to embrace this method soon so that physically, many lives may be saved. Also ask that this will be an image of God coming to cleanse the hearts and minds of people toward Him!

Focus on the nations: Cyprus

The Greek Cypriot majority (77% of the population) is mainly Christian, while the Turkish minority in the north is Muslim. Although both groups are free to meet and worship, any evangelism is closely monitored. Pray that the story of Jesus will find its way through every barrier and restriction. Ask for a peaceful resolution to the 50-year conflict between the northern and southern communities. Because of its location, many Christian organisations use Cyprus as a base for working in the Middle East, but only a few missionaries are actually involved in local work. Pray that God will send workers for the harvest in Cyprus. There is a small group of new Christians in the Muslim north. Pray that this group will be able to witness to their friends and families and grow in their faith! Website: <http://www.24-7prayer.eu/>

Sunday 27 March 2011

Focus on personal revival

The apostle Peter says in **1 Pet.1:16** that we have to be holy, because God is holy. To live a holy life and be holy is to devote ourselves to God, to surrender ourselves to Him. When someone lives a holy life, there is a deep resistance to sin, unrighteousness and everything impure. To live a holy life is to allow God the Holy Spirit to form and establish the character of God in us. A holy life leaves no room for sin. It is important to understand that it is God who makes us holy. Then it is our responsibility to live in accordance with what God worked in us. It is a daily choice and we can do it because God lives in us through the Holy Spirit. Pray for a deep desire for a holy life. The Word is clear, if you want to see God, live a holy life (**Heb.12:14**).

Monday 28 March 2011

Salvation focus: Deacons and elders

Lift up in prayer all individuals who make themselves available to serve as deacons or elders. Pray that each one will have a living and personal encounter with the Lord Jesus and also confidently profess and testify about Him as they minister and serve the Body of Christ. Pray that their responsibilities will not be a routine or religious duty, but that they will seek opportunities to also proclaim the Hope of Christ Jesus in their everyday lives.

Focus on the Buksa people of India

The Buksa have an oral culture of traditional songs and stories. A small number have now put their faith in Jesus. Pray for an initiative to translate God's Word into their language. Ask that more Buksa may come to know the friend who is closer than a brother, the Lord Jesus. *Wycliffe Prayer Focus Bulletin*.

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Tuesday 29 March 2011

2011 Focus on national revival

The main reason why people are not praying for revival is because they no longer know what God has done in history. Revival in our time will not look exactly the same as revivals of the past 300 years, but there will certainly be the same powerful working. The power of God will be unmistakably clear in the church. Christians will live holy lives. There will be direct outreach towards the social need around us. Christians from all spheres of life will practise Biblical principles and devote their lives to righteousness

and justice. We limit God in our expectations when we pray for revival, because we no longer know about His acts of the past, becoming satisfied with small awakenings and often counterfeit revivals.

Focus on the nations: Turkey

Turkey's biggest city, Istanbul, has nearly 13 million people, and is the third most populous European urban area, after Moscow and Paris. Mount Ararat, the Biblical resting-place of Noah's ark, is in Turkey. Pray to God to send revival to the

3,000 Turkish believers in a country of 77 million people. Pray for the youth of Turkey to be ignited to a relationship with Jesus as many are becoming disillusioned with the current religion of Islam. Pray for families to be filled with love for each other, as emotional and physical abuse plagues many Turkish homes. Turkey is one of the hardest mission fields in the world.

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Wednesday 30 March 2011

Focus on health: New two-hour TB test

A new, accurate, easy-to-use test that can diagnose tuberculosis (TB), including drug-resistant strains of the disease in less than two hours, is now available. It has the potential to save thousands of lives in developing countries, where current tests are often unreliable, take weeks to process, or are simply unavailable. Website:

<http://www.plusnews.org/Report.aspx?ReportId=90377>

Praise God for answered prayers about this issue. Pray for people to be willing to be tested and to take medication to prevent and heal them from TB. Continue to pray for many miraculous healings as believers pray for the sick.

Focus on deliverance

In some Zulu communities people still depend on spiritual mediums for direction. Pray for the salvation of witch doctors (Izangoma) visited by people to find out about the future and love relationships. Ask for the salvation of *medicine doctors* (Izinyanga). Some traditional healers simply practice healing, but some consult spirits to know what medicine to prescribe. Please pray for these individuals to have a personal encounter with the Living Lord Jesus Christ.

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Thursday 31 March 2011

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Today great emphasis is placed on leadership, new strategies, new courses, new methods etc. All these things are important. Still, none of them can generate or replace **the power of God**. The power of God comes when the Holy Spirit comes in power. History repeated itself again and again. Let us pray for this power of God. Sometimes we do not have words to describe this power or know how to express ourselves before God. Cry out to God for the revelation of His power in the church.

Focus on the nations: Sweden

Sweden, which occupies the eastern part of the Scandinavian Peninsula, is the fourth-largest country in Europe. A lot of prayer seems to be going on at the moment in many different groups and contexts. Pray that this trend will grow and cover the whole nation of Sweden. A lot of people are thinking and talking about intentional Christian communities, and how to make them a part of what God is doing in Sweden. Pray for *24-7 Prayer* in Sweden which, together with the other Nordic nations (Iceland, Norway, Denmark and Finland) is waiting on God to know the next step.

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