



# PRAYER CONNECT

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### 1. CHILDREN IN PRAYER GLOBAL CONSULTATION

The Children in Prayer Global Consultation was held in Chennai, India from 2 - 7 July 2008. 153 Delegates from 35 nations took part in what was one of the richest and most impacting events I have ever taken part in. Though the transport strike affected other parts of the nation, it did not affect Chennai as we had feared. Thanks so much for your prayers about this and for the consultation. Praise the Lord who so wonderfully answered! I wish you all could have been there to experience this seminal event yourselves.

We enjoyed many presentations from around the world on the rapidly developing CiP movement and celebrated the wonders

**of God in raising up children to pray for community transformation, children at risk, national and global issues. Some participants testified that the last global consultation in Malaysia had changed their lives and ministries deeply. One of the leaders of a local humanitarian organization who caught the vision last time, told us that his organization is now moving to include CiP in all 260 of their projects in India. They have seen such amazing miracles happen through the prayers of the children in their programs that they hope to adopt it in all the other countries where they work as well.**

**One of the many highlights was praying with over 1000 children at the Royal Kids prayer center near Chennai. In total, there are over 8000 children in this program. Many of these children were picked up from the garbage, unwanted babies from poor families. Some come from HIV or leprosy- affected families. Others are little girls who were used as temple prostitutes and terribly abused. It was a deeply moving experience for all of us to see how the Lord is bringing healing and restoration through education programs coupled with teaching the kids how to engage in intercessory prayer. The kids are on fire to know Jesus and in many cases are leading their parents to Him. They also run the prayer center with 24/7 teams that pray for the nations.**

**There were a number of prophetic messages to this effect, indicating that the Lord would take CiP to the ends of the earth. At the same time, there is a need for watchfulness since the evil one would like to discredit and snuff it out if he can. Please pray for protection over this movement and all of us who have the joy of being part of it. Pray for the effective implementation of the visions and strategies that participants received during the consultation. With all my being, I believe this movement is a "God-thing" that comes from His heart.**

**Through the IPC, we have made a video about the CiP movement which you can order from the International Prayer Council office at: [office@ipcprayer.org](mailto:office@ipcprayer.org).**

**It is wonderful to report that no negative feedback was received. I trust that you will enjoy reading some of the very positive feedback received under point 2.**

**John Robb  
International Prayer Council**

## **2. CiP FEEDBACK**

**Herewith some of the wonderful feedback received from people from different countries, age and gender:**

**The Children in Prayer Conference in India was an eye opener to me. I was amazed that there are people who have been doing this type of Ministry for 13 years. That alone was amazing. I learned a lot in terms of resources and the network of fellow workers with vast experience. The visit to The Royal Kids was the highlight of the trip to India.**

**Peter SA**

**I could not stop crying after the event. When I showed Father Anton's video to my family the same anointing and presence of the Holy Spirit came down in our family room and I started crying again for the impact of His presence, remembering the faces of those beautiful children; those Royal Kids really taught me a lesson... "God's love among His children" The CiP consultation helped me to re-focus myself and the role and responsibility of my ministry in the Latin American Nations. We are working in coordination to initiate a Latin America Children in Prayer meeting, before the year ends to be held possibly in Guatemala...**

**Yanira Latin America**

**The conference in India has changed my mind and purpose of the church in our days. I have already started to speak to my fellow pastors about what I've learnt and saw and they are so excited! In my community we are targeting the street kids and the Lord is helping us.**

**Daniel SA**

**The CiP consultation in India changed my life and ministry and how I view children. I used to think that children can not minister with adults because they are young. Visiting the children at the Royal Kids centre touched my heart when I saw how children are engaged in prayer. My plan is to introduce the Children in Prayer program to our Area Development Program in August during a children's camp.**

**Amon Swaziland**

**I now understand that to change a nation is through children in prayer. The power of God really touched my heart to serve my country through mobilizing children to pray. On 26<sup>th</sup> July 2008, I arranged a children in prayer consultation with 120 participants (13 adults & 107 children) from 5 churches and 1 children center. It touched the hearts of most of the participants.**

**MengSreng Cambodia**

**The CiP Consultation motivated me to implement the same program in Indonesia to fulfill the need of the Indonesia Children Prayer Network.**

Yanti Indonesia

**The Global CiP Consultation was a fantastic time. There were kids from many countries of the world and there were adults from lots more nations too. There's something special about standing in-between people from everywhere around the world, and all of us worshipping the one and only God. We were privileged to go to the Royal Kids. My favorite bit was when one little girl said to me in broken English: "Me, pray, you?" When I said yes, she put her hand on my shoulder and prayed for me. It really impacted me.**

