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Revival in the Body of Christ

But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. So which of these three do you think was neighbour to him who fell among the thieves? And he said, "He who showed mercy on him." Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise." (Luke 10:33,36-37). Sometimes we are so engrossed with our own plans and our normal routines that we forget about the plight of the poor and the needy. Both the Levite and the priest passed by the hurting man – too busy with their own plans. From this portion of scripture it is evident that we need to become a caring church. We need to see the plight of the poor and needy. Interruptions of our daily routine are not always distractions, but opportunities to show compassion. Do you love your neighbour? **Heavenly Father, please grant us hearts of compassion. Forgive us for becoming self-centered and important in our own eyes. Help us to love our neighbour.**

Testimony: Bible becoming bestseller in Norway

The UK's 2011 bestseller lists might have been dominated by cookery, courtesy of Jamie Oliver, and romance, courtesy of David Nicholls, but Norwegian readers were plumping for another sort of book last year: The Bible. The first Norwegian translation of The Bible for 30 years topped the country's book charts almost every week between its publication in October and the end of the year, selling almost 80,000 copies so far and hugely exceeding expectations. They only printed 25,000 to start with and thought it would last six to nine months, but it was launched mid-October and by the end of the year it had sold 79,000 copies. (E-mail: editor@prayer-alert.net, 05/01/12). **Praise God for the distribution of His Word in Norway. Pray that each person who bought a copy will be motivated to meditate on the Word and discover God for who He is. Pray that revelation will fill their hearts and that their minds will be renewed by the Word of God.**

Pray for your community: Husbands pray for your spouse

Do you desire the best for your spouse? Why not dedicate this year to pray for your wife? (Source: Jericho Walls Prayer Guide). **Pray for her spiritual growth, an increase in her faith and for a holy life. Pray for her relationships with friends and others. Pray that she will attain her God-given purpose and live her dreams. Pray for her physical protection, strength and health.**

South Africa: Freedom celebrated

South Africa's governing party and Africa's oldest liberation movement, the African National Congress (ANC) will celebrate its centenary in 2012. The main event was held on January 8, 2012 in Mangaung, Bloemfontein - the place where the party was founded. (Website: <http://www.sabc.co.za/news/f1/4d4e260049aeda24bf9cff289d3b33f3/ANC-celebrates-100-years--20120105>, 05/01/12). There are continued discussions after the celebration on the way forward for the ruling party in South Africa and how it will impact this nation. **Pray for the salvation of government officials working in each and every government building in South Africa. Ask that Christians will boldly minister the love and compassion of Christ to them, pray with and for them, and lead them to surrender their lives to Jesus.**

International: South Sudan

The government of South Sudan has declared a disaster as thousands of people flee sectarian attacks. Violence broke out late December between two tribes in the town of Pibor. An estimated 100,000 people fled to the surrounding countryside. A death toll is not known because officials can not gain safe access to the region. American Red Cross volunteers are trying to reconnect 150 young children with their missing parents, but it's believed many of them were killed. South Sudan gained independence from the North last July after more than 25 years of brutal fighting that killed more than 2 million people. So far, the separation has not lead to peace and border skirmishes between the two countries threaten to bring more instability. (Website: <http://www.cbn.com/cbnnews/world/2012/January/Franklin-Graham-War-Looms-in-South-Sudan/>, 07/01/12). **Please continue to pray for peace in South Sudan. Pray for all the children who have been disconnected from their family; pray that they will be protected whilst volunteers are searching for their families. Pray for Christians in South Sudan to remain steadfast in prayer and that they will share the gospel in the midst of their trials and hardships.**

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