

Tuesday 1 February 2011

**Repentance focus: National Day of Repentance for abortion in SA**

On 1 February 1997 abortion on demand was legalised in South Africa. The 1<sup>st</sup> of February 2011 will mark the 14<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the legalisation of abortion on demand in South Africa. One of the goals of this day of repentance is to encourage pastors in South Africa to preach what the Bible teaches on the subject of abortion. It is also hoped that many Christians will observe February 1<sup>st</sup> as a *National Day of Repentance* for the national sin of abortion. Will you not consider mobilising your congregation to pray about this issue this Sunday?

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**Focus on Buddhism: Some of the core beliefs of Buddhism**

**Buddhism** is an offshoot of Hinduism. Nearly all Buddhists accept certain key teachings. These are: (a) the four noble truths, (b) the eightfold path (c) the impermanence and ultimate non-existence of all dharmas (things, events) and (d) the need for enlightenment (liberation through awareness). Buddhism teaches that the whole world is delusion and nothing but a shadow caused by the mind; thus, there is no world outside the mind. According to Buddha, every definite thing is illusion; things have no reality in themselves, but are like heat haze.

**As Christians** we believe that although no man has ever seen God “the only unique Son, or the only begotten Son of God, Who is in the bosom [in the intimate presence] of the Father, He has declared Him” (**John 1:18, Amp**). All things were made and came into existence through Him; and without Him was not even one thing made that has come into being (**John 1:3**), and this is anything but an illusion.

**Pray for** *Buddhists to have a revelation of Jesus Christ as the One who became a human being, who dwelt among us (not a delusion, neither an illusion, but a reality) and through whom all things were made and came into existence. Ask for every hindrance to these truths to be removed from the eyes of their heart.*

Wednesday 2 February 2011

**Focus on the construction industry: Building plans for new projects**

The statistics of Building Plans passed is an indication of the forward planning of households and businesses for the extension to existing buildings or the erection of new buildings. In 2009-2010 a significant number of jobs were lost because of the economic slope. The economy now needs to show signs of improvement in order for business confidence to improve. Pray for an increase in business confidence, especially that businesses and households would plan for future expansion. South Africa's economy seems to have surges in positive and negative trends rather than a sustained steady growth. Pray for sustained steady growth in these sectors for this year. Give thanks that the *National Credit Act* protected many households from catastrophic debt failure. In spite of reduced interest rates, too many households are in serious debt. Henk Langenhoven, senior economist at the *SA Federation of Civil Engineering Contractors (SAFCEC)*, e-mail: [hpl@safcec.org.za](mailto:hpl@safcec.org.za)

**Focus on the nations: Austria**

Bordering eight countries in Europe's centre, Austria is mountainous in the south and west. Austria has increased its competitiveness by privatising industries and reducing subsidies. Manufacturing, powered by hydroelectricity, drives the nation's export trade. Please pray for effective Austrian leadership in the churches, especially church planters and evangelists; either from within or from mission organisations. Ask for young people to be met in their need for encouragement to use their gifts, to train and to move into ministry. Pray that God will call Austrians to begin to pray for breakthroughs in their nation.

Website: <http://www.24-7prayer.eu/#/austria/4541265164>

Thursday 3 February 2011

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

Please pray today for each person working at the different offices of *Jericho Walls Prayer Network* across the country. Pray for those working on the websites, database, with the finances, those writing material and conducting seminars, those answering letters, e-mails and telephone calls, those participating in prayer journeys, etc. Pray that God will protect them and take care of them (body, soul and spirit). Pray also for their

childrens' salvation and spiritual growth and for all their practical needs. Pray also for Elize Potonas who is preparing for ministry in India. Please pray that the printing and distribution process will be running smoothly this month, as the next issue of *Jericho Walls Daily Prayer Guide* will be posted during the next 10 days. *Jericho Walls International Prayer Network*, Private bag X22, Lynnwood Ridge, 0040. Tel.: 012 365 3213, fax: 086 594 0565. Website: [www.jwipn.com](http://www.jwipn.com) or e-mail: [info@jwipn.com](mailto:info@jwipn.com)

### **Breakthrough focus: Radio programs reaching where missionaries cannot**

Praise to the Lord for broadcasting breakthroughs in new languages. Over the past year, *Gospel for Asia (GFA)* has seen its radio programming expand to currently reach 110 language groups with the message of Christ. In many of these language areas, missionaries have never been welcome. *GFA* Radio allows India's upper class to listen to the message of Christ in their own home when social pressure prevents them from going to church or contacting a missionary. Also, many hear this programming in rural villages where no missionary has ever been and where radio is still sometimes the only link to reach people.

Website: <http://www.mnnonline.org/article/14308>

Friday 4 February 2011

### **Health focus: World Cancer Day**

*World Cancer Day* started in 2006 and is a global observance every year on February 4 that helps raise people's awareness of cancer and how to prevent, detect or treat it. Cancer is one of the leading causes of death around the world, according to *World Health Organisation (WHO)*, which estimates that 84 million people will die of cancer between 2005 and 2015 if there is no intervention.

Website: <http://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/un/world-cancer-day> Lift up in prayer today all those you know who suffer from cancer, a friend or family member or perhaps you yourself. Also continue to pray for more breakthroughs in cancer research. Pray for God's intervention, that He will stop this devastating disease, proving the mentioned predictions wrong. Pray for legislation regarding food that would prohibit the usage of harmful ingredients in food and beverages, and that MSG-usage will be banned. Pray that Christians will pray as before: Lord, please bless the food to our bodies. Remind God of His promise in **Ps.34:21**.

### **Focus on the nations: Croatia**

Croatia has 1,185 islands in the Adriatic. The 1991-95 Civil War between Croats and Serbs caused massive damage to cities and industries. War halted the tourist trade and drastically cut industrial output, including a lucrative ship-building business. Since the war, Croatia has progressed politically and economically. Many regard any non-Catholic church as a sect, and atheism and new age beliefs are also common. Pray for revival to be poured out on this nation, and for unity among believers, as people here have a long history of fighting, even among believers, as well as dividing into clans. Ask for many new conversions.

Website: <http://www.24-7prayer.eu/#/croatia/4540114262>

Saturday 5 February 2011

### **Focus on agriculture: Land Reform**

South Africa urgently needs successful and sustainable land reform.

