

Jericho Walls prayer guide – July 2010

Thursday 1 July 2010

Focus on the Soccer World Cup: Volunteers

Pray for those (estimated to be 250,000) volunteering to help at the different soccer matches, that they will be upright in their conduct with ticketing, money and be able to help spectators at matches who are in need of medical or other aid. Pray also for their safety.

Focus on missions: Live School

Praise the Lord for the church planting project through *Live School* in northern Mozambique where over 30 churches have been planted in the last three years as a result of many praying faithfully. Continue to pray for the planned outreach in September that will focus on starting new *Swahili Live Schools* in the province, for effective literacy training for the new converts that cannot read or write and for helpers with the leadership development aimed at the pastors and leaders. (Contact Chrissie Naude, tel.: 012 343 1165. Websites: www.liveschool.org, www.worldmissioncentre.com or e-mail: chrissien@liveschoolsa.org).

Friday 2 July 2010

Focus on health: HIV testing increases among men

The *Second National HIV/AIDS 2009* survey showed that HIV testing among men has increased considerably over the last 12 months, (24-60%), which is mainly attributed to awareness campaigns and programs. Most men and women believed cheating on their partner was the norm. Stable relationships were uncommon for younger men, with alcohol being a big problem, as when people got drunk, they didn't worry about HIV. The idea of being faithful to one partner is uncommon. (Website:

http://www.sagoodnews.co.za/health_and_hiv_aids/hiv_testing_increases_among_men.html). Pray especially for a new awareness among men about their responsibility as fathers and that this understanding will awaken a responsibility in them to be faithful to one partner and behave responsibly. Give thanks to the Lord for a greater public awareness about HIV/AIDS. Please pray that God will reveal His heart about marriage to both men and women in our country, so that many will turn to the Lord Jesus.

Focus on prayer: ROOT 52 prayer campaign

A year-long prayer campaign is travelling across the United States to reclaim the nation's Christian roots. *Root 52*, the 52-week prayer strategy, will pray from state to state in the order these states entered the union in history, with local intercessors fasting and praying for government leaders and for that specific state to return to its original 'roots' in God. Give thanks to the Lord for this prayer initiative of this nation that is taking up their responsibility in fervent prayer, fasting and repentance. (Website: <http://www.generals.org/prayer/rpn/root-52/>). Ask for God's favour on them as they pray through their country and for many breakthroughs for the gospel as a result.

Saturday 3 July 2010

Focus on the Soccer World Cup: Final matches

As the final matches take place during the next 2 weeks, please lift up in prayer all players and audiences in stadiums and those watching television. Ask for God to touch and change their hearts during the sport events. Ask that no violence will break out in any of the stadiums before, during or after matches and that people will accept the judges' ruling. Also pray specifically for the safety of the referees and their families.

Focus on nations: Haiti devastated

Haiti is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere, with 80% of the 9 million populations living under the poverty line and 54% in abject poverty. Roughly half of Haitians practise voodoo, which is derived from African

spiritualism and witchcraft. The earthquake in January was the island's worst in 200 years. (NewsBytes - January 2010. E-mail: newsbytes@yahooogroups.com). Let us continue to pray for the rebuilding of this nation. Most of all, cry out to the Lord that this event will continue to turn the hearts of Haitians to the Living God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Sunday 4 July 2010

The fear of God is intermingled with LOVE (Ps.145:19-20)

There is a difference between fearing God, and being afraid of God. The believer fears God as a child does his father. The wicked are afraid of God as the criminal is of the judge! A faithful spouse fears to displease his/her partner, because they love one another. This is where fear and love operate together.

Food for thought: How do you experience your relationship with God? Do you miss His presence in your life because of something that happened? Perhaps you suffered deep disappointment like divorce or the death of a family member? God truly never disappoints, but the broken world we live in does. Take time today to cry out and speak to Him about these matters. Ask Him to renew that first love you felt towards Him.

Prayer: Father of glory, please heal and restore my heart. Help me to let go of past hurts. I desire to love You with all my heart, soul, mind and strength. Teach me the fear of the Lord.

Teens-2-pray: Prayer is made easy when you write it down!

Why start a prayer journal? To journal is not a new law or commandment, but only a practical way in helping you to concentrate and to keep record of answers to prayer, even to be kept for future generations! Believers who choose to keep a prayer journal today are taking part in a cherished Christian tradition while also creating a record of their faith for the next generation. George Müller, a famous English evangelist who lived in the 1800s, is well known for his prayer journal. Müller recorded his prayers in a book and never stopped praying for his requests. He simply continued until he could record an answer. Prayer journaling is a way to remember what God has done, is doing and will do for us. It is helpful to journal. To journal may help you. Try it for at least some time.

Focus that wandering mind! It is easy to spend more time worrying than praying. A prayer journal is a simple and meaningful way to simply 'start praying' on paper as you write out those issues troubling your heart and mind. It helps you to focus so your thoughts will not wander into worrying again!

Keep a record! The longer you keep a prayer journal, the more answered prayers you'll record. Over time, you will have a book filled with the evidence of God's faithfulness in your life. Many believers find that during times of stress or discouragement, reading through an old prayer journal can provide renewed hope and peace.

See how God works! Believers who keep a prayer journal often come to see how God is guiding their lives. Because they are able to track both their prayers and God's answers, they can sometimes see how God's plans are different to, but better than their own. Part of prayer is listening. When you study Scripture regarding God's ways in a specific situation or about a problem you prayed about, it will be easier for you to discern how God wants you to live.

Give it time! It will take some discipline to get into the habit of keeping a prayer journal, but do not give up too quickly. Soon you will be completely rid of the frustration of wandering thoughts when you want to pray and read your Bible!

How to keep a Prayer Journal

Prepare your journal: **Step 1:** Get together all you'll need: A journal (it can be a simple school manuscript), writing stuff of your choice and your Bible. **Step 2:** Date your entries. You can divide the entry into two sections: 'Requests' and 'Praises/Thanksgiving'. Under the 'Requests' heading, write down your prayer requests, whether personal requests or requests on behalf of others. **Step 3:** Under the 'Praises/Thanksgiving' heading, record items you are thankful for and prayers that have been answered. You can pray for each item as you list it and each section as you finish it, or you can wait until you have finished recording the entire entry and use it as an outline as you pray. **Step 4:** Leave some space at the bottom or on the reverse side of every page. This is where you will record answers to prayers, observations, and Scripture quotes that seem relevant to situations you are praying for, notes from daily devotions. Review the journal pages every few days or weeks and record any answers or observations.

