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Revival in the Body of Christ

The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. (2 Pet.3:9). Often when we do not see the promise of God coming to fulfillment in the time that we want it to we start doubting, or even give up on the dream that God has stirred in our hearts. We end up not entering into the promise of God, because of our unbelief. (Heb.3:19). It is important that we continually keep the dream "alive" by believing in God's Word and proclaiming His Word. **Father, we confess that we give up so easily. We want to learn endurance through every hardship that we face. Please grant us the grace to allow You to do a thorough work in our lives.**

Testimony: Reach them one at a time

An International Mission Board (Southern Baptist) missionary working with an unreached people group in Central Asia was looking for some "good soil" in which to share the gospel, but he seriously doubted that he had found such when he hired "Bruce" (from the unreached people group) to work for him. Bruce continued to work for him and they became good friends. Bruce confided in his new friend that his life was in turmoil: his father had just died, he had marital problems and he drank excessively. Unexpectedly, Bruce told the missionary that his father had always wanted a copy of the New Testament. The missionary replied that he is willing to share his own one. As he did so, Bruce was drawn to the passages about Jesus. Bruce then began asking questions: "How can I make my marriage work? How can I stop drinking so much?" His questions were leading Bruce to Jesus. Bruce delighted his friend when he told him that he wanted to believe in Jesus. As Bruce sincerely trusted Jesus, patterns in his life began to change. (*Global Prayer Digest*, E-mail: GPDMOD@wciu.edu, 13/11/09). **Pray for God to use the lives and testimonies of Bruce and others from his people group to reach his Muslim neighbours for Jesus. Pray that all efforts of Satan to stop God's work among this group will be frustrated.**

Pray for your community: Discipline

A major study has concluded that children who receive 'tough love'— a combination of warmth and discipline – from their parents have the best chance of doing well in life. The study found that parenting style, not economic background, is the most important factor determining a child's development of positive qualities such as self-control, empathy and determination. It also discovered that children with married parents were twice more likely to show these key traits than children living with step-families or single parents. (Website: <http://www.christian.org.uk/news/the-best-parents-balance-discipline-with-love-study/>, 13/11/09). **Please pray that the realisation that a balanced way of discipline is essential for the wellbeing of children. (Deut.11:19).**

South Africa: Safety on roads

Since we are approaching the closing of schools for the December holiday season, it is time for *Highway Ministries* to put in extra efforts to establish new Prayer Points and extend Prayer Patrols throughout the country and to encourage existing ones to prepare for an extra thrust in mobilising all intercessors to come and pray against death on the roads of the country. There are currently 46 Prayer Points from the Cape to Mussina, Port Elizabeth to Kimberley to Vanrhynsdorp. If you would like to get involved visit www.highwaymin.co.za for any additional information you may need. (E-mail: highwaymin@lantic.net, 12/11/09). **Pray for safety on the roads of South Africa during the holiday season. Pray that drivers will refrain from driving under the influence of alcohol or when they are tired. Pray for all the workers (traffic officers, policemen, assistants at tollgates, etc.) that will assist drivers in having a safe journey.**

International: 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 there are an average of 17 murders a day in the country, most of them attributable to youth gangs and organised crime. 29% of children aged five to fourteen are involved in child labour and are being sent out to work in difficult and dangerous conditions. *Early Encounters*, a *Viva* project run in partnership with *Toybox*, is working with families whose children are potentially at risk of becoming street children, to prevent them from ending up on the streets. They also work with children who may be relatively new to life on the streets, who may still be in contact with members of their family, in order to reunite them with their parents or other relatives. (E-mail: pray@viva.org, 09/11/09). ***Praise God for Early Encounters and the success that they have seen so far in Guatemala. It is estimated that over 200 children are attending activities arranged by the project, and up to 100 may have been taken off the streets this year. Pray for the continued success of the project. Pray for relationships to be formed between families and project workers, in order that more families can be reached by Early Encounters to prevent children ending up on the streets.***

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