Website: [www.fwdeklerk.org](http://www.fwdeklerk.org) or [www.cfr.org.za](http://www.cfr.org.za) or e-mail: [info@fwdeklerk.org](mailto:info@fwdeklerk.org)

We need a comprehensive land reform audit. Please pray for an accurate assessment of available land and that the necessary action will be taken regarding delayed promises. Also for a rapid and effective approach to granting farmers in the traditional homelands proper freehold or leasehold titles to the land that they farm. Pray for more effective consultation and cooperation between government and organised agriculture on workable approaches to land reform. Organised agriculture has proved repeatedly that it is willing to assist in this regard.

### **Focus on Buddhism: Some of the core beliefs of Buddhism**

To **Buddhists** the "eightfold path" means: (1) right vision, (2) right conception (aspirations), (3) right speech, (4) right behaviour or conduct, (5) right livelihood, (6) right effort, (7) right concentration or mindfulness and (8) right one-pointed contemplation or meditation.

**Christianity is not** a philosophical system that consists only of basic doctrines. It is mainly a relationship with the Person Jesus Christ and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. All our works and ways follow as a result from this personal relationship. Jesus said: *I am the Way and the Truth and the Life; no one comes to the Father except by (through) Me. If you had known Me, you would also have known My Father. From now on, you know Him and have seen Him (John 14:6-7).*

**Pray for** Buddhists to have a deeper understanding of what would truly satisfy their human soul. Ask for a hunger and thirst to come into their hearts. Ask that they will have opportunities to hear about Jesus as the one and only path to salvation.

Sunday 6 February 2011

### **Pray the Word (9) (Cont. from 30 Jan.)**

We must *speak the words of God* (the Scriptures, God's promises and commands) and *build our lives on the Word: The Word is full of grace and truth (John 1:14)*. When we speak the words of God, it brings God's grace and truth to people. Jesus says in **John 17:8**: *"For I have passed on to them the message You gave Me. Jesus only spoke what He heard from the Father: I don't speak on my own authority. The Father who sent me has commanded me what to say and how to say it ... I say whatever the Father tells me to say" (John 12:49-50)*. Take note of **1 John 5:14**: *"And we are confident that He hears us whenever we ask for anything that pleases Him."* Where do we find the will of God? In His Word. In other words, when we ask anything according to God's Word, God's will, we have confidence to approach God and know that we will receive what we have asked for. Jeremiah said he ate the words of God: *"When I discovered Your words, I devoured them. They are my joy and my heart's delight, for I bear Your name, O Lord God of Heaven's Armies" (Jer.15:16)*. Mary, the mother of Jesus, told the waiters at the wedding, *"Do whatever He tells you" (John 2:5)*. The apostle Peter took Jesus at His word and he saw the power of God: *"Master," Simon replied, "we worked hard all night and didn't catch a thing. But if You say so, I'll let the nets down again" (Luke 5:5)*. Jesus teaches us in **Matthew 4:4**: *"The Scriptures say, 'People do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" (Quoted from Praying with Purpose, Bennie Mostert.)*

Monday 7 February 2011

### **Focus on sustainable energy: Hydropower**

Hydropower ousted coal as the fastest growing fuel in the world. The demand for coal dropped by 10.4% in 2009, the steepest decline on record, according to the *BP Statistical Review of World Energy*. The *World Coal Institute* forecast the use of coal would rise by 60% over the next 20 years. Coal currently accounts for 26% of world primary energy, second only to oil, with 34%. The report does not include solar power as a fuel, but the France-based *International Energy Agency (IEA)* said energy from the sun could represent up to 20% to 25% of global electricity production by 2050. Website: <http://www.esi-africa.com/node/11286>

Continue to pray about the growing need for energy worldwide, and that more cost-effective ways to generate electricity, which are also beneficial to the environment, might be found and introduced soon.

### **Focus on Bible translation: Scripture films in sensitive countries**

For oral people groups, translated Scripture can have a strong impact when presented in dramatised form. But in places where it's difficult to be a follower of Christ, it's also difficult to find people willing to lend their voices to dub Scripture films. Right now two teams, each working on a language, want to record the text for the *Acts* and *Joseph* films but are waiting for speakers of the languages to volunteer. Pray that God will give the right people courage to participate. Pray that Scripture will bless their hearts even as it is being recorded and that these films will soon be available. (*Wycliffe Prayer Focus Bulletin*. Website: <http://www.wycliffe.org/pray.aspx> or e-mail: [Personnel\\_Southafrica@wycliffe.org](mailto:Personnel_Southafrica@wycliffe.org))

Tuesday 8 February 2011

### **Focus on children: Malnutrition**

*Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF)* has launched a campaign to reform humanitarian food assistance and nutrition programmes for malnourished children. Some developing countries such as Mexico halved the number of malnourished children in the past two decades, using relatively cheap methods like fortifying flour with milk.

Community kitchens in Thailand hand out free well-balanced meals that include eggs and milk. At any given time an estimated 195 million children worldwide are affected by malnutrition. Malnutrition contributes to at least one-third of the eight million annual deaths of children under five years of age.

Website: <http://www.irinnews.org/Report.aspx?ReportId=89374>

Give thanks to the Lord for these initiatives. Please pray for continuous faithful donors to such projects and for volunteers that will also share the food of the gospel with these children.

### **Focus on Buddhism: Some of the core beliefs of Buddhism**

One of the statements of **Buddhism** is the following: 'The material world is so impermanent it is ultimately an illusion. Every individual is also an illusion and even one's own self should be considered one's enemy, something to be destroyed because it perpetuates suffering.' In Buddhism, as in Hinduism, the individual person is the basic problem - according to them, the individual person must disappear completely.

**As Christians** we know for sure that *God foreknew us [He was aware and loved beforehand], He also destined us from the beginning [foreordained us] to be moulded into the image of His Son [and share inwardly His likeness] ... and those whom He thus foreordained, He also called; and those whom He called, He also justified [acquitted, made righteous, putting them into right standing with Himself]. And those whom He justified, He also glorified [raising them to a heavenly dignity and condition or state of being]... (Rom.8:29-30, Amp)*. The body of Christ consists of different parts, each functioning with unique gifts, to the benefit of the whole body. God does not see people as faceless masses without the power to make choices. Scripture is also clear that Christ bore the pain of the world on the cross and no person is able to 'destroy' his own pain or suffering.