Find a quiet space where you can reflect and hear God's voice. It can be as simple as your favourite chair, restaurant, beach or park. You just need to be where there are minimal distractions and you are relaxed.

Begin with a humble heart. Do not just start writing in your journal. Before you write one word or date, take your Bible and read a few verses to quiet your heart before God. Let Him direct the prayers you will write down. Let Him first speak to you.

Make a list: After you have spent time with God, start writing. Do not rush through this step by simply making a list. You can start by writing out your prayers to God and making a list of things you want to pray about as you continue elsewhere on the page. (Website: <http://www.go-journal.com>).

Reflect on what you have written. Is there anything else He wants you to pray for? Listen again, quietly. Write down any other thoughts.

Testify: Ask the Holy Spirit to prompt you when there are opportunities to share with others something from your time with God. Do so carefully that you may encourage them, without giving offense.

Monday 5 July 2010

Salvation focus: Traffic police

Pray for the salvation of traffic police, that they will do their work in honesty and not force bribes or endanger the lives of people. Pray for their safety amidst reckless drivers. Ask that the testimony of Christian police officers will also lead other traffic police members to accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour.

Focus on nations: Comoros

The Comoros Government tries hard to win the favour of the Arab countries for financial reasons and to make their country a 'strong' Muslim country. "But our God is stronger," says one of the believers. Let us strengthen the young church through constant prayer for this nation (**Acts 6:4**). Give thanks to God for every prayer answered and for new believers who are growing in their relationship with the Lord Jesus.

Tuesday 6 July 2010

Focus on families: Where's Dad?

There are 1.8 million women with children under the age of two in South Africa. 64% of them are single. (Eighty20 Fact-a-Day. Website: www.eighty20.co.za or e-mail: fact.a.day@eighty20.co.za). Cry out for children growing up without a father to have a personal understanding of our Heavenly Father in their everyday lives. Also pray for

selfless and humble fathers that will demonstrate God's fatherly love to them and teach them godly principles in life.

Focus on Bible translation: Indonesia

Kartidaya has a vision to reach, by the year 2015, 75 language groups in Indonesia that do not have the Bible in the language they understand best. Pray that God will move churches and believers in Indonesia to catch this vision; pray that they will be more involved in the Great Commission. Ask for cooperation among churches and Christian organisations in Indonesia to work together in reaching people for Christ. (*Wycliffe International*. Website: www.wycliffe.net or e-mail: Personnel_Southafrica@wycliffe.org).

Wednesday 7 July 2010

Focus on health: Vaccines could save 2.5m children

Two vaccines, *rotavirus* and *pentavalent*, might reduce the number of child mortalities by 2.5 million per year. Immunisation with the *rotavirus* vaccine would prevent severe forms of diarrhoea. The vaccine would protect against diphtheria, tetanus, influenza and polio. Another vaccine to prevent child deaths was introduced. The *pneumococcal conjugate* vaccine protects against pneumococcal diseases such as pneumonia and meningitis. (Website: http://health.iafrica.com/healthy_kids/1835121.htm). Give thanks to the Lord for breakthroughs like these. Continue to pray for medical researchers to hear God's voice and work on medicines and vaccines that will rapidly bring down child mortalities over the next 10 years.

Focus on Russia: Abortions

About 13,000 people in Russia die daily (just over 4.5 million per year) as young ladies are queuing at clinics to have an abortion. It is estimated a record now if 1 million babies are born annually. The Russian population is decreasing rapidly! Please pray for Christian medical doctors and nurses who direct an anti-abortion ministry to teach doctors and nurses the truth about life in the womb from a Biblical point of view. Ask that many young girls will reconsider and keep their children. Also pray for severe poverty to be broken and more job opportunities to earn an income to care for families. (Derick & Celeste de Klerk 300012, Russia, Tula, Prospect Leniena, Dom 52, KB39. Tel.: 7 4872 36 20 97. E-mail: sharathministries@gmail.com).

Thursday 8 July 2010

Focus on the Soccer World Cup: Giving thanks

Give thanks to the Lord for answering so many prayers over the past months. Pray for every new believer to receive a Bible before they return home and for a hunger to read the Bible and pray.

Focus on evangelism: FEBA Radio in Afghanistan

There is a great need for the gospel in Afghanistan. Radio programmes are aimed at bringing hope to suffering people in difficult circumstances. Pray that more listeners will tune in to the *Dari* and *Pashtu* programmes and make contact with *FEBA's* radio personnel. Ask for many more lives to be touched and changed as a result. (*FEBA Radio SA*. Tel.: 012 335 5708/764. Website: www.febaradio.co.za or e-mail: jpotgieter.febase@corpdial.co.za).

Friday 9 July 2010

Focus on government: 5th in Africa

In 2007/08, South Africa was ranked fifth out of 53 African countries in the latest assessment of African Governance. Half of Africa's 10 best performing countries are in Southern Africa. The *Ibrahim Index* measures the delivery of public goods and services to citizens by government and non-state contractors across 84 indicators of governance, grouped in four overall categories: Safety and Security, Participation and Human Rights, Sustainable Economic Opportunity, and Human Development. Within the Southern African region, South Africa was ranked

third. (Website: <http://blogs.timeslive.co.za/hartley/2009/10/06/south-africa-is-fifth-in-2009-ibrahim-index-of-african-governance-full-text/>). Give thanks to the Lord for so much that is done right in our country. Yet, let us continue to pray for government in these specific 4 areas, that they will be godly stewards and rulers to the benefit of all citizens.

Focus on health: Malaria in Benin

'Wallpapering' huts with sheeting made from insecticide-treated plastic could be a new tool for malaria control. When used in combination with insecticide-treated bed nets (ITNs) in huts, research showed that the sheeting killed all mosquitoes, and prevented bites completely. The growing problem of resistance shown by *Anopheles gambiae* (Africa's main malaria mosquito) is a serious concern. (Website: <http://www.scidev.net/en/news/insecticide-wallpaper-lethal-to-malaria-mosquitoes.html>). Praise God for simple solutions like these. Continue to pray for an effective vaccine and cure for malaria. Pray also for no side-effects of ITNs on children or adults.

Saturday 10 July 2010

Focus on the Soccer World Cup: Cry out for a harvest

In just a few days people will be returning to their countries as the *Soccer World Cup* comes to an end. Continue to pray for foreigners to have opportunities to hear the gospel, that they will be open to listen, ask questions and commit their lives to Christ. Continue to pray for the last games taking place, that godly order will rule and no one will be hurt or lose their lives.

