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Revival in the Body of Christ

Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. (Heb.4:16). In times when we find ourselves at a place of hardship and it seems like the challenges are never-ending; God still invites us to draw nearer to Him. He never shows us away, but lovingly He draws us to that place of perfect peace even in the midst of a storm. ***Heavenly Father, thank You for making a way for us to approach Your throne and make our requests known to You. Thank You for Your love.***

Testimony: Freedom and Opportunity in South Iraq

Five years ago, an *OM (Operation Mobilization)* team had to leave south Iraq and has not been able to return to that part of the country. But a local Believer has worked diligently and believed that God would eventually bring many unreached neighbours into His kingdom. As most Christians fled from his city out of fear, God allowed this man to start a church which continues to grow and has become self-supporting. His ministry started with a small book stall in the main market of the city about 10 years ago, and now the church runs two Christian bookshops. This year the church was invited to participate in a big book exhibition in the city. Last year, 600 Bibles and New Testaments and over 2,500 Christian books were sold at the same event. Seekers of the Truth have been connected with Believers and started to study the Word of God as a result of the book fair. (E-mail: info@usa.om.org, 05/11/09). ***Thank God for what He is doing in this nation. Please pray for people, to find new life and inner freedom which only Jesus can give. Pray for protection of this man who carries on the ministry and the church as they keep serving the Lord and expecting God to do great things.***

Pray for your community: Young people

A scheme encouraging schoolgirls as young as 11 to request the morning-after pill by text message is to be expanded. After an initial trial among six secondary schools, Oxfordshire Primary Care Trust (PCT) hopes to roll out the scheme across their county. The scheme, which allows schoolgirls to text requests for the morning-after pill to a school nurse who can then supply the pill during breaktime, has been roundly criticised. Family values campaigners say that making the morning-after pill more widely available encourages promiscuity among teenagers. (Website: <http://www.anglican-mainstream.net/?p=17235>, 03/11/09). ***Please pray for a strengthening of family and moral values that will discourage promiscuity among youngsters. Pray that their minds will be controlled by the Holy Spirit so they will live a life pleasing to God and filled with joy and peace. (Rom. 8:5-8).***

South Africa: Unemployment rate increases

SA's official jobless rate increased to 24,5% of the labour force in the third quarter of 2009, from 23,6% in the second quarter, a report shows. In its latest quarterly Labour Force Survey, Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) said the total number of unemployed people stood at 4,19-million in the three months to September. Stats SA said the number of employed people fell by 484,000 to 12,89-million. The manufacturing sector, one of the hardest-hit by a global downturn and domestic recession, shed 150,000 jobs -- 8% of total jobs for the industry -- while wholesale and retail trade lost 110,000 jobs. (Website: <http://www.mg.co.za/article/2009-10-29-sa-unemployment-rate-increases>, 29/10/09). ***Ask God to restore hope in the heart of everyone who has been unemployed for a long period of time. Pray that they will call on the name of God to provide in their daily***

needs. (Matt.6:11).

International: Teenager expelled from school for his faith

Second year high school student Chen Le has been expelled from school for his Christian faith. He had been found by the Bazhou Public Security Agency to have engaged in Christian gatherings, and the school was notified to educate him and persuade him to "mend his ways", according to the Notice of Expulsion. Chen Le stated emphatically "I would rather be forced out of school than deny my faith," prompting the school to advise him to transfer to an alternative school. Although Chen Le does not regret signing the Notice of Expulsion document and refusing to renounce his faith, his expulsion has come at a great price for his future. This situation has effectively deprived him of his future education, as he has now been barred from taking the mandatory college entrance exam. (E-mail:

subscribe@barnabasfund.org, 03/11/09). ***Praise God for Chen Le's resolute belief in the Lord Jesus Christ and his refusal to renounce his faith, despite the effect this may have on his future education. Pray that the school will repeal the Notice of Expulsion and stop the religious discrimination against Chen Le so that he can continue his studies.***

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