**Pray for** *Buddhists to begin searching for the reason for their lives and purpose on earth. Ask that they will encounter God as the One who perfectly planned their existence with a reason and purpose for His kingdom. Ask for their eyes to be opened to the truth of Jesus Christ.*

Wednesday 9 February 2011

### **Focus on evangelism: Every Home for Christ, South Africa (EHCSA)**

EHCSA has partnered with various ministries and outreach initiatives in South Africa in order to support, encourage and strengthen the work done for the expansion and fulfilment of the Great Commission in our generation. Please pray for these ministries who are reaching out to homes, hospitals, schools, and correctional centres countrywide. Ask for many people to respond, embrace the message and grow spiritually as Christians. EHCSA, PO Box 7256, Centurion, 0046. Tel.: 012 663 4587, website: [www.ehcsa.co.za](http://www.ehcsa.co.za) or e-mail [info@ehcsa.co.za](mailto:info@ehcsa.co.za)

### **Focus on the nations: Greece**

Greece, on the Balkan Peninsula, consists of a large mainland and more than 1,400 islands with at least 12 million visitors a year. Greece was the first European country to ever hear the gospel (**Acts 16:10**). Although Greece is a 'Christian' country in name, pray that people will have an opportunity to respond to Jesus personally. Ethnic minorities in the north are often ignored and marginalised. Ask for effective and loving outreach to these people. Pray also for their government to have wisdom to know how to rebuild the shattered economy, and to safeguard the poor. Website: <http://www.24-7prayer.eu/#/greece/4540765142>

Thursday 10 February 2011

### **Focus on health: Treatment of HIV/AIDS**

Cabinet has approved the implementation plan to scale up the HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment programme. The new plan aims to reduce the rate of infection by 50% by 2011 and to provide antiretroviral (ARV) treatment to 80% of those who need the treatment. Highlights of the new plan include a move from voluntary HIV counselling and testing to HIV counselling and testing via a service delivery model that offers testing to all patients at the entry points in all health institutions.

Website: [http://www.iol.co.za/index.php?set\\_id=1&click\\_id=13&art\\_id=nw20100311103943402C778003&newstt=1&em=177813a6a20100311ah](http://www.iol.co.za/index.php?set_id=1&click_id=13&art_id=nw20100311103943402C778003&newstt=1&em=177813a6a20100311ah)

Give thanks for these answers to prayer. Please pray that those in desperate need of treatment will be able to obtain it on a regular basis. Please pray for many more testimonies of God's healing of HIV/AIDS.

### **Focus on Namibia: The Nama people**

The Nama people of Namibia have been 'exposed' to Christianisation over the past two hundred years. Due to this baseline awareness, there is a huge receptivity to the gospel. However, the true knowledge of Christ is minimal. Although they call themselves Christians, they are without a Saviour. Most do not know what it means to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. They are searching and they are very receptive, but they need someone to share the gospel with them. Pray especially for those bound by alcoholism. Please pray for more people to begin earnestly praying for this people group. Also ask for native workers (or people understanding their language and culture) for this harvest.

Website: <http://www.forgottenpeoples.info>

Friday 11 February 2011

### **Focus on communication: Safer Internet Day**

European *Safer Internet Day (SID)* is an annual event to promote safer and more responsible use of online technology and mobile phones to help protect young people online.

Website: <http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/saferInternetdayuk/>

Give thanks for initiatives like these. Please pray that many young people will realise the dangers involved, put their lives in order and turn their hearts to the Lord Jesus.

### **Focus on the nations: Liechtenstein**

Liechtenstein is a tiny independent state between Switzerland and Austria. It is currently a modern, prosperous country with a strong industrial centre. Almost the entire indigenous population is Catholic. The majority of expatriates are nominal Christians and a growing minority are Muslims. Few in this country have ever been confronted with the necessity of a personal faith in Christ. Only a small proportion of those who claim to be Protestant attend a church. Pray that outsiders (especially those speaking German) will share the gospel with them, so that many might encounter the risen Christ. Cry out to the Lord for revival to break out in this nation, and for many surrounding countries to visit and be touched and healed as a result!

Website: <http://www.24-7prayer.eu/#/liechtenstein/4541438101>

Saturday 12 February 2011

### **Focus on national health: SA to tap patents to create new drugs**

South Africa will use a new "patent pool" to work on new drugs for tuberculosis (TB) and malaria, making it the first government to take advantage of the industry-led idea. The pool aims to speed development of drugs for neglected tropical diseases by freely sharing patented information owned by drug companies and academic institutions. The pool contains more than 2,300 patents that are available for use by industry, non-profit groups and academic researchers to develop new medicines for malaria, cholera and more than a dozen other diseases.

Website:

[http://www.sagoodnews.co.za/health\\_and\\_hiv\\_aids/sa\\_to\\_tap\\_patents\\_to\\_create\\_new\\_drugs.html?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+SAGoodNews+%28SA+The+Good+News%29](http://www.sagoodnews.co.za/health_and_hiv_aids/sa_to_tap_patents_to_create_new_drugs.html?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+SAGoodNews+%28SA+The+Good+News%29)

Give thanks to the Lord for strategies like these. Please pray now for the implementation of these strategies. Ask that honesty and integrity will rule in this process, that it will truly benefit those in need.

### **Focus on Buddhism: Some of the core beliefs of Buddhism**

Two of the basic beliefs of **Buddhism** are the principles of reincarnation (they believe that after death, one can be reborn in a new body) and karma (the sum of all an individual has done, is currently doing and will still do). **Christians believe** that Christ has bought everlasting life for people on Calvary and therefore we live once on earth (**Heb.9:27**), and then with Him in His everlasting Kingdom. The sum of all we have done has been cast upon Jesus Christ on the cross and therefore our sin has been completely removed and we are cleansed from it, not by our own endeavour, but by His grace. *Because of and in order to satisfy the great and wonderful and intense love with which He loved us, even when we were dead by [our own] shortcomings and trespasses, He made us alive together in fellowship and in union with Christ; [He gave us the very life of Christ Himself, the same new life with which He quickened Him, for] it is by grace and mercy which we did not deserve that we are saved [delivered from judgment and made partakers of Christ's salvation] (Eph.2:4-5, Amp).*

*Pray that Buddhists will have a revelation of the love of God that surpasses all understanding. Ask that they will understand the mystery of grace and the fact that everything has been redeemed. All they have to do is simply accept and believe it.*