Focus on street children: Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC)

According to a 2006 *Human Rights Watch Report*, an estimated 30,000 children live on the streets of Kinshasa, DRC. Of these, an estimated 70% have been accused of 'sorcery' in their homes before ending up on the streets. (Website: <http://www.viva.org/uploadedFiles/Resources/Files/Prayer/10-10%20prayer%20guide.pdf>). Never grow tired of crying out to God for the children of our time, today specifically for those living on the streets of Kinshasa. Pray for workers to this harvest, that many lives will be changed and children will come to know the Lord Jesus as the One who cares for them.

Sunday 11 July 2010

The fear of God is connected to FAITH

By faith Noah, moved with holy fear, prepared an ark (Heb.11:7). When our soul realises God's holiness, we clearly see our own sinfulness, and we would like to rectify it. We 'fear' God's holiness, but also trust and depend on what Christ had done for us on the cross. God in His great wisdom couples these two graces of faith and fear. Fear preserves seriousness, faith preserves cheerfulness. The fear of the Lord keep a Christian from becoming proud and presumptuous; and God's love and faith keep him from sinking in despair.

Food for thought: Do you find yourself struggling to engage in an activity you know in your heart God has called you to? Do you experience feelings of doubt and fear because what He asks you to do seems so overwhelming? Do not let ungodly fear hinder you from achieving great exploits in His kingdom. Even when we make mistakes, He is greater than our mistakes and through Him we are able to overcome. Give your heart to Him anew and pray the following:

Prayer: Father, I give you my heart, I give you my soul, I want to live for You alone. Every breath that I take, every moment I am awake, Lord, have your way in me. Stir up faith in my heart; teach me the fear of the Lord.

Monday 12 July 2010

Salvation focus: Pilots

Lift up in prayer all South African pilots doing national and international flights. Ask for them to meet and travel with Christian colleagues who will openly share the gospel with them. Ask for them to be open to receive Christ into their lives and glorify God through their lives.

Focus on the *Persecuted Church*: Believers in Egypt killed outside church

Coptic Christians number roughly a tenth of Egypt's population of 80 million. As worshippers were leaving a Christmas Eve midnight service in a town 40 miles from Luxor in southern Egypt, gunfire opened into the crowd. Seven people were killed and 10 others were injured. Many Christians have since been harassed, arrested, often without charge. (*NewsBytes* - January 2010. E-mail: newsbytes@yahoo.com). Please pray unceasingly for Christians in closed countries. Ask for them to grow spiritually and have the strength to remain standing strong amidst persecution.

Tuesday 13 July 2010

Focus on drug abuse: South Africa

A *UN* agency report shows that $\pm 8\%$ of South Africans smoke marijuana, twice the global average of four percent. Almost 240,000 South Africans are on cocaine, a further 270,000 use tik and around 1.8 million South Africans are addicted to alcohol. (Website: <http://blogs.timeslive.co.za/hartley/2009/02/20/south-africa-is-the-marijuana-capital-of-the-world/>). Give thanks to the Lord for numerous successful drug busts in the past year. Continue to pray that users on the streets will come to know Christ, be delivered from their addictions and will learn to make new choices for their lives.

Focus on evangelism: Guinea-Bissau

The Guinean staff of *Wycliffe Bible Translators* is committed to completing translation and literacy levels for the remaining languages that are in need of this. The *JESUS Film* has already been dubbed into 5 languages: Papel, Balante-Nhacre, Manjaku, Mancagne, and Bijago. Give thanks to the Lord for every individual that said yes to the task of translation. Continue to pray for the continued use of these films to touch and change lives. Also give thanks for the translation of the Gospel of Luke which was completed in four more languages, and progress being made in preparing to record the *JESUS Film* in these languages as well. (*Wycliffe Prayer Focus Bulletin*. Website: <http://www.wycliffe.org/pray.aspx> or e-mail: Personnel_Southafrica@wycliffe.org).

Wednesday 14 July 2010

Focus on prayer mobilisation: *Jericho Walls International Prayer Network*

Please pray today for the different projects of *Jericho Walls International Prayer Network* across the country. Pray that more individuals and groups will join, start praying together and subscribe to the printed booklet and the weekly *Global Prayer Alert* to keep up to date with regular prayer-related news and events. Pray for God to raise up more prayer coordinators across the country to encourage others in their cities/towns to become involved in prayer. (*Jericho Walls International Prayer Network*, Private bag X22, Lynnwood Ridge, 0040. Tel.: 012 365 3213, fax: 012 365 3214. Website: www.jwipn.com or e-mail: info@jwipn.com).

Focus on nations: Algerian revival

Despite laws preventing conversion, Muslims are turning to Christ in what is being called an amazing move of the Spirit in northern Algeria. *Operation Mobilization USA's (OM)* reports: "We have churches that have grown 802% in a year. Many new believers come from Islam with no Christian heritage, no Christian background, no resources whatsoever, no training, they just believe in God." The Kabyle region has a church in every village or town. One village has more churches than mosques! With all the new Christians, training is needed. Please pray for God's provision and calling of workers to this harvest very soon. Praise His Name for significant breakthroughs in this

country in answer to many prayers. (*Operation Mobilization USA*, P.O. Box 444, Tyrone, GA 30290. Website: www.omusa.org or e-mail: info@usa.om.org).

Children-2-pray: Who is God really?

It is difficult to imagine what God looks like, because we cannot see Him! One of the reasons is because God is a Spirit. We are made in God's image, that is why we think of Him in 'human' terms. But God is Spirit and no man had ever seen Him. You can't see Him like you can see your parents or friends. How then can we know He is real or what He is like? The answer is simple. It lies in what we call God's character, as He explains it to us in the Bible. He has special names that help us understand what He is like. An important word to remember when you're praying according to God's character is the word 'always'. 'Always' means 'eternal'. God has always existed and always will. With this in mind, take note of these 6 important reminders of God's character.

