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Global Prayer Alert

A weekly prayer guide for congregations, prayer groups and 24-hour prayer watches.
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Revival in the Body of Christ

Then I said, "I will not make mention of Him, nor speak anymore in His name." But His word was in my heart like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I was weary of holding it back, and I could not (**Jer.20:9**). God has called us to be people that will speak forth His Word. So easily we become puppets in the hands of man, saying the things that would please man, falling into the web of the system of this world. The prophet was rejected by man for he spoke words that challenged the intents of man's heart. Ask the Holy Spirit to show you who you are. Are you willing to please man or God? **Father, please show me who I am. Help me to live like Jesus who would challenge the systems of this world in order to present truth.**

Testimony: Church leaders previously arrested are now released

All 18 house church leaders arrested in Langzhong city, Sichuan province on June 9 were released due to pressure from many supporters who called the Domestic Security Protection (DSB) office after seeing ChinaAid's press release. Thirteen of the leaders served administrative detention for 10 days and were released on June 20. The five leaders sentenced to criminal detention were released on June 23. The house church leaders were arrested on June 9, when more than 30 house church leaders were gathered in Pastor Li Ming's house church. Several dozen officials in six to seven police vehicles from the local DSB Squad surrounded the site, then arrested all 30 of the Christians and searched the house. Police released 12 leaders the same day, but detained 18. (E-mail: editor@prayer-alert.net, 03/07/09). **Praise God for the release of these Believers and for answering prayers. Pray for those who are persecuted for their faith in Christ – pray that they will become bolder in proclaiming who Christ is.**

Pray for your community: Families

Family life can come under pressure from many areas, but God loves families and wants them all to flourish. (Website: http://worldprayer.org.uk/uploads/Friday_Focus_July_2009.doc, 14/07/09). Bless the families in your community with the following prayer according to **1 Pet.3:8-12: Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing. For "Whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit; let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."**

South Africa: Street Kids

NGOs predict a significant increase in the number of children drawn to the streets, especially with schools being closed for the winter holidays next year. Street kids have plans to make big money during 2010. They know the visitors will use drugs and want sex. And they know they can make money from that. (Website: http://www.iol.co.za/index.php?set_id=1&click_id=13&art_id=vn20090712071101832C578138, 12/07/09). **Pray for social workers and those involved in ministering to street kids; that this situation will be handled with much wisdom from God. Also pray that the Church in South Africa will seek a solution from God with much urgency.**

International: 6 Baghdad churches bombed in 24 hours

CNN reports that at least four people have been killed and as many as 32 injured in six successive bombing attacks on Churches in various areas in Iraq. The locations where churches were bombed were: St. Joseph's in western Baghdad, on Saturday night; two churches in central Baghdad's al-Karrada district and another in al-Ghadeer in eastern Baghdad on Sunday afternoon; another on Sunday evening in eastern Baghdad; and the last bombing Sunday night in southern Baghdad's Dora district. One Iraqi Christian, interviewed outside Sacred Heart Church in al-Karrada remarked that if the attacks continue like this, "there will be no Christians left in Iraq." (E-mail: editor@breakingchristiannews.com, 13/07/09). **Christ promised us that the gates of hell will not prevail against the Church being built. Pray that every individual will realize that the Church is not a building but Believers (living stones) standing together in unity. Pray that Believers in Iraq will remain firm in their faith. Ask God to minister to them by His Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth and that they will have ears to hear what He is saying. Pray that Believers will live by the words that proceed out of the mouth of God.**