Sunday 13 February 2011

### **Pray the Word (10) (Cont. from 6 Feb.) (Sunday devotional)**

We have to make sure that we live from the Word of God if we want to succeed spiritually, and do the will and the works of God: *Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do (Josh.1:8). All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip His people to do every good work (2 Tim.3:16-17).*

*The connection between the Word and faith: The Word activates faith. What people say can motivate us to believe, can stir the desire to believe in our hearts, but it is not until we read, pray and proclaim the Word itself, that faith enters into our hearts. Faith comes from the Word we hear: So faith comes from hearing, that is, hearing the Good News about Christ (Rom.10:17). The world was formed and put into order by the Word of God to serve His purpose in creating the world. By faith we understand that the entire universe was formed at God's command, that what we now see did not come from anything that can be seen (Heb.11:3). When we speak the Word of God in faith and claim the promises, it brings order, it creates and re-creates. (Quoted from *Praying with purpose*, Bennie Mostert).*

Monday 14 February 2011

### **Focus on unemployment: SA's renewable energy sector**

A recent report from an international research organisation the *Global Climate Network (GCN)* has indicated that some 36,400 new direct jobs and 109,100 indirect jobs could be created in the renewable energy sector in South Africa by 2020. Furthermore, as many as 700,000 people could be employed in the biofuels industry in South Africa. These figures were derived assuming a 15% target for energy generated from renewable sources by 2020.

Website: [http://www.sagoodnews.co.za/environment/sas\\_renewable\\_energy\\_sector\\_could\\_create\\_145\\_000\\_jobs\\_by\\_2020.html](http://www.sagoodnews.co.za/environment/sas_renewable_energy_sector_could_create_145_000_jobs_by_2020.html)

Please pray for reports like these to be turned into effective projects to realise the possibilities stated here. Ask God to raise up new entrepreneurs who will see the potential of this and walk in integrity to initiate businesses like these.

### **Focus on Bible translation: Translator's vision in sensitive regions**

A new translator, Misha, was learning how to translate the book of Proverbs into his own language. In April he had a dream. An older man all in white asked him to read from a dazzling book. When Misha started reading, he found that it was Proverbs in his language! The man took his hand and told him not to doubt, that he was doing everything correctly. The man then led him to **Psalms 23**. After reading it, Misha woke up. Give thanks to the Lord for encouraging those who give themselves to the translation of the Bible. Please pray today for each person involved in translation projects anywhere; that they will experience God's affirmation and help with their task. Ask for their daily physical and spiritual provision. *Wycliffe Prayer Focus Bulletin*.

Website: <http://www.wycliffe.org/pray.aspx> or e-mail: [Personnel\\_SouthAfrica@wycliffe.org](mailto:Personnel_SouthAfrica@wycliffe.org)

### **Article: Children-2-pray-4-children: Pray for your friends' salvation**

It is written in the Bible that Jesus wants all people to repent (**2 Pet.3:9**) and that God our Father does not want any child to be lost (**Matt.18:14**). Each one of us has the privilege to tell our friends that Jesus loves them and wants them to be with Him in heaven forever one day. Many children don't know Jesus, because no one has ever told them about Him or because they just don't want to allow Him into their hearts and their lives. The following are some things you can do to help your friends reach the Lord Jesus and also how you can pray for them.

1. Pray and ask the Lord to show you one or two of your friends that you can pray for so that they will get to know Him. Think of children at school with you or friends who live in the same neighbourhood as you.

2. Start praying for them and ask the Lord Jesus to save them. Ask Jesus to come to these children Himself and show them how much He loves them.
3. Remember, it will be easier for your friends to believe in Jesus when you live like a Christian yourself. Your friends must be able to see that you love them, care for them and forgive them when they have done something that hurt you. When you have done something that hurt them, it is your turn to say you're sorry. Perhaps the other person is also guilty, but even then it is still important that you will say you're sorry for what you did.
4. Don't give up praying for your friends. Sometimes it can take a few days for them to give their lives to Jesus, but at other times it can take months or even years. Be patient. Even if it seems that nothing is happening or that God doesn't hear you when you pray, don't stop praying. Jesus says very clearly in **Matthew 7:7-8**: *Ask and it will be given to you.* Carry on praying until the friend you are praying for gives his or her heart to Jesus.
5. Do not judge your friends. Don't lecture them. Tell them what Jesus means to you, and sometimes you could also tell them about times when Jesus answered your prayers.
6. When something happens to them, ask them if you can pray for them. It means a lot to people if you pray for them when they are having a hard time. It can happen that someone's parents are getting divorced, a grandfather or grandmother dies, that they are sick or something happens that is hard for them, and makes them sad and unhappy. Your friends will get to know Jesus' love if you pray for them when they are having a hard time – especially if you pray with them. They need to understand that they are special to Jesus and that He cares for them – even if they don't understand why bad things are happening to them.
7. When the person you are praying for is ready to give his/her heart to the Lord, you can ask if you can pray with them and ask that the Lord accepts them as His children. Read **Revelation 3:20** with them and explain that we must open our hearts to Jesus so that He can come in and live with us forever. You can pray the following prayer together with the person: *Lord Jesus, today I open the door of my heart to You and I ask that You will come into my heart and live there forever. Wash my heart clean of all sin and forgive me for all sin. Fill me with the Holy Spirit so that I can live every day for You. Thank you that I may now be Your child. Thank you that I now belong to You forever. Amen.* You may help your friend to repeat the prayer after you bit by bit, but it is important that they pray themselves – you cannot pray on behalf of your friend.

Tuesday 15 February 2011

#### **Focus on health: Step forward in serving HIV/AIDS patients**

Nurses do as good a job as doctors at monitoring patients on HIV/AIDS drugs, a new study shows, lending weight to a recent government decision to introduce "task-shifting" to try to meet its ambitious treatment targets. Until recently only a doctor could initiate and manage a patient's treatment. A new policy was introduced in 2010 allowing suitably qualified nurses to prescribe antiretroviral medicines and manage patients, with backup from more specialised doctors for complicated cases.

Website: <http://www.businessday.co.za/articles/Content.aspx?id=112166>

Give thanks to breakthroughs like these. Please pray for medical personnel to experience God's strength and love for them as they help patients every day. Pray also that the medical personnel will ask reasonable fees for their services.