Caely Australia

**The consultation was a wonderful blessing for me; I received so much from the Lord in terms of vision, new contacts, encouragements and many confirmations of the direction of my ministry. The visit to Royal Kids was the most significant blessing for me – unforgettable.**

Jon Bebb UK

**Well, my life has been forever transformed by the faith and life of the children in India. To have hands laid on me and prayed for by children was one of the most rewarding experiences one could have. To be affirmed by the power working in the lives of the children was so much more than I could have ever imagined!**

Loretta USA

**God enabled us to see things beyond our imagination, projects for children and children praying and prophesying and healing the sick. So God challenged us through the children to get ourselves lined up with what we are doing and to seek him with all our hearts.**

Daniel Mali

**The consultation for me was impacting due to the following: Connecting with the wonderful people from all over the world and catching glimpses of what God is doing. The strong PROPHETIC sense that this is a divinely birthed and Holy strategy from heaven.....for end time purposes. The sense of God's presence.**

Chrissie UK

**Before I attended this conference, I over looked the role of children in God's kingdom. Now the awareness has dawned on me that God is using Children to accomplish his plans and purposes in this last days of the coming of our Lord Jesus.**

Yaw Ghana

**I realized that God's heart is for His young disciples. Kids are the missionary field. When the kids are reached, the parents will also be reached. Through the intercession of children nations can change. India was a life-changing experience! If you want to see change, start praying!!**

Ilené SA

**It was a powerful experience to me. It was like prefigure of the Kingdome of God when every soul and every nation will praise the Lord. Something I won't forget is the tender feeling of a little girl praying for my life and ministry, it was moving.**

**Zorayda Nicaragua**

**We never helped them to see that they can be young prayer warriors to change the situation of our world today. I saw it live and practical in Chennai.**

**David Nigeria**

### **3. BEIJING OLYMPICS 2008**

***"The Lord will demonstrate His holy power before the eyes of all the nations. The ends of the earth will see the salvation of our God." Isaiah 52:10***

**The eyes of the world will be focused on China during this year's Olympic Games. Please focus your spiritual eyes and your prayers on the nation and people of China.**

- **Pray for an Olympics of which every Chinese person can be proud.**
- **Pray that the Beijing Olympics would not just be a sporting event, but a deeply significant one spiritually for athletes, spectators and the Chinese nation alike.**
- **Pray by name for the Olympic athletes that you see on your television screens. Pray that the Lord might be at work in their lives, drawing them to Himself.**
- **Pray for the disabled athletes who participate in the Paralympics Games in Beijing from September 6-17.**
- **Pray for China's Olympians to realize that Jesus Christ is not just one of the great human sages but is the divine, eternal Creator of the Universe.**
- **Pray for God to be glorified as many of China's Olympians come to know Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour.**
- **Pray for the success and covering of many Christians from West and East who will be involved in a number of creative activities to present the love of Jesus during the Olympics.**
- **Pray for the effective witness of Christian Olympic athletes from many nations. Pray that their lives would demonstrate they are firstly citizens of another Kingdom and that those around them would be drawn to know more.**
- **Pray for wisdom for the Sports Chaplains as they provide counsel to the athletes. May they have many opportunities to share their faith in Jesus Christ.**

**For more prayer points, please visit [www.am-ccsm.org](http://www.am-ccsm.org).**

#### **4. THE MONTH OF RAMADAN: THE FIFTH PILLAR OF ISLAM**

**Ramadan stretches over a period of 30 days during which Muslims do not eat anything during the daylight hours. This is the fifth pillar of Islam and compulsory for Muslims. It is part of what they need to do to gain enough 'good works' to go to heaven. Hundreds of millions of Muslims will fast during Ramadan. Each Muslim will try to visit Mecca at least once in their lifetime.**

**From 1-30 September 2008 we are praying for the estimated 1.7 billion Muslims in the world, for God's grace and that the Holy Spirit will reveal Jesus Christ, God's Son to them.**

**As Christians we believe the way to reconciliation with God and the way to heaven, is to accept the sacrifice on the cross of Jesus our Saviour. Good works will not gain us eternal life. Yet, we do good works from a heart filled with thanksgiving and to demonstrate God's love for all people. Muslims have 99 names for Allah, but he is never seen as a god of love or as a father. The prevailing spirit in Islam is a spirit of 'fatherlessness'.**

**Let us then pray for the Muslims during these 30 days - Not in judgment or with fear - but from hearts filled with love and compassion and with hope for the salvation and reconciliation of the Muslim people through Jesus Christ.**

