

But God

Dear Intercessors

We have once again reached the end and the beginning: the end of one year and the beginning of yet another New Year. It is part of the cycle of our lives and in a sense, gives us a feeling of stability. There is also a part of life with a timeline that is moving toward an end, a final destination: For us as Christians it is the way to that day and that place where there will be no more death, tears and pain. A time in which the tears of this past year will be dried, where we will see our loved ones again, as well as believers that went before us; but also the place where we will see our Master face-to-face. What a day! That day we will however also see something more: We will see the people whose lives were touched and changed by our prayers and also those who accepted Jesus as a result.

Many years ago a missionary set off for India. A friend of his, for whom it was not possible to go as well, made an agreement with him: "You go to India and work in the mission field and I undertake to pray for you every day. When we get to heaven we share and share alike." This is quite a good image to describe the work of intercessors. It is like the two wings of a bird: One cannot do without the other.

Your work as intercessor is not in vain. God hears every prayer. This is what God Himself says. There is no doubt about it. Even as you doubt whether God hears you, He hears you anyway. Your doubts do not affect the fact that God hears you. We read in **Psalm 116:1-2**: *I love the Lord, for He heard my voice; He heard my cry for mercy. Because He turned his ear to me, I will call on Him as long as I live.* This means that God heard you this year when you brought hundreds of prayers before His throne of grace. He heard and answered. Not always the way you would have wanted and neither at the time you would have preferred, but He *did* hear *and* answer.

I was tremendously encouraged when compiling reports of what God did over the past 12 months (some of the stories are mentioned in the December prayer points).

Let us end this year, encouraged by what He did and in the firm belief that He is already waiting in 2011 to hear our prayers.

May the Christmas season be a time of rest for all of us, a time to restore home and family relationships and also a fresh encounter with God our Father, the Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.

Eph.3:20

Bennie Mostert

Managing Director: *Jericho Walls International Prayer Network*

What, where and when: International

27 November - 10 December 2010: Swazi 1000

Over the past two years, more than 570 passionate young people from different universities, denominational backgrounds and cultures have united around a common vision: To express God's love in a practical way by giving the first two weeks of their summer holidays to serve the community of Bulembu, a previously abandoned mining town in Swaziland. In December 2008, 350 volunteers, all of them young people, besides painting 12 community buildings, renovating two orphan homes, erecting a 1.6km dairy fence and painting 420 houses, were challenged to live in radical devotion to God when they returned to their own communities. In 2009, 220 volunteers did the same. Visit <http://www.mote.co.za/future.php> or e-mail: info@mote.co.za. **MOTE, Swazi 1000**, Postnet 423, Private Bag X15, Menlo Park, Pretoria, 0102. Tel.: 012 348 8694, fax: 086 516 9362 086 516 9362.

Did you know?

On the road with HIGHWAY MINISTRY

Highway Ministry was established in 1995 and focus on all road users, with the purpose to bring the Word of God and the Love of Jesus Christ to attention and settle in the heart of every person directly or indirectly involved in the transport industry. The Scripture from **Luke 14:23** "Go out into the lanes and hedges and compel them to come in, that My house may be filled." is the inspiration of this ministry.

Please pray for the following actions from now till the end of December 2010:

- For their new CD with the theme 'Forgiveness and Victory'
- For existing and new Prayer Patrols country wide
- For the 'Uniform day' on 15 September 2010 when they pay tribute to officials in uniform for their contribution to safer roads.

For more information about the different actions, contact them at tel.: 016 349 1996, website: www.highwaymin.co.za or e-mail: highwaymin@lantic.net or fax: 086 502 8441

What's online

Website: <http://www.freebiblecommentary.org>

Here's a free, verse by verse, online Bible study library in 24 languages. The website has video, audio & written commentaries as well as a Seminar on Bible Interpretation. They are also willing to mail free CD & DVD copies worldwide, to all who request a copy online!

Website: www.twrafrica.org/0246.asp

About 25.6% (1.7 billion) of the world population is using the Internet, accessing it through more than 1.6 billion devices; 450 million of those devices are mobile and might exceed 2.7 billion by the end of 2013. These statistics alert us to the awesome opportunities that exist to reach people online with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Using video, audio and text, people around the world can be edified with Biblical truths at the click of a button. *Linguablast*[™] converges audio, video and textual content onto one platform containing fully translated, searchable websites in potentially 200+ languages.

Website: <http://biblepro.bibleocean.com/App/>

For access to various Bible translations, concordances and commentaries on the Bible, visit this website. You can also download this Bible software for your computer.

Website: <http://www.indigitech.net>

Aiming to enhance one's personal witness and provide effective cross-cultural tools in multiple languages, this website toolbox is full of options, with more than 10,000 external links to resources and informative articles to help you to be as effective as possible in your witness to people of other cultures and languages.