#### **Focus on Buddhism: Some of the core beliefs of Buddhism**

**Buddhists** believe that by definition, sense perceptions (the sense of hearing, seeing, smelling, tasting, touching) do not exist in Nirvana (heaven, paradise). This is a state of freedom from the ties of the four noble truths (soul, will, emotions, mind). What then exists to perceive Nirvana? And without a soul, how can they experience even their 'paradise'? **As Christians** we do not have to work at our salvation in order to obtain it. Neither do we have to overcome this world and its sufferings and troubles by ourselves. *We put our hope in the One who has completed the race and won it. He has told us these things, so that in Him we may have peace and confidence. In the world we have tribulation and trials and distress and frustration; but we can be of good cheer! For He has overcome the world. He has deprived it of power to harm us and has conquered it for us (John 16:33, Amp).*

*Pray that God will open the eyes of Buddhists to see the contradictions in their beliefs. Ask that they will start to search for the Living God and that the Father in heaven will supernaturally direct them to find Jesus as the Way, the Truth and the Life.*

Wednesday 16 February 2011

#### **Focus on the media: Christian radio and television**

About 24.8 million South African adults (76%) listen to the radio on a daily basis. TV's daily viewership is 24.4 million. Eighty 20. Fact a Day.

Website: <http://www.eighty20.co.za/> or e-mail: [info@eighty20.co.za](mailto:info@eighty20.co.za) or [fact.a.day@eighty20.co.za](mailto:fact.a.day@eighty20.co.za)

Please continue to pray for funding for those running Christian broadcasts in South Africa and Southern Africa. Ask that listeners will really be touched, changed and transformed through radio programmes like these. Pray for program commentators and presenters to speak with boldness, humility and hope that will turn many to Christ.

#### **Focus on the nations: North Korea**

President Kim Jong-Il celebrates his birthday today. Pray for his salvation and for him to have a growing personal relationship with the Lord Jesus. An estimated 400,000 Christians practise their faith in underground networks in North Korea. There is a lack of Bibles and Christian teaching which can lead to false doctrines and weak spiritual foundations for these Christians. North Korea is the No. 1 persecutor of Christians. Over 50,000 Christians are in prison camps because of their faith. People rarely get out alive. Ask for breakthroughs for the gospel in this nation today. Pray especially for revival in the prison camps where Christians are being held.

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Thursday 17 February 2011

#### **Focus on Buddhism in South Africa**

Various Buddhist groups were brought to the Cape Colony from *South-east Asia* during the 1680s. The *Nan Hua Temple Complex* at Bronkhorstspruit is the largest in Southern Africa. Temples, centres and groups are common in the metropolitan areas and the country is thought to comprise the largest Buddhist community in Africa. Buddhist traditions are represented in South Africa in many forms. There has been an increase in distinct Buddhist traditions since the mid-1980s. Buddhist leaders e.g. Dalai Lama, often visit the country in order to bestow Buddhist teachings and blessings on people. Although Buddhism essentially requires a life of self-denial, many people are drawn to Buddhism because of its teachings of peace and tolerance.

Website: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Buddhism\\_in\\_South\\_Africa](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Buddhism_in_South_Africa)

Pray for God's Spirit to touch the teachers and students at the Theravada, Zen, Nichiren and Tibetan schools in SA.

#### **Focus on India: Hindu nationalists plan 'religious cleansing'**

Over 100 Hindu extremists gathered recently to announce their plan to rid Madhya Pradesh (state in India) of Christians ahead of a 2011 re-conversion event "to drive away Christian pastors, evangelists and foreign aid workers from the district". They said a holy Hindu assembly would be staged in February 2011 and they hope for 2 million participants. Previous gatherings prompted Christian beatings, homes and churches being destroyed and the desecration of graveyards. The recent gathering of hate speeches and vows to 'cleanse' the region of Christians motivated at least one assault on Christians. Local police refuse to provide security for Christians. As often as the Lord reminds you today, please pray for the physical and spiritual protection of our brothers and sisters in Madhya Pradesh.

Website: <http://www.compassdirect.org/english/country/india/20289/>

Friday 18 February 2011

#### **Focus on agriculture: New maize varieties to improve harvests**

New maize varieties that are more in line with the small amount of fertiliser used in Africa have been developed and will improve South African harvests by up to 50%. A science-based products company has been set up to

assist this development. Website: <http://www.africagoodnews.com/innovation/new-maize-varieties-to-improve-harvests.html> Pray for sustainability of this project which will initially benefit South Africa and Kenya, to be followed by the rest of sub-Saharan Africa over the next 4-9 years. Pray for wisdom to overcome challenges; to optimise the use of soils for agriculture to increase food security; to cope with climate change, escalating input costs and a deteriorating natural resource base. Pray for the development of maize varieties suited to South Africa's diverse farming ecologies to be so successful that they may be used internationally. Pray that these new varieties will be beneficial for health and not harmful.

### **Focus on the nations: Malta**

The five Maltese islands — Malta, Gozo, Comino, Comminotto, and Filflawith — are located in the Mediterranean Sea, about 97 km south of the south-east tip of Sicily. Malta's position in the Mediterranean, midway between Europe and Africa, has made it a strategic prize. Malta has always been a very religious country. It is at the same time increasingly post-Christian, as most of the younger generation have rejected the Catholic Church, which is all they have ever known. The Evangelical Church has been around since the early 70s but there has not been much growth since the early 90s. The Island has historically been used by God to stop the Islamic invasion of Europe. It is in a strategic position in the centre of the Mediterranean and we believe God has a great destiny for this nation. (**Joel 2:12**) Ask for the church in Malta to return to her first love for Christ. Pray also that Malta would be a fountain of the presence of the Lord to the region and for revival to break out in this nation soon. Website: <http://www.24-7prayer.eu/#/malta/4539977586>

Saturday 19 February 2011

### **Focus on energy development: Exploring renewable energy sources**

The potential for hydropower generation is great and only 10% of the continent's potential has been realised. This is the ideal platform to give impetus to project implementation for small and large hydro projects. South Africa can produce more than 43,000 megawatts of electricity, but wants to increase this by using renewable energy sources like wind, solar and hydropower. Website: <http://www.esi-africa.com/node/11255> Please pray for leaders working together to unlock Africa's hydropower potential to promote sustainable development, regional integration, water and energy security, and poverty eradication in Africa. Pray for clear innovative funding solutions and partnerships for the different proposed projects, and specifically rural electrification and village hydropower projects in e.g. Uganda. The building of more dams is important; pray for wisdom on where and how to do this soon.