1. God is **always** present. This means God is everywhere, all the time. *Thank you God that I can pray anywhere, any time. Especially when I feel lonely, help me to remember You are with me, closer than my mom and dad, or my friends.*
2. God is **always** powerful. God can do anything, nothing is impossible for Him. *Thank you God that You always answer my prayers, even though You sometimes say 'no'. Your will is best for me. Please come and do the things that I cannot do.*
3. God **always** knows. God knows everything, even before it happens. *Thank you God that I can have peace and confidence when I pray because You are in control of all things that will happen in my life.*
4. God is **always** fair. God does only what is right and just. *Thank you God that I can turn to You to help me out when I do not know what the right thing is to do. Please do in my life what is best in Your eyes.*
5. God is **always** holy. 'Holy' means 'perfect'. God can never sin. *Thank you God that You never make a mistake in the way You hear or answer my prayers. I also want to be holy. Make me holy as You are holy.*
6. God is **always** good. His plans for your life are for your own good. *Thank you God that in every situation, You work out all things for my own good. Help me to see circumstances like You do.*

Can you think of other parts of God's character that are not on this list? Make your own list. But most of all, remember to give thanks to God every day for being with you always, even now!

Thursday 15 July 2010

Focus on human trafficking: Three processes started

In September last year a broad alliance of 18 Christian organisations linked forces to fight human trafficking and legalised prostitution in South Africa. Three main focus groups were formed to drive the process forward: *Public Awareness Campaign Focus Group*: Pray for them as they are tasked with developing a public awareness media campaign to warn, inform & educate the public about human trafficking & prostitution. *Ministry to Prostitutes Focus Group*: Pray for them as they will work with churches to establish & train ministry teams to reach out to prostitutes, helping them exit this harmful & exploitative trade. *Crisis Centre/Safe House Focus Group*: Pray for them as they are locating, identifying and equipping facilities that will be utilised as Crisis Centres & Safe Houses for exit program purposes. (*Family Policy Institute*, 49 Parliament, Cape Town 8001. Tel.: 021 462 7888 or fax: 021 462 7889. Website: <http://www.familypolicyinstitute.com/> or e-mail: info@familypolicyinstitute.com).

Focus on nations: Bushmen of Namibia

Bushmen believe in a mythical being (part trickster, part creator) who is capable of great good but also of playing tricks on people. The Kalahari San Bushmen hold similar beliefs and revere a greater and a lesser god, the first associated with life and the rising sun, and the latter with illness and death. Birth, death, gender, rain and weather are all believed to have supernatural significance. They believe dead people can still influence the living and, when a shaman or witchdoctor dies, the people are very concerned lest his spirit become a danger to the living. Pray for the Bushmen of Namibia to find their identity in Jesus Christ and for freedom from their traditional occult practices. Ask for long-term workers to this harvest. (Website: <http://www.joshuaproject.net/peopctry.php?rop3=107050&rog3=WA>).

Friday 16 July 2010

Focus on education: Dropout rates

Poor and working class youth face challenges to access and succeed in the higher education system. Again during this year's registration period, many desperate young people struggled to gain entrance into higher education institutions and register for courses of their choice. The quality of the schooling and the large dropout rate remain a cause for concern. Student support and the social and living conditions of students are essential to dealing with this problem. (Website: <http://www.anc.org.za/>). Pray for young people in poor living conditions to be able to continue and complete their higher education. Ask that they will have basic accommodation and proper food to eat to be able to study every day.

Focus on nations: Tuareg of Western Sahara

Though there are some Tuareg who have become Christians, the majority have never heard the gospel. The desert region is home to the 'warriors of the blue veil': the Tuareg (abandoned by God), are nomadic. *Trans World Radio* now broadcasts *OneStory* episodes in the Tawallamet dialect of Tamajaq. As there are no written Scriptures in the Tawallamet dialect, these stories will form an audio Bible for the Tuareg. Pray that through these programmes the Tuareg will see that God has not abandoned them and that only through Jesus Christ can they truly be free. (*Trans World Radio*-SA. Tel.: 011 974 2886 or fax: 011 974 9960 or cell: 083 387 3037. Website: www.twr.org.za or e-mail: ddupreez@twr.org.za Listen to *TWR* on DStv radio channel 155).

Saturday 17 July 2010

Focus on the Soccer World Cup 2010: Give thanks to the Lord

Give thanks to the Lord for answering thousands of prayers these past months. Praise Him for those who have found Christ, and pray for their spiritual growth on a regular basis. Also pray that all those involved will pay all their outstanding accounts, for the economy to be strengthened and benefit from this event, already during the remainder of this year.

Focus on nations: Australia

In a recent survey of Australians, 40% stated they actually practise a religion and 57% said they have prayed at various times. Of these, 29% pray daily. In crises and tough times, 63% turn to their partners or spouses for support. Over a quarter say they would turn to God, while 27% did not practice religion at all. (*NewsBytes* - January 2010. E-mail: newsbytes@yahogroups.com). Lift up in prayer people in Australia. Ask that each individual will have a personal encounter with the Lord Jesus Himself, realising that He alone is the Way, the Truth and Life forever.

Sunday 18 July 2010

There is a connection between the fear of God and DISCRETION

He who fears God, is watchful and pure (**Matt.10:16**). *The sharp man sees the evil and takes cover: the simple go straight on and get into trouble* (**Prov.22:3, BBE**). The fear of the Lord does not make a person weak, it makes him cautious.

Food for thought: Think about the way you make decisions every day. Do you ask God's advice? Do you clearly experience Him leading you in difficult situations at work or in your life? Submitting all these events to Him for guidance may look weak in the eyes of the world, but in the spirit it shows forth the fear of the Lord and honour to His Name. Ask Him to remind and teach you how to respond in godly fear in every situation.

Prayer: Father God, teach me divine fear of the Lord that will make my enemies tremble at Your presence in my life.

Monday 19 July 2010

Salvation focus: Soldiers

Quite a number of South African men serve as soldiers in other countries e.g. Sudan. Lift them and their families up in prayer. Ask that they will not harden their hearts, but will set their lives right with the living God. Ask that their testimony of Jesus will also touch the hearts of other soldiers to follow Christ wholeheartedly.

Focus on health: Rotavirus vaccine

Rotavirus vaccines prevent diarrhoea and deaths in poor countries, research has confirmed. The *NEJM* studies — in Malawi, Mexico and South Africa — are the first to show that the vaccines work in the world's most impoverished areas too. If included in vaccination programmes worldwide, such vaccines could save millions of children in the developing world as the Rotavirus is the leading cause of severe diarrhoea in children in both developed and developing countries. Developing countries rolling out the vaccine will face many challenges, including procuring additional infrastructure, such as refrigerators; sorting out supply chain logistics and training nurses. (Website: <http://www.scidev.net/en/news/rotavirus-vaccine-could-save-millions-of-lives.html>). Give thanks to the Lord for this research. Continue to pray for its implementation and for God's provision so that all challenges will be met.

