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Revival in the Body of Christ

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. (1 Thess.5:16-18). Some of you may have seen your life savings evaporate in the financial chaos that has brought down some of the pillars of our economy. Some may have lost homes. And that's just the national headlines—not to mention individual tragedies like cancer and divorce that overshadow many of our lives. It is our responsibility as Christians to assure the world that God is still in control. He has promised to bear our burdens. "Come to me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (**Matt.11:28**). **Father, thank You for the assurance that we have that You will take care of our every need. Please help us to focus on You and not on our hardships. We trust You alone.**

Testimony: Word of God for Sudanese people

The commander of the [rebel] Sudanese army barracks, who is not a Christian, gave our Bible League people permission to work among the soldiers. It is a miracle! As a result, more than 1,000 soldiers have committed their lives to Christ and have been baptized. Sudan's people speak a lot of different languages and dialects. The Bible has been translated in seven languages; the New Testament in fifteen. Twenty-one of the languages have portions of the Bible. The Bible League has been able to reach many in the Sudanese (rebel) army because they have the available Scriptures translated in the languages of the soldiers. (E-mail: etrisia@sudanpartners.org, 14/12/09). **Pray that more Bible translation work will be completed. Pray that God will work through Bible League workers and the Sudanese Christians to reach all soldiers and Muslim people groups in Sudan, so that they can experience God's enduring love.**

Pray for your community: Teenage boys learn how to respect girls

A generation of youths who do not know how to treat women are to be targeted by the British government in a drive to tackle violence and abuse in teenage relationships. The campaign could also involve children as young as 5 being taught about 'gender equality' as part of personal, social and health education that, from 2011, is to be a compulsory part of the national curriculum. Rules are also to be produced for how teachers should tackle 'sexist, sexual and transphobic' bullying. A strategy to tackle violence against women and girls published highlights the need for 'attitudinal' change among teenagers in relationships. The move follows growing concern that some teenage boys are mistreating girls with verbal abuse, physical attacks and attempts to coerce them into having sex. (E-mail: editor@prayer-alert.net, 27/11/09). **Pray that young people in your community will come to the knowledge of Jesus and that they will serve Him. Pray that their conduct will change as they are being transformed by the renewing of their minds. (Rom.12:2).**

South Africa: Leaders

The apostle Paul encourages us in **1 Timothy 2:1-4** to pray for those in authority. The President of South Africa, Jacob Zuma said that it had not been an easy task to build a nation united in its diversity, but a good start had been made in the past 15 years. The Constitution of South Africa guarantees human rights for all, the right to a minimum standard of life, including the right to access health, education, social security, food and water. (Website: http://www.news24.com/Content/SouthAfrica/986/001104ee9d4e4f048e1ab8281d9bfaff/11-12-2009-07-00/Not_easy_to_build_united_nation, 11/12/09). **Please pray that every promise of the Constitution will be upheld by the political leaders of this nation. Pray that they will seek wisdom from God on how to lead this nation in the year 2010.**

International: Afghanistan

Reports speak of a frightening practice taking place amongst girls and young women in Afghanistan, whereby they are forced to set themselves on fire in order to escape from abusive husbands or the threat of forced marriage. 'Self-immolation', as it is called, is often considered by these girls as being the only way out of abusive situations. Out of 51 cases seen over seven months by a particular hospital in Herat, only 13 girls survived. What is more, in cases of abuse, it is often the victim, rather than the perpetrator, who is punished. Honour killings, where girls are killed by male family members for things such as falling pregnant outside of marriage (often as a result of rape), are another dangerous custom. (E-mail: pray@viva.org, 23/11/09). **Pray for the girls and young women facing these horrific situations. Pray that God would provide an escape for them other than self-immolation, and that they would find protection and security. Pray for Christians in Afghanistan who may come into contact with girls in abusive situations. Pray that they would be able to minister to them and to show God's love, and explain to them that it breaks His heart to see them treated in such a way.**

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