### **Focus on Buddhism: Some of the core beliefs of Buddhism**

**Buddhists** believe that things must be interpreted from a Buddhist perspective, not a Western or Christian view, as the belief in the Christian God and morality to them are delusive, harmful beliefs. Early Buddhism rejects belief in God and is largely non-theistic (absence of the belief in both the existence and non-existence of a deity) and atheistic (an absence of belief in the existence of gods), although a polytheistic belief (a belief in many gods, even millions of them) later emerged.

The Spirit of the living God teaches His children about Himself, His Word and a daily intimate walk with God testify to that. **As Christians** we value life, decision-making and morality from a Biblical perspective. First and foremost this would be to love one another just as Christ has loved us. From this simple value, morality, love and respect for another person's life flow. We do not have to appease many gods in order to live a safe or normal life. God covers us with His grace and we are safe in His arms. Even in trouble He is our safe Refuge.

*Pray that God will stir Buddhists to explore the things Christians believe and ask why they believe these things. Ask for the spirit of wisdom and revelation (**Eph.1:17**) to touch their hearts and open their eyes to see and understand the ultimate hope of their calling in Jesus Christ.*

Sunday 20 February 2011

### **Pray the Word (11) (Cont. from 13 Feb.) (Sunday devotional)**

Why do we have to pray the Word? God makes known His will in the Word. When we pray the Word we pray the will of God and when we pray according to the will of God, the Word says our prayers will be answered (**1 John 5:14-15**). Secular books provide knowledge and insight, but it is only when we read the Word that we come to

*faith*. When we pray the Word, faith is sown in our hearts (**Rom.10:17**). The Word (Scripture) reveals *God's priorities*. When we pray according to the Word we learn what these priorities are and we will consequently be able to adapt our lives according to these priorities. The Word has *authority*. When God the Father created the universe He did it through His Son, the Word. The Word spoke a word and there was light, life and people. When we proclaim the Word, it becomes a declaration in the spiritual kingdom – the Word still has the same power. When we call on the living Word, it has the power to give life and to re-create. The Word teaches us about *God* – His character, power, works, abilities and attributes. When we understand God better we are able to pray with more faith. Faith is as strong as the One in whom you believe. (Quoted from *Praying with Purpose*, Bennie Mostert).

Monday 21 February 2011

### **Focus on Buddhism in SA**

A 2003 study estimated that in the late 1990s there was a total of 6,000 Buddhists in South Africa (3,000 of whom had Asian ancestry) out of a total population of 42 million (or 0.01% of the total population).

Website: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Buddhism\\_in\\_South\\_Africa](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Buddhism_in_South_Africa)

Lift up in prayer each individual proclaiming him/herself to be Buddhist, or any other individuals, including Christians who unknowingly follow Buddhist practices. Ask that the Holy Spirit will touch each heart to question these practices, and for Christians who are well-equipped to lead them to Christ, to cross their path. Pray by name for the following notable SA Buddhists: Leela Verity (founder and director of Sat Chit Anand), Heila and Rodney Downey (students of Zen Master Seung Sahn), Gen Kelsang Sangdak (resident teacher of the Mahasiddha Centre in Durban, and National spiritual director in South Africa for the New Kadampa Tradition-IKBU), Gen Kelsang Pagpa (resident teacher of the Tushita Centre in Cape Town) and Kelsang Gyaltsen (resident teacher of the Vajrapani Centre in Johannesburg).

### **Focus on the economy: Energy supply through hydropower**

A bright future lies ahead for hydropower in Africa. It is expected that by 2020, hydropower is to account for 52% of West Africa (excluding Nigeria) and 79% of East Africa's total new additional generation capacity. At least 20,000 megawatts of hydropower capacity is expected to be added to sub-Saharan Africa's hydropower capacity by 2015 through both refurbishments of existing old plants and the construction of new projects. Internationally, opportunities are being explored to use Africa's hydro resources to generate private power. Zambia plans to start building a major \$1.5 billion power plant, which is expected to boost generation capacity by 600 megawatts when completed in 2017.

Website: <http://www.spintelligent-events.com/hydropower2010/en/index.php>

Please continue to pray about this issue; for jobs to be created, and for communities to be uplifted and not exploited in the process.

### **Article: Pastors praying for pastors**

In **Acts 6:4** we read that the apostles said, *We will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the Word*. This was a top priority for the apostles and it should also be a priority for every spiritual leader (ministers, pastors, missionaries, etc.). Even a superficial study of the lives of men and women in ministry who spent enough time on prayer, shows that their ministry was extremely fruitful. It would be a good idea for ministers/pastors/missionaries to read the book *Power Through Prayer* by E.M. Bounds every year!

The following are a number of guidelines for spiritual workers and leaders concerning their prayer life and prayer times:

- Making time for *prayer is a choice*. A person makes this decision only once you get your priorities right concerning prayer in your life. Then the next step is to make it a priority in your life.
- Stop *blaming* yourself for the amount of time you spend in prayer. However, make a choice to spend *more time* with God. If you spend about ten minutes a day in prayer, try making it fifteen minutes. Don't suddenly try to pray an hour a day. It will most probably work for only two days and then you are loaded with even more guilt feelings!

- Find a *time when and a place where* you can pray that will work for you. It sounds so elementary, but it makes a huge difference in any person's prayer life to have a fixed time and place for prayer.
- Think of a *simple prayer guide* that you can set up yourself. Decide on five or six prayer themes like for example your own spiritual life, marriage and family, your appointments for the day, Sunday's sermon and other groups you plan to speak to, problems in the congregation, specific projects or outreaches. Don't start with too many topics; just choose a few to start off with. You can always add to the list at a later stage.
- *Don't try to pray for everything every day.* One of the things the Evil One uses to hinder spiritual workers from praying is to make them feel guilty about everything they didn't make time to pray for. Listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit and pray only for those matters that the Holy Spirit impresses on your heart.
- It is always worthwhile to try using a *prayer journal or diary*. Not everybody finds the use of a prayer journal relevant, but the majority of people find it very meaningful. At first it requires a little discipline, but it is extremely worthwhile. For guidelines on using a prayer journal, e-mail [info@jwipn.com](mailto:info@jwipn.com) and ask for "How to use a personal journal"
- Let *prayer top the priority list in your home*. Often ministers/pastors are so swamped with matters that are important, urgent and serious that they tend to forget that their number one responsibility (over and above all is to love God), is their family. The onslaught of evil is always aimed first and foremost at the spiritual leader's marriage/family. Your family is *your* first prayer responsibility.
- Broadly speaking, prayer consists of two aspects: a) *intimacy* with God and b) the '*working*' part of prayer or intercession. Make enough time for both. We are inclined to pay attention to only one of these aspects. Ask the Holy Spirit's help in this respect.

