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Revival in the Body of Christ

You crown the year with Your goodness, and Your paths drip with abundance. (Ps.65.11). We are at the beginning of a new year, with new challenges. Maybe last year has been hard and you are tempted to carry the disappointments and the so-called failures with you into this year. The Word of God says that His mercies are new every morning. Choose to roll every burden unto the Lord and accept His forgiveness and clean slate. Today, we have a chance to improve, change, bless and encourage. If we choose to believe that every day of this year can be like this we will be able to look back at the end of this year and say, "The Lord is good, and His mercy endures forever." **Father, thank You for Your goodness. We roll our cares and burdens on You. We accept the freedom and liberty that comes by Your Spirit.**

Testimony: Having faith when persecuted

The Romanian police wanted Pastor Florescu to give up other members of his underground church so that they, too, could be captured. Seeing that the beatings and torture weren't working, the Communists brought in Florescu's son Alexander, only fourteen years old, and began to beat the boy. While Florescu watched, they hammered his son's body unmercifully, telling the pastor that they would beat his son to death unless he told them the locations of other Believers. Finally, Florescu could not bear the beatings anymore and told his son that he is willing to give them information. His body bruised, blood running from his nose and mouth, Alexander looked his father in the eye. "Father, don't do me the injustice of having a traitor as a parent. Stand strong! If they kill me, I will die with the word Jesus on my lips." The boy's courage enraged the Communist guards, and they beat him to death as his father watched. Not only did he hold on to his faith, he helped his father do the same. (Website: http://www.marthamac.com/persecuted-christians.php#persecuted_christian_testimonies, 25/11/09). **Pray for parents like Pastor Florescu who has lost family and loved ones for the sake of the Gospel. Pray for Believers in closed countries; ask God to enable them to remain strong in their faith in Christ.**

Pray for your community: Facebook

Recently a group called "have to practice suicide" was removed from the social network after a 15-year-old member of the group was stopped by friends as she tried to throw herself off the roof of a Hong Kong school. (Website: http://www.iol.co.za/index.php?set_id=1&click_id=3&art_id=nw20091126065556764C505188, 26/11/09). **Pray for the safety of young people on social networks like Facebook; pray that they will not become members of groups that can harm them in any way.**

South Africa: Government

It is the final months before the beginning of the Soccer World Cup in South Africa. Leaders constantly need to make decisions that would be the best for every South African and every tourist. Please take the time to pray for those in authority of this nation. Lift up in prayer President Jacob Zuma and Deputy President, Mr. Kgalema Motlanthe, together with their cabinet, to have discernment to make wise decisions from the counsel they receive from members of parliament and other leaders. **First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. (1 Tim.2:1-4).**

International: Sudan

Up to 1.2 million people in South Sudan, including hundreds of thousands of children, could face famine as a result of low rain fall. An increase in tribal conflict has meant that many families have been displaced, driven away from what crops they did have, therefore leaving them even more vulnerable. It is thought that around 2,000 people have been killed in these clashes between rival tribes. (E-mail: pray@viva.org, 23/11/09). **Pray that God would bless this region with rainfall, so that they would not be hit by famine. Pray especially that God would protect the vulnerable children in South Sudan. Pray that God would open the eyes of those involved in tribal conflicts. Pray for Christian ministry into these people-groups, and that they would seek peaceful resolutions to their disputes.**

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