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Revival in the Body of Christ

*And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. (Rom.5:3-5). We not only rejoice in times of prosperity, and of health, but also in times of difficulty. We carry our joy and triumph even into the midst of trials. The effect of afflictions on the minds of believers is to make them patient. Patient endurance of trial produces experience. Through the experience the quality of our commitment to our Lord is shown forth. Our love towards Him also grows and we grow in the assurance that He will never leave us; He is always there for us. **Heavenly Father, thank You so much for Your love. We are convinced that You are right beside us in every trial.***

Testimony: God revealing Himself through dreams in the Middle East

God is revealing Himself to the Muslim world through dreams and visions. When Muslims are questioned on this phenomenon, many of them reply that they have encountered Jesus in their dreams. One of the recent stories is of an Egyptian lady who stopped a Christian man on the street. The woman said, "You are the one!" The Christian man didn't understand what she was talking about. She told him, "[In my dream] you were walking with me and Jesus, and you had that same striped shirt on, those glasses, those pants and those shoes. Jesus was telling me He loves me and wants to have a relationship with me." In her dream she asked Jesus, "What do I do?" In her dream Jesus told her, "Ask this man tomorrow when you see him." (Website: <http://mnnonline.org/article/15000>, 23/11/10). **Thank God for every person in the Middle East who has made a decision to follow Jesus. Pray that the Christians in the Middle East will continue to ask God for divine opportunities to share the gospel with the unbelievers.**

Pray for your community: Christmas and credit

Christians Against Poverty is urging people not to give into the temptation of taking a loan to cover the cost of their Christmas celebrations. The debt counseling charity says it is not out to kill the festive season but that it wants people to have a clear spending strategy to see them safely into the New Year. Chief Executive Matt Barlow believes such a strategy is wise as yet more economic uncertainty looms on the horizon. 'These are difficult times for a lot of us and the temptation is to say 'at least we'll have a great Christmas' and use that as an excuse to spend what we haven't got,' he said. The charity has released its top ten tips for avoiding festive debt. These include being honest with family members if things are tight, not buying gifts for others out of obligation, and clubbing together with relatives to buy the kids' presents. (Website: <http://www.christiantoday.co.uk/article/dont.do.christmas.on.credit.debt.charity.warns/27142.htm>, 25/11/10). **Pray that people will take heed to this warning and focus on spending time with family and close friends.**

South Africa: Generous nation

Wealthy South Africans are the second most generous nation when it comes to giving money, and rank fourth in volunteering their time to worthy causes, according to a report. The concept of philanthropy is universal, however a strong sense of ubuntu (not able to exist as a human being in isolation), and the inequality between rich and poor in South Africa, are the driving forces locally. The report reveals that the United States, Ireland, South Africa and India lead the way as countries that donate significant amounts of both money and time to charitable causes. (Website: http://www.sagoodnews.co.za/social_development/wealthy_south_africans_rank_high_on_generosity.html, 01/12/10). **Pray that South Africans will continue to give to the poor and the needy**

despite difficult circumstances. Pray God's Word over the nation – He who has pity on the poor lends to the LORD, and He will pay back what he has given. (Prov.19:17).

International: Albania

A new law, 'For the Protection of the Rights of the Child', has been passed in Albania, a cause for celebration in a country where child abuse has been widespread. It is estimated that one in two Albanian children experience physical violence at home, and one in three at school. 13.3% of children attending school experience sexual abuse. Although this law may not bring about immediate change for children, it is a great advancement in the fight for child rights in the country, and will give children and adults the power to stand up and challenge abuses that do take place. (E-mail: pray@viva.org, 22/11/10). ***Praise God that a Christian organisation has been able to influence the Albanian government for the benefit of children. Pray that people would recognise the hand of God in the passing of this new law. Pray that the new law would be an effective way of protecting the rights of Albanian children. Pray too that children would be equipped to know about their rights and to take a stand if these rights are violated.***

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