Tuesday 22 February 2011

### **Focus on HIV/AIDS**

Better health care and education is necessary for the 28 million people who are living with HIV/AIDS in Africa. The practices of polygamy, rape and intimidation leave women helpless in preventing HIV infection. Over 13% of adults in Mozambique are infected with HIV. At least 15% of South Africa's population is HIV-positive. Website: <http://www.twr.org.za/phannah/prayer.asp>

Let us not grow weary in crying out to the Lord for breakthroughs and supernatural healings of HIV/AIDS. Pray that people will comprehend the benefit and spiritual protection there is in living a holy and Biblical-based moral life.

### **Focus on Buddhism: Some of the core beliefs of Buddhism**

**Buddhism** teaches reincarnation (when you die, according to how you have lived your life, you will be born as something else in another body e.g. a dog, another person, or you could achieve Nirvana). But since Buddhism also denies the existence of the soul (will, emotions and mind), it is a little confusing as to what it is that reincarnates.

**As Christians** we believe that man is destined to die once and after that to face judgment. In the same way Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people and He will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him (**Heb.9:27-28**). Christ is the only Way to our heavenly Father and there is no other way.

**Pray that** *Buddhists will know that they can have assurance of salvation in this life and the life hereafter. Ask especially for a deep understanding of the promise of John 3:16 – For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

Wednesday 23 February 2011

### **Focus on industry: Gas-to-electricity project launched in KZN**

A landmark project that converts gas from household waste into electricity has been officially launched in Durban. A first for Africa, the project will produce enough electricity for thousands of medium-income homes. It will also inject tens of millions of Rands into the city coffers through the sale of electricity and certified emission reduction credits, also known as carbon credits. Also millions of cubic metres of greenhouse gases that would otherwise have escaped into the atmosphere each year, contributing to global warming, will now be converted into clean electricity.

Website: [http://www.sagoodnews.co.za/environment/gas-to-electricity\\_project\\_launched\\_in\\_kzn.html](http://www.sagoodnews.co.za/environment/gas-to-electricity_project_launched_in_kzn.html)

Praise the Lord for answers to prayers like these; for both energy production and stewardship of the environment. Please continue to pray that these projects will be finalised, that problems will be identified in advance, and for many to benefit from it soon, also in other provinces.

### **Focus on the nations: Switzerland**

Switzerland, in central Europe, has a history of political stability and expertise in technology and commerce which helps explain the Swiss phenomenon: a post-industrial economy that reported one of the highest per capita incomes in the world. For a long time Switzerland was a neutral state till the nation joined the *UN*. Pray that Christians will continue to stand for Biblical values. Switzerland is famous as a rich nation, but doesn't take enough responsibility to care for the poor and for social justice. Pray that Christians will motivate the nation to use its finances to care for the poor, both in and outside the country, and that human trafficking might become an openly discussed topic, resulting in practical action! Pray for young people – despite their prosperity, many commit suicide. Pray that Christians will openly testify about their faith, so that young Swiss people will embrace life. Ask for the faithful prayer warriors to remain standing in prayer and see their prayers answered.

Website: <http://www.24-7prayer.eu/#/switzerland/4541438100>

Thursday 24 February 2011

### **Focus on Buddhism in SA**

The Nichiren Buddhist lay group *Soka Gakkai International* has a community centre in Parkwood, Johannesburg. Derivatives of *Korean Zen* have been established in the Western Cape. The *Vipassana Association of South Africa* has been holding meditation retreats in the Western Cape. The *Shrambala*, *Diamond Way Buddhism* and *New Kadampa* traditions are some recent additions to the collection of schools.

Website: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Buddhism\\_in\\_South\\_Africa](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Buddhism_in_South_Africa)

**Take extra time to pray** for each one of these Buddhist groups operating in SA. Cry out to the Lord for especially strong leaders to have a clear revelation of the Lord Jesus Christ, as well as an understanding on how to explain the differences between Buddhism and Christianity. Ask that a hunger to explore and read the Bible will lead thousands of Buddhists to find Jesus Christ as Saviour.

### **Focus on the Comoros Islands**

Keep on praying for the influx of French Bibles into the Comoros Islands, that all will reach their destination, that those in need will be able to have a Bible without being found out. Pray for the young growing church: for a passion for the Word of God, for growth and depth.

### **DVD's and CD's with message of salvation**

Pray for the distribution of DVDs and CDs in most of the languages of SA (also Chichewa, Swahili, German and French) with the message: *What shall I do to be saved?*

Friday 25 February 2011

### **Focus on evangelistic follow-up: Nations that visited SA**

Many initiatives took place to evangelise during the *Soccer World Cup* last year. Now long-term follow-up is needed towards the common purpose of raising fathers for the fatherless generation in SA and Africa. We have to see fathers stepping into their rightful role as custodians of moral values. Please pray for the legacy programmes of *Ubabalo* (training sports coaches to be life coaches) and the follow-through of initiatives of the more than 2,000 churches who were involved in establishing sports-related ministries in local churches. Pray that God would raise up the right leaders to facilitate this movement of the church in the different spheres of life of the youth. *UBABALO*. Tel.: 021 886 5669 or fax: 021 883 2068.

Website: [www.ubabalo2010.com](http://www.ubabalo2010.com)

### **Focus on the nations: Macedonia**

Macedonia is a landlocked state in the heart of the Balkans, in south-eastern Europe and proclaimed independence from Yugoslavia in 1991. Violence between Albanians and Macedonians erupted in March 2001,

prompting the government to send troops into the Albanian western section of the country. After six months of fighting, the rebels and the Macedonian government signed a peace agreement that allowed a British-led NATO force to enter the country and disarm the guerrillas. Pray that Christians in Macedonia will take up their responsibility to reach the unsaved and unreached with the gospel, both in their own country and in the other Balkan states. Pray that Christians will understand it, and initiate projects to put it into practice. About 30% of the population of Macedonia are of Albanian origin, with no church. Please pray for a church to be established in this country among Albanian Muslim-background believers.