**Let's then pray**

- **That God will reveal His Son Jesus Christ to them.**
- **That God will bless the Muslims and heal and restore them so that they will enter into a personal relationship with Him.**
- **That they will see the Living God as their Father.**
- and
- **For an understanding of God's grace, mercy, forgiveness and love in the hearts of Muslims.**
- **For God's tender mercies to be on all His works, also on all people that He created (Ps.145:9; Ps.103:22; Ps.103:8; Ps.57:3; Ps.89:14).**

**You can follow the prayer pointers over this period of time in a prayer guide that is available at [www.jwipn.com](http://www.jwipn.com).**

**Consider inviting others to pray with you, to pray for the salvation of Muslims at your weekly prayer meeting or Bible study during September. It is also a wonderful opportunity to teach children to pray for those who do not know God. The Children's prayer booklet for Ramadan is now available at: [www.30-days.net](http://www.30-days.net).**

**It is significant to see how the Lord is calling Christians world-wide to pray for Muslims. Let us not stop praying. Wonderful things are happening and large numbers of Muslims continue to place their trust in Jesus Christ as Saviour.**

## **5. 1,3 BILLION PEOPLE WHO HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN**

**Great tragedies cause great wounds which require great healing...**

**A point in case: Prof. Dr. Zhao Xiao was until recently a Chief Economist in the Chinese State Council. This brilliant academic is known for his thesis that Christian values gave Western economies the necessary moral foundation for sustained growth. During our first meeting in Beijing, he first wished to apologize for the hate he had longed harboured against Westerners. He is representative of many Chinese who through their traditionally based culture do not forget such events as readily as Westerners would.**

**In the 19th century (1840 to 1900) various countries took advantage of China through the Opium Wars and the resulting concessions which were forced onto the Chinese. The ensuing humiliation was a significant factor that cultivated the breeding ground for the Taiping Revolution - the bloodiest of Chinese history with an estimated 20 to 50 Million deaths - and culminated into the Boxer Revolution. A survey of Chinese students from Peking University in 2006 reveals that 91% still feel hurt. A dissertation from a Chinese academic explains this: <http://www.jmsmail.de/historyandmemory.pdf>. The events are exacerbated by the fact that many foreigners at that time were (or at least called themselves) Christians. That "Christians did this to us" remains in the minds of many Chinese up to this day. This requires reconciliation.**

**Through the "Road to Reconciliation" up to fifty political, aristocratic, academic, business, military and spiritual leaders from the West propose to travel to China to present their apologies to Chinese counterparts in the hope that this will facilitate the development of even more harmonious and honourable relationships between our nations. Our goal is to make a difference in a way that upholds the values of Christ and is culturally relevant to the Chinese. Where China was once dishonoured by our countrymen, this time around we wish to honour it and set another example.**

**The proposed date of the trip, October 17th to the 27th coincides with the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the destruction of the Old Summer Palace (Yuan Ming Yuan) on October 18th 1860 in**

**Beijing. This once majestic facility was plundered and destroyed by British and French troops during the second Opium War and epitomizes for the Chinese the aggression and humiliation brought by foreign nations.**

**We are actively seeking intercessors who wish to faithfully pray for the initiative until it comes to fruition. If you feel called to fill the gap in this historic endeavour, please contact us.**

**The official document is available at  
<http://www.jmsmail.de/rtr.pdf>.**

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Chairman, Road to Reconciliation  
[groy@jmsmail.de](mailto:groy@jmsmail.de)**

## **6. GOD IS MOVING IN THE BRITISH ISLES**

**Something is stirring in the nation. Things are beginning to turn around. It's time to watch the signs – from God's perspective.**

**Whilst the Press is hounding the present Government, and oil prices rise hot on the heels of the 'credit crunch', something else is happening. Whilst we are being shocked at the increase in knife and gun crime among teenagers in our cities, the spate of suicides in one part of S Wales, and increasing anger in society as a whole, there is another story unraveling.**

**Overall, statistics show that crime is falling. Prayer for police in their fight against crime and the presence of 'street pastors' in many major cities is producing recognized falls in crime and improvement in police effectiveness. We recently had a conference "Redeeming our Communities" at Ashburnham Place, with senior police officers and Christians involved in social action projects. The stories told were awesome!**

**The commitment to pray at the "coastal gateways" as watchmen and gatekeepers is catching on around the country. More and more people are becoming committed to raise up prayer centres to pray the presence of God back into this country.**

**A colleague and friend was involved in a survey in Wales earlier this year. It revealed that 98% of 'faith-based' social-action in the voluntary sector is delivered by Christians, representing millions of pounds of funding. This was presented to the Welsh Assembly, and will surely have reached Government in Whitehall.**