Tuesday 20 July 2010

Focus on single parents

There are 6.6 million single adults with no personal income in South Africa. One quarter of them have young or unmarried children. (Eighty20 Fact-a-Day. Website: <http://www.eighty20.co.za> or e-mail: fact.a.day@eighty20.co.za). Please pray for single parents, to find a meaningful way to earn an income and also take care of their children. Please pray for parents who have abandoned their children, to return and take up responsibility to care for them.

Focus on health: Nano filter could deliver big results on clean water

The Nano filter should provide enough clean water for one family for a year. An affordable, compact water purifier launched in India could save millions of lives from waterborne diseases. The *Tata Swach* (Hindi word for 'clean') consists of a 19-litre plastic box and has a lifespan of 3,000 litres. The filter does not require running water, electricity or boiling. It uses rice husk ash, a by-product of the rice industry, as a framework on which silver nanoparticles (which kill bacteria) are mounted. (Website: <http://www.scidev.net/en/features/nano-filter-could-deliver-big-results-on-clean-water.html>). Praise God for inventions in answer to prayer about disease caused by impure water. Pray for Christians to also make use of this opportunity to minister the gospel to impoverished communities.

Focus on Israel to turn to God

Historical events through the ages often mark 20 July as a significant date with many calamities occurring on this day throughout the history of Israel. As a result, from this, a tradition has developed that the Holy One has chosen to allow judgments to be imposed upon His people on that day. (*Christian Friends of Israel*. Tel./fax: 012 361 1437. Websites: <http://www.cfjerusalem.org/> or <http://ohr.edu/yhiy/article.php/1088> or e-mail: allwiese@lantic.net). Please pray today for the Israeli people to turn their hearts to God again, and to recognise and embrace Jesus as Messiah.

Wednesday 21 July 2010

Focus on road safety: Minibus taxis

Many road-users perceive taxi-drivers often as driving unsafe and operating in a way that is abusive to passengers. Minibus taxi drivers frequently operate at a speed higher than the limit to cut travel time in order to secure more loads or passengers, often resulting in fatal consequences. (Website: <http://www.arrivealive.co.za/pages.aspx?i=2850>). Please pray for increased government intervention with regard to the roadworthiness and correct usage of these vehicles. Also lift up in prayer taxi drivers and owners, that God will touch their hearts and draw them into His kingdom. Pray also for the passengers that is dependent on them and who is often the victims of reckless behaviour by the drivers.

Focus on nations: Bench people of Ethiopia

The Bench people of Ethiopia are gathering in groups to hear the gospel in audio. Hearing God's Word spoken in their heart language transforms the hearts and lives of the Bench people. Because of low literacy rates and other issues, many were previously unable to access the gospel. (Lars Widerberg, *Intercessors Network*. Storskiftesgatan 87, S-58334 Linköping, Sweden. E-mail: Intercessors.Network@Comhem.se or Intercessors.Network@Telia.com). Give thanks to the Lord for this breakthrough. Pray for the discipling of new believers to be effective and for many more to give their lives in service to the Lord Jesus.

Thursday 22 July 2010

Focus on the economy: Absence from work

It is estimated by OCSA (*Occupational Care South Africa*) that absence from work costs the South African economy around R12 billion per year. (Eighty20 Fact-a-Day. Website: <http://www.eighty20.co.za> or e-mail: fact.a.day@eighty20.co.za). Pray for every person who has a job to give thanks to the Lord for it and be faithful in performing the work they are paid for efficiently. Ask that the Holy Spirit will convict those who stay away from work regularly in a dishonest way.

Focus on children: Guatemala

A recent report has shown that more than 10 children in Guatemala die every week as a result of violence, 52% of these from gunshot wounds. Gang culture and drug dependency are common occurrences, and the average of 17 murders a day in the country, are mostly attributable to youth gangs and organised crime. About 29% of children aged 5-14 are involved in child labour and are being sent out to work in difficult and dangerous conditions. (*Children at Risk Prayer News*. Website: <http://www.viva.org/> or e-mail: pray@viva.org). Cry out for the children of Guatemala. Pray that God will intervene, saving them. Ask for their protection, for a drastic change in their living circumstances and for them to have opportunities to live normal lives. Ask for workers to this harvest and that Christians in the country will start to pray, crying out to God day and night, until He delivers them.

Friday 23 July 2010

Focus on health: Health professional to population ratio

According to the *Economist Pocket World in Figures 2009*, there are 8 doctors per 10,000 members of the population in South Africa. The USA has 30, and Australia 25 doctors per 10,000 members of the population.

(Eighty20 Fact-a-Day. Website: <http://www.eighty20.co.za/blog/2010/01/civilian-unrest/#comments> or e-mail: fact.a.day@eighty.co.za). Pray for more health professionals to be trained every year in South Africa. Also pray that those practising will find time to rest and continue being passionate about their work despite difficult circumstances.

Focus on mothers: Sudanese women

Islam tends to be easier on men than on women. Most of the women do not work and often do not have as much exposure to the gospel as the men. There is hope, however. Twenty years ago it was uncommon to see women drivers, but now they are everywhere. In the universities the majority of the students are now women. Give thanks to the Lord for answering many prayers about women, especially in a closed country like Sudan. Please pray for Sudanese mothers. Pray that they will come to Christ and influence their offspring likewise. Pray for some initiatives that have recently been launched to reach Muslim women. (Source: Etrisia Lillie, website: www.sudanpartners.org and e-mail: etrisia@sudanpartners.org).

Saturday 24 July 2010

Focus on teenagers: Pregnancies

In 2009 there were 42,000 girls aged 13 to 18 in SA who did not attend school because they were pregnant. In 2008, it was 35,000. (Eighty20 Fact-a-Day. Website: www.eighty20.co.za or e-mail: fact.a.day@eighty.co.za). Let us continue to pray specifically into this situation. Ask that parents will take greater care of their teenagers' whereabouts and be involved in their children's lives. Also pray for young people to find their true identity in the Lord Jesus and not become involved in sexual relationships.

Focus on nations: Haiti's restoration

A *United Nations (UN) Cash-for-Work programme* is slowly making inroads into Haiti's destroyed infrastructure while putting a growing segment of the population (about 30,000 in February) back to work. Workers earn a daily wage for clearing rubble and waste from the streets. The workers employed by the clean-up that will continue for months, earn just over four dollars a day plus food. The *UN* scheme is aimed at providing temporary work for the country's unemployed. (Website: <http://www.sabcnews.com>, February 2010). Give thanks to the Lord for these measures that bring hope to these devastated people. Ask that other projects will eventually be added to these so that people may continue to care for their families.