Quotes

The true spirit of prayer is no other than God's own Spirit dwelling in the hearts of the saints. And as this spirit comes from God, so doth it naturally tend to God in holy breathings and pantings. It naturally leads to God, to converse with Him by prayer. - Jonathan Edwards

Ah, prayer turns trembling saints into great victors! There is no such thing as surrender, or even discouragement, to a man who dwells in the secret place of the Most High and abides under the shadow of the Almighty. - Henry W. Frost

The battle of prayer is against two things in the earthliness: wandering thoughts and lack of intimacy with God's character as revealed in His Word. Neither can be cured at once, but they can be cured by discipline. - Oswald Chambers

True prayer is measured by weight, not by length. A single groan before God may have more fullness of prayer in it than a fine oration of great length. - C. H. Spurgeon

The more helpless you are, the better you are fitted to pray, and the more answers to prayer you will experience. - O. Hallesby

Prayer is the open admission that without Christ we can do nothing ... Prayer humbles us as needy, and exalts God as wealthy. - John Piper

There is nothing that makes us love a man as much as praying for him. - William Law

History is silent about revivals that did not begin with prayer. - Edwin Orr

The man who mobilizes the Christian church to pray will make the greatest contribution to world evangelization in history. - Andrew Murray

Prayer is self-discipline. The effort to realize the presence and power of God stretches the sinews of the soul and hardens its muscles. To pray is to grow in grace. To tarry in the presence of the King leads to new loyalty and devotion on the part of the faithful subjects. Christian character grows in the secret place of prayer. - Samuel M. Zwemer

You can do more than pray, after you have prayed, but you can never do more than pray until you have prayed. - A. J. Gordon

In prayer, it is better to have heart without words, than words without heart. Prayer will make a man cease from sin, or sin entice a man to cease from prayer. The spirit of prayer is more precious than treasures of gold and silver. Pray often, for prayer is a shield to the soul, a sacrifice to God, and a scourge for Satan. - John Bunyan

Each time, before you intercede, be quiet first, and worship God in His glory. Think of what He can do, and how He delights to hear the prayers of His redeemed people. Think of your place and privilege in Christ, and expect great things! - Andrew Murray

There is a mighty lot of difference between saying prayers and praying. - John G. Lake

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

We are living in an unprecedented day when evil is no longer evil. We have changed the terminology – iniquity is now infirmity; wickedness is now weakness; devilry is now deficiency. - Leonard Ravenhill

Our poverty in prayer is the seedbed of all our failures. - Leonard Ravenhill

Do not pray for easy lives. Pray to be stronger men. Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers, pray for powers equal to your task. - Phillips Brooks

24/7 Prayer watch focus: December 2010 – March 2011

The prayer focuses are to encourage those involved in a 24/7 house of prayer to focus on the same things at the same time in prayer. These are only guidelines and watch coordinators may add their own focuses as the Holy Spirit leads them. Will you not consider **putting up these prayer pointers in your prayer room** in creative ways, or use them in your quiet time? Also inform others and encourage them to pray for these issues during each of the monthly focuses. More information on these issues is available free of charge from our website: www.jwipn.com. Remember to subscribe to our weekly *Global Prayer Alert*, which covers current issues in prayer, by sending an e-mail to cape@jwipn.com

December: Testimonies of God at work; Prayer focus on abuse

During December we will focus on spiritual breakthroughs in our country and also internationally. Often we pray but do not hear what God is doing. When you read these stories, praise God for His mercy, honour the Holy Spirit for His mighty work in the hearts of people, and praise the Lord Jesus for His Name in which we can come before our Heavenly Father and so have our prayers answered. You might also know of other spiritual breakthroughs. Give thanks to God for each one!

Violence against family members is a reality in many countries and is rapidly increasing. Especially during December, which should be a special time for families when we commemorate Christ's coming to the earth, numerous families face only the prospect of a time of violence. This is the time when men experience much frustration and anger about their lives and working conditions which results in the abuse of their wives and children.

This usually leads to guilt that increases violence. May we cry out to God this month for families caught up in these conditions.

January: Children and youth

In January we focus on the youth and children of our country. Little need be said about the need, frustration, exposure to violence and temptations influencing our young people. Allow the Holy Spirit to show you God's heart for young people. May God help us not to be judgmental or superior when we pray, but that there will be a deep brokenness in our hearts about our own contribution to some of the difficult situations our children face. Let us ask God, through the working of the Holy Spirit, to give us compassion for our children and youth.

February: Buddhism

There are about 350-400 million Buddhists worldwide. They seem to live good lives, but they are lost and few people know about the very strong demonic activity within Buddhism. Buddhism has a surprisingly strong influence on the world, especially in the West and Asia. They specifically live according to the principle to get to 'heaven' through works, but are completely oblivious to the truth in Christ Jesus who came to deliver them from sin.

March/April 2011 – World evangelisation

We will pray for all 220 countries in the world during March and April. Most of the countries have millions of people living without the knowledge of Jesus Christ, even hundreds of millions in certain countries (e.g. USA, China and India). We often focus on our own needs and the problems in our country (and it is important to pray about that), but we tend to forget the millions of people worldwide that did not yet have the opportunity to hear the gospel even once.

Prayer focus: 25 November – 10 December: 16 Days of activism against Violence in families

To be able to pray effectively about these issues, we have to understand better what abuse and violence entail. Emotional abuse for example is the unseen fallout of all other forms of abuse: physical, mental, verbal, sexual, and even spiritual abuse. People often minimise the importance of emotions. Yet the feelings of deeply wounded people can be the driving force behind their choices. Emotional abuse strikes at the very core of who we are, crushing our confidence and wearing away our sense of worth (**Prov.17:22**). Will you not join us in prayer in every sphere of influence God has granted you, to mobilise others to pray for our men, women and children who are either responsible for, or victims of different forms of abuse. Ask for their healing, restoration and that they will come to radical conversion, surrendering their lives to Jesus Christ. (Some facts were taken from *Biblical Counselling Keys* by June Hunt).