Website: <http://www.24-7prayer.eu/#/macedonia/4541555734>

Saturday 26 February 2011

### **Focus on Buddhism in SA**

The *Fo Guang Shan Buddhist order* has erected *Nan Hua Temple*, the largest Buddhist temple and monastery in Southern Africa, in the town of Bronkhorstspuit near Pretoria. Another notable Buddhist centre in the country is the Buddhist Retreat Centre in Ixopo, KwaZulu-Natal.

Website: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Buddhism\\_in\\_South\\_Africa](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Buddhism_in_South_Africa)

***Please lift up in prayer*** today every individual from the Buddhist order and everyone visiting these specific and other Buddhist temples in SA today. Ask that the Holy Spirit will work in their hearts, so that they will have a clear understanding of who Jesus Christ is, the truths for which He stands, and His love for them. Ask for the Christian church to become well equipped in ministering to Buddhists asking difficult questions.

### **Focus on Iran: Spiritual awakening**

An Iranian evangelist says a spiritual awakening of unprecedented magnitude is occurring behind the scenes in a nation known for its persecution and intolerance with Christian activity. A vibrant New Testament church is thriving in Iran, in spite of brutal persecution under Ahmadinejad's regime. Currently more than 3,000 Iranians are known to convert each month, even though the Iranian government has cracked down on satellite television and smashed satellite dishes in Tehran and other cities.

Website: <http://charismamag.com/index.php/fire-in-my-bones/28316-gods-strategic-plan-for-iran#ixzz0pKiD9vwG>

Give thanks to the Lord for this testimony. Please pray for workers in Iran to be safe, to have opportunities and favour to continue to share Jesus Christ. Also pray for new Christians to have a hunger for the Word and grow spiritually.

### **Focus on Buddhism: Reliability of Buddhist scriptures**

**Buddhism** is difficult to define. Buddha (his real name was Sigharta Gautama) claimed no more than being a man who discovered an alleged form of spiritual enlightenment apart from divine revelation; just a mortal man trying to find a solution for human suffering. Buddha's words were never recorded, so it is impossible to ascertain if what is available today are the genuine words of Buddha, or those of his disciples centuries later.

The **Christian Bible** is most reliable, as many scripture manuscripts have been found over the centuries that have proved others correct that had already been found, even ages before that. Even some of the recorded history of different nations compares with things written in the Bible. Of all the different religious scriptures available today, the Bible has been proved right more times than any other religious writing. (Read '*Evidence that demands a Verdict*' written by Josh McDowell)

***Pray for*** Buddhists, that their search for understanding will lead them to understand that the law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul. The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple. The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes. The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever (**Ps.19:7-9**).

Sunday 27 February 2011

### **The believer's access to the Throne of God (1) (Sunday devotional)**

People often doubt or are uncertain whether God will hear them when they pray. We often hear people ask: Am I good enough? Will God listen to me? I am just an ordinary person. I do not pray well. I am afraid of God! On the basis of the following Biblical arguments you can be sure He will listen to you, you may boldly stand before the throne of God and talk to Him.

- **On the basis of God's invitation: Heb.4:16** – *So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive His mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.*
- **On the basis of the cross: John 19:30** – *After Jesus had tasted it [wine vinegar], He said, "It is finished!" Then He bowed His head and released His spirit.*
- **Because Jesus is interceding for us: Heb.9:24** – *For Christ did not enter into a holy place made with human hands, which was only a copy of the true one in heaven. He entered into heaven itself to appear now before God on our behalf.*
- **On the basis of the promises: 2 Cor.1:20** – *For all of God's promises have been fulfilled in Christ with a resounding "Yes!" And through Christ, our "Amen" (which means "Yes") ascends to God for His glory.*
- **On the basis of His covenant with us: 2 Cor.6:18** – *"And I will be your Father, and you will be My sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty."* **Heb.8:10** – *"But this is the new covenant I will make with the people of Israel on that day, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their minds, and I will write them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be My people."* (Quoted from *Praying with Purpose*, Bennie Mostert).

Monday 28 February 2011

#### **Focus on justice: Whoonga drug spreads rapidly in Durban area**

A new, deadly and highly addictive drug called Whoonga is taking hold of Durban's townships, with authorities warning that its users have increased by thousands in the past year. The drug is a concoction of the antiretroviral stocrin, dagga and several other substances, including chemicals found in rat poison. Children as young as 14 are smoking it in drug dens.

Website: [http://www.iol.co.za/index.php?set\\_id=1&click\\_id=13&art\\_id=vn20100621044503986C613769](http://www.iol.co.za/index.php?set_id=1&click_id=13&art_id=vn20100621044503986C613769)

Please cry out to the Lord about this situation. Ask for drug lords to be found out, and for enough evidence to put them away and shut their specific industry down in the Durban area.

#### **Focus on prayer mobilising: UK Christians called to 500 days of prayer**

Since August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010, thousands of UK Christians are taking part in a prayer project which will run until December 31, 2011. The 500 days of prayer was launched with a vision to mobilising churches in prayer ahead of a major prayer gathering at Wembley Stadium planned for 2011 and a year of prayer scheduled for 2012 to coincide with the Olympics in London. Individual Christians are being asked to set their alarms or mobile phones to noon every day and take one minute to pray the Lord's Prayer over the UK.

Website: [http://www.openheaven.com/forums/forum\\_posts.asp?TID=32884&PN=1&TPN=1](http://www.openheaven.com/forums/forum_posts.asp?TID=32884&PN=1&TPN=1)

Pray that this idea will spread to other nations, especially those hosting international events in future. Ask for the church to take up her responsibility and the Holy Spirit to teach people how to pray.

Tuesday 1 March 2011

#### **Focus on evangelism: Manual 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 especially 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 will 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.

#### **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](http://www.liveschool.org) and [www.worldmissioncentre.com](http://www.worldmissioncentre.com) or e-mail: [chrissien@liveschoolsa.org](mailto:chrissien@liveschoolsa.org) or e-mail: [info@worldmissioncentre.com](mailto:info@worldmissioncentre.com)

Wednesday 2 March 2011

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

South Africa exported about 25% of its coal output, making it the world's fourth-largest exporter. 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. Also continue to pray for the upgrading of existing, and building of new infrastructure e.g. railways, so the economy could benefit from existing need of various products.

Website: <http://www.esi-africa.com/node/11284>

**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 judged to be 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. Many houses of prayer are emerging. 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 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>