Sunday 25 July 2010

The fear of the Lord is connected to HOPE

The eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in His unfailing love (Ps.33:18). Ungodly fear destroys hope. Godly fear nourishes hope. Godly fear is to hope, as the oil to the lamp—it keeps it burning. As we put right what is wrong, live in love, truth and righteousness (live in the fear of the Lord), we will grow in our relationship with God and our freedom and hope in Him will increase.

Food for thought: People often feel as if their heart has died inside of them. Have you lost hope? Think about your life – what was the hope you had? Did this hope include God? Ask the Holy Spirit to minister to you what happened that you began losing hope. Do not be in a hurry; make sure you hear His voice.

Prayer: Father of the Lord Jesus Christ, please restore the hope of my calling in Christ. Show me how to hope in your unfailing love, more than in what people promise or money can buy.

Monday 26 July 2010

Salvation focus: Customs personnel

Pray for personnel at customs at all airports, harbours and entry points to South Africa. Ask for them for patience, honesty and good relationships with their colleagues. Pray that they will be open to receive and boldly live the gospel and testimony of Jesus Christ and that Christian-personnel will take up the responsibility to intercede for others.

Focus on children: Pray for the orphans of Lake Tanganyika

Three OM Zambian teachers are teaching sixty orphans aged 5-8. These children are malnourished and neglected. Pray that the children grow into a relationship with Jesus, physically, emotionally and spiritually, through Biblical teaching. Pray that the community will be transformed as the children become a light to their extended families. Ask for the provision and training of future Christian teachers from the community who are motivated by a heart for God and His children. (*ProChristo Good News II Ministry*. Tel.: +26097 719 9322. Website: www.ltprayer.org or e-mail: gnews2@gmail.com).

Tuesday 27 July 2010

Focus on prisons: Overcrowding on the decline

Although South Africa's overcrowding prison figures have declined, the situation is still not satisfactory. As of June 2009, over 160,000 inmates were accommodated in the country's 237 active prisons, which were built to provide accommodation for less than 115,000 inmates. (Website: <http://www.sabcnews.com>). Give thanks to the Lord for the decline in these figures in answer to previous prayers. Continue to pray about this situation. Also ask that Christian prisoners will have great favour to lead others to the Lord in prison. Pray for more prayer initiatives inside prisons and for many prisoners to find Jesus as their personal Saviour.

Focus on nations: The Herero of Namibia

There are several people groups in Namibia that have a small percentage of Christians. One of these peoples is the Herero. The Herero people (population approximately 100,000) of central and eastern Namibia in Africa maintain strong tribal traditions. Today they combine Christian dogma with ancestor worship and magical ceremonies. These have very negative consequences, causing a lot of harm. They are ripe fields and good ground but have no strategic volunteer teams visiting, no significant leadership training or prayer support. There is very little evangelical work by anyone among them. (Website: <http://www.baptistsupport.com/tgg/tgg-13-page.php?action=view&userid=2>). Plead with the Lord of the harvest to send workers to this field soon. Pray for the Herero people to have a revelation of the Lord Jesus that will convince them to let go of all ancestor worship and ceremonies.

National focus: Human trafficking

Human trafficking is the fastest-growing criminal industry in the world, and also one of the main concerns in South Africa right now, especially with the upcoming event of the *Soccer World Cup*. What is all the commotion about?

Human trafficking is the practice of people being tricked, lured, coerced or otherwise removed from their home or country, and then compelled to work with no or low payment. (Their passports are often taken from them). Victims of human trafficking are used in a variety of situations, including prostitution, bonded labour or debt bondage and other forms of involuntary servitude. The trade and sale of babies and children for adoption or other purposes is also considered to be trafficking in children.

Human trafficking and the Soccer World Cup

The most common form of human trafficking in South Africa will be prostitution and the activities of 'sex workers' in the following months. Girls as young as 10-11 and older, are usually used as sex workers, and can have anything

from 10-20 clients every 24 hours. Many of them are made drug addicts by force so that their owners can control them. Often young girls and even boys are sold by their family for a small amount of money. It is estimated that during the *Soccer World Cup* in 2006 in Germany, 40,000 sex workers were imported from other nations. We are facing the same giant this year. Already young girls of 2-4 years are sold for very little for the coming soccer event. Many young ladies are being contracted by syndicates for the World Cup to serve as sex workers.

This type of human trafficking destroys millions of lives every year. One reporter said: *During a three-week investigation into human-trafficking syndicates operating near two stadiums, I found a lucrative trade in child sex. The children, sold for as little as \$45, can earn more than \$600 per night for their captors. "I'm really looking forward to doing more business during the World Cup," said a trafficker. We were speaking at his base overlooking Port Elizabeth's new Nelson Mandela Bay Stadium. Already, he had done brisk business among the stadium's construction workers.* Despite more than a dozen international conventions banning slavery in the past 150 years, there are more slaves today than at any point in human history. Slaves are those forced to perform services for no pay beyond subsistence and for the profit of others who hold them captive through fraud and violence. While South Africa invests billions to prepare its infrastructure for the half-million visitors expected to attend, tens of thousands of children have become ensnared in sexual slavery, and those who profit from their abuse are also preparing for the tournament.

Will prayer change anything?

One feels sick after reading these things, but we can pray. God can and wants to intervene!

- ✚ There are some encouraging testimonies. In Athens, Georgia, USA, God moved as this community prayed 24/7. An Asian massage parlour, which was believed to be a front for human trafficking closed down unexpectedly and a Mexican man was indicted and pled guilty to trafficking young girls from Mexico to Atlanta for prostitution.
- ✚ In Kansas City, Missouri, USA, for five years, a bright red brick building right next door to the Kansas City Boiler Room housed a porn shop called 'Naughty But Nice'. While it has been out of business for some time, the building itself was razed to the ground the week after they prayed. To them this destruction felt symbolic of God's heart.
- ✚ Another story comes from a prayer network in the USA. The week after these communities prayed, national news reported that 52 children were rescued in a nationwide Sex Trafficking raid.
- ✚ Whilst the 24/7 Reading community prayed in Reading, UK, a man from their area was arrested on suspicion of human trafficking, for sexual exploitation and controlling prostitution for gain. The headlines read: Arrests follow sex trafficking probe. God answered their prayers.
- ✚ Last year in one of the townships in South Africa, the police reported an upsurge in prostitution, domestic violence and other types of sex-related violence against young girls and women (in the specific township). A bishop in the community guided some 2,000 kids to pray for a week, 2 hours a day for 5 days. By the beginning of the next week, the police reported a 70% drop in cases being reported.

How do I pray?

- ✚ Pray for more people to join in prayer and if possible, to reach out to those involved in human trafficking, both the sex workers and syndicate leaders.
- ✚ Pray for detailed legislation that will give the police a legal right to deal with this type of violence against women and also against young boys.
- ✚ Pray for human trafficking to be exposed so that it is brought to the attention of the public and public awareness of what is happening is increased. Pray that people will raise a standard of prayer about this issue in our country.
- ✚ Pray for the church to reach out to victims of human trafficking with sensitivity and great compassion.
- ✚ Pray for community-based projects to address the problem of human trafficking in areas where there is a lot of activity – especially in the vicinity of the ten *Soccer World Cup* stadiums.

- ✎ Resource materials for the local churches are available and major projects of churches, in cooperation with taskforce members facilitating, are currently taking place in Eastern Europe, India, Canada, and Australia. Pray for a wider awareness in churches about this matter and for the distribution of these materials.
- ✎ Human trafficking across international borders requires cooperation and collaboration between countries if it is to be tackled effectively. Pray for such structures to be raised to combat crime.
- ✎ Let us pray according to **Lam.2:18-19**: *Their heart cried out to the Lord, "O wall of the daughter of Zion, let tears run down like a river day and night; give yourself no relief; give your eyes no rest. Arise, cry out in the night at the beginning of the watches; pour out your heart like water before the face of the Lord. Lift your hands toward Him for the life of your young children, who faint from hunger at the head of every street."*

How can you become involved or help?

Start praying, with others if possible. Make a point of finding out what is happening in our country and do the necessary research before submitting your children to organisations, e.g. modelling agencies, au pair agencies etc. Become involved in projects at your church and 'donate' some of your time and expertise to those in need. Visit these websites for more information: www.justiceacts.org / www.anexcdw.org.za / www.straatwerk.org.za / www.avoicethevoiceless.co.za

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Wednesday 28 July 2010

Focus on national security: Police numbers

The national police to population ratio is 1:341 (1 police officer for every 341 citizens). The provinces with the lowest and highest rates are Limpopo at 1:520 and Northern Cape at 1:195. (Website: www.saps.gov.za). This number has increased since January in preparation for the *Soccer World Cup*. Pray for newly recruited and trained police members to know Christ as their Saviour, to keep their jobs and be happy and effective in their work every day. Pray that many will learn the power of prayer in dangerous situations and testify about it openly.

Focus on nations: The Khandelwals of India

The Khandelwals, numbering about 6 million, have both Jain and Hindu followers among them. Jains follow a path of non-violence and are strict vegetarians. They believe that through their own efforts, their soul can progress along a ladder to God. Jains are typically well educated and very literate and have influenced society at all levels; yet, they do not know the God of the universe who can save them from their sins. Pray that God will open the eyes of the Khandelwals to understand that on their own, they will never reach Him, and that they will cry out to Him. (Intercessors Network, Storskiftesgatan 87, S-58334 Linköping, Sweden. E-mail: Intercessors.Network@Comhem.se or Intercessors.Network@Telia.com).

Thursday 29 July 2010

Focus on crime: Crime not linked to poverty

High levels of violent crime were not linked to poverty levels in municipalities across the country, a *SA Institute of Race Relations (SAIRR)* study has found. In the Eastern Cape, municipalities with the highest murder rate, 54 murders per 100,000 people, the poverty rate was 62%. Limpopo municipalities, however, recorded the lowest murder rate, but also had a poverty rate of 62%. Western Cape municipalities recorded a high murder rate with a low poverty rate of 27,5%. (Website: http://www.iol.co.za/index.php?set_id=1&click_id=15&art_id=nw20100208115527389C935746). Pray for God's grace upon the land, especially for murders and crime to stop. Ask that Christians will humble themselves before God in prayer and fasting, until He answers them.

Focus on missions: *World Mission Centre & Live School*

Pray for the Southern Africa *Live School* retreat that will be held in Zimbabwe and that will bring together school facilitators, pastors and students from nine countries in South Africa. Ask for renewed vision and zeal to go back and plant churches in the most difficult and unreached areas in Southern Africa. (Contact Chrissie Naude, tel.: 012 343 1165. Websites: www.liveschool.org or www.worldmissioncentre.com or e-mail: chrissien@liveschoolsa.org).

Friday 30 July 2010

Focus on government: Service delivery

About 82% of the South African population has access to free basic water services. This is expected to increase to 95% in 2010/11 and to 100% by 2011/12. (National Budget 2009). (Eighty20 Fact-a-Day. Website: <http://www.eighty20.co.za/blog/2010/01/water-works/> or e-mail: fact.a.day@eighty.co.za). Give thanks to the Lord for progress in this regard. Continue to pray for the expected goal to be reached, for water resources to be effectively purified throughout the country.

Focus on missions: The *Doulos* retires

The *Doulos* sailed her last in February 2010 after almost 50 years of bringing books and Bibles to many ports of different countries. About 70 *Doulos* personnel have joined the other ship *Logos Hope*. Others went home to rest or serve elsewhere with OM teams around the world. They wrote: Thank you for your help and support to facilitate this period of decommissioning. Also pray for the resettlement of the last of the staff and crew. Pray for all the adjustments for those transferring from the *Doulos* to *Logos Hope* and the ongoing effectiveness of the ministry of *Logos Hope* in the Caribbean. (*Operation Mobilization USA*. Website: <http://omusa.org/> or e-mail: info@usa.om.org).

Saturday 31 July 2010

Focus on drug abuse: Former street kid turns the tables on drug dens

An ex-street kid and an ex-convict have joined forces to tackle the challenge of drug abuse in Cape Town townships where many children, barely into their teens, are hooked on heroin and tik. Sifiso Jezile, 28, who spent 12 years on the streets of Cape Town, and Mapanya Sogani, 33, currently on parole after serving 10 years for armed robbery, may seem like unlikely candidates, but they are determined to make a difference in the fight against drugs. "Prison can be a place of introspection and I got inspired to make amends," Sogani said. (Website: http://www.iol.co.za/index.php?set_id=1&click_id=15&art_id=vn20100207085429233C691511). Give thanks to God for answering prayers for convicts to become a testimony to their peers! Pray that more young people in Cape Town will be delivered from drugs and that they will become happy, responsible citizens of their community.

Focus on nations: Beans may be answer to prayer

Climbing beans suited to rainy high-altitude areas are being distributed in Rwanda after a decade of research. The fifteen varieties could benefit smallholder farmers in similar areas across Central and East Africa. These beans are resistant to legume diseases and are also higher yielding, producing triple and even quadruple the yields of bush beans and can be grown year-round. (Website: <http://www.scidev.net/en/news/beans-climb-to-new-heights-in-rwanda.html>). Praise God for this answer to prayer about food provision for poor communities. Please pray that the main barrier, namely to get the seeds to farmers, will be bridged soon and for farmers to learn to plant and harvest the beans.

Sunday 1 August 2010

The fear of God is intermingled with INDUSTRY

I was afraid and went out and hid your talent in the ground (Matt.25:25). Three people received different responsibilities, all knowing exactly what kind of man their master was. Two of them laboured hard, doing the task

their master put before them and exercised stewardship. Another shied away, he became afraid of personal failure. The fear of the Lord leads to a willingness to work.

Food for thought: Do you struggle with the fear that you might disappoint God? It happens to many people when they attempt the exploits in His kingdom which He called them to. Were there times in your life that you have retreated in stead of moving forward? Bring these before the Lord and ask His forgiveness and another opportunity to serve Him wholeheartedly and without fear.

Prayer: Father who forgives, I confess that an emotional reaction often makes me retreat in situations where you call me to do things. Forgive me for times I let my personal feelings jeopardise the advancement of Your kingdom. Teach me the fear of the Lord that stirs me up to do what You call me for.

Monday 2 August 2010

Salvation focus: Photographers

It is quite a challenge for photographers to make a living. Some turn to photographing extreme themes to distinguish themselves from others. Not all of these are wholesome. Please pray for photographers in all spheres of life to find Christ. Ask for their testimonies to also draw many other photographers into surrendering their lives to Jesus as their Lord.

Focus on nations: Costa Rica

The Central American nation of Costa Rica elected its first female president on 7 February 2010 and she is a pro-life advocate. The election victory in Costa Rica is also a victory over international agencies and pro-abortion groups wanting the nation to allow abortions. (Website: <http://www.lifenews.com/int1459.html>). Give thanks to the Lord for this breakthrough in answer to a specific prayer focus on abortions worldwide a while ago. God indeed hears the prayers of His people. Pray for the new president of Costa Rica to remain firm in her convictions and for many people to turn to the Lord Jesus in this nation.

Join the *Citywide Watch* in Pretoria for regular prayer meetings

We want to invite you to join and come to pray with us if you live in or are planning to visit Pretoria at any time. There is a 24/7 prayer room in Lynnwood Manor in Pretoria at the offices of *Jericho Walls International Prayer Network*. Join us as individual, family, church or other group in prayer for the church and city, our country and also the nations of the world. Prayer times are scheduled in different time slots that are available and suit those who come to pray. There is a lot of prayer information available to use in the prayer room. Every month we focus on different issues. Different 'prayer stations' are also set up where you can pause for prayer e.g. worship, reading the Word and prayer, thanksgiving, a world map to pray for international issues. Prayerfully consider a regular prayer slot to stand before God's throne of grace every week for those things He puts on your heart. For more information or to book a slot, please contact Lana Botha at tel.: 012 365 3213 or 072 379 3842 or e-mail: pretoriawatch@jwipn.com. You are also welcome to join us for a monthly prayer meeting for our city, usually held on a Thursday, 08:30 – 12:00. Watch our website www.jwipn.com for the coming dates for these events or contact Anneke at 012 365 3213 or e-mail: info@global24-7.org

Tuesday 3 August 2010

Focus on morality: Exploitation and trafficking

Cape Town is showing growing commitment to the fight against prostitution, the large number of brothels, pimping and sex trafficking. Several prominent city brothels masquerading as beauty salons & massage parlours were already shut down in February. These establishments were operating without licenses. Despite mounting and

credible evidence that vulnerable teens are being lured into prostitution by these 'salons' through false and misleading advertising, newspapers continue to publish their ads thereby indirectly promoting prostitution & sex trafficking. (Family Policy Institute. Tel.: 021 462 7888 or fax: 021 462 7889. Website: <http://www.familypolicyinstitute.com/> or e-mail: info@familypolicyinstitute.com). Give thanks to the Lord for the closure of unlicensed 'salons'. Pray for police to have continued success in their efforts to restore law and order. Also pray for owners of these places to have an opportunity to encounter the Lord Jesus. Ask that newspapers countrywide will stop placing these advertisements.

Focus on the nations: Mumbai in India

Mumbai has a total population of over 16 million (2001 census) and is the financial capital of India and the home of India's Bollywood industry. The city is well known for its extreme standards of living, fast-paced lifestyle and the making (or breaking) of dreams. There are over 200,000 sex workers, between 70,000–200,000 leprosy sufferers, and at least 400,000 drug addicts in the city. Slum people have lived there in sub-human conditions for generations, and it is called the "*Forgotten city*" of the Christian organisations. (Church Planter. E-mail: ecichurchplanter@gmail.com). Continue to pray for workers to this harvest, that citizens will be open and responsive to the gospel, and for workers to alleviate desperate living circumstances of especially slum people in practical ways.

Wednesday 4 August 2010

Focus on health: Organ donor month

There are currently, only ± 30,000 registered donors in South Africa. Many people with healthy organs die every year. One person's organs can save up to 15 lives. There are currently 1,400 patients awaiting organ transplants and 3,000 awaiting cornea transplants. Any healthy person can become an organ donor. (Website: <http://medical.bizcommunity.com/Article/196/148/38366.html>). Give thanks to the Lord for those who have benefited and lived normal lives because of an organ donor. Pray that more lives will be saved through donor organs, and that people awaiting organ transplants, will come to have a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus, surrendering their lives to Him. Pray also that God will heal miraculously and that young people will not die unnaturally.

Focus on evangelism: The Deaf of Kenya

There are over 220,000 deaf Kenyans, most of whom are still waiting to hear the gospel. A new Bible translation is a sign language Bible recorded as a DVD so that those who are deaf or hearing-impaired can see in sign language someone signing out the Scriptures in their heart language. After a viewing of the sign language DVD at the dedication, one man was overjoyed to hear the Good News and asked why it hadn't come sooner. Another woman asked to receive Christ right there. (Website: <http://www.mnnonline.org/article/13838>). Give thanks to the Lord for this amazing opportunity for people with this disability to also 'hear' the gospel. Pray especially for more opportunities for other disabled people to come to know Jesus Christ as Saviour.