**This year is a year of Hope – Hope 2008 anticipated that churches would get involved in social action and evangelism projects in about 500 locations. The actual figure is over 1390 places throughout England.**

**Government is waking up a little to the importance of prayer! On 7<sup>th</sup> May a reception was held at No. 10 Downing Street “in honour of the Global Day of Prayer”. I was privileged to be there along with around 70 London church and prayer leaders, with the PM and some Government ministers. Then the following Sunday thousands gathered at Millwall football ground for the London Global Day of Prayer event, a highlight of which was the attendance of the newly appointed Mayor of London, prayed for by Simon Hughes MP. Boris Johnson introduced one of his new Deputy Mayors – an evangelical Christian.**

**So, putting these factors together, something is changing. My prayer is that this will continue. That prayer will continue to rise across the country in the next four years. So that, by 2012, we shall be in a situation where the nation is beginning to experience many manifestations of the presence of God. As we, God’s children, humble ourselves, seek His face, pray, and turn from our wicked ways, then God will hear, forgive and heal our land.**

**Brian Mills IPC**

## **7. SAT - 7**

**Would you like to know more about SAT-7 and its audiences in the Middle East and North Africa?**

**Then mark your calendar for November 5-7 2008 for SAT-7’s 13<sup>th</sup> annual Network conference.**

**During this event you will have the chance to learn more about events sweeping the region and explore what changes are needed to help local churches survive and thrive.**

**You will also learn more about SAT-7’s programs and its plans for the future.**

**If you have an interest in learning more about Network 2008, please write your local SAT-7 office:**

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|-----------------------------------|---|
| <b>Europe:</b>                    | <a href="mailto:Europe@sat7.org"><b>Europe@sat7.org</b></a>         |
| <b>Great Britain and Ireland:</b> | <a href="mailto:admin@sat7trust.org"><b>admin@sat7trust.org</b></a> |
| <b>Canada:</b>                    | <a href="mailto:Canada@sat7.org"><b>Canada@sat7.org</b></a>         |
| <b>USA:</b>                       | <a href="mailto:USA@sat7.org"><b>USA@sat7.org</b></a>               |
| <b>International:</b>             | <a href="mailto:network@sat7.org"><b>network@sat7.org</b></a>       |

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## 8. THE JOSHUA PROJECT

Joshua Project is a research initiative seeking to highlight the ethnic people groups of the world with the least followers of Christ. The mission of Joshua Project is to help bring definition to the unfinished task of the Great Commission by identifying and highlighting the people groups of the world that have the least exposure to the Gospel and the Least Christian presence in their midst.

Joshua Project seeks to answer the questions that result from the Great Commission's call to make disciples among every nation or people group:

- Who are the ethnic people groups of the world?
- Which people groups still need an initial church-planting movement in their midst?
- What ministry resources are available to help outreach among the least-reached?

Accurate, regularly updated ethnic people group information is critical for understanding and completing the Great Commission.

You can now sign yourself up to receive a daily reminder to pray for an unreached people group, receiving a "mini-profile" delivered via email. See [www.unreached.org/unreached-email.php](http://www.unreached.org/unreached-email.php). Each day a different people group is featured.

## 9. CALENDAR

| DATE                    | EVENT   | DETAILS  |
|-------------------------|---|--|
| <b>2008</b>             |   |  |
| 12 May – 10 August 2008 | The Globe Reads the Bible in 90 Days                                      | <a href="http://www.bible-marathon.com">www.bible-marathon.com</a>         |
| 09 - 12 September 2008  | South East Asia Prayer Consultation 2008                                  | <a href="mailto:seapc2003@yahoo.com">seapc2003@yahoo.com</a>               |
| 10 - 11 September 2008  | United Nations Prayer Initiative, New York City                           | <a href="mailto:mark@christiantrust.org">mark@christiantrust.org</a>       |
| 01 - 31 October 2008    | Praying Through The Window 9: <i>Global Terrorism and World Religions</i> | <a href="http://www.WIN1040.com">www.WIN1040.com</a>                       |
| 16 - 19 October 2008    | Christ Day in Finland   | <a href="mailto:paivi_heikkila@hotmail.com">paivi_heikkila@hotmail.com</a> |

## 10. WEBSITES WORTH VISITING

Please have a look at these great websites!

[www.ipcprayer.org](http://www.ipcprayer.org)  
[www.dprindia.org](http://www.dprindia.org)  
[www.unreached.org/unreached-email.php](http://www.unreached.org/unreached-email.php)  
[www.GlobalAIDSPrayer.net](http://www.GlobalAIDSPrayer.net)  
[www.interprayer.com](http://www.interprayer.com)  
[www.ethne.net](http://www.ethne.net)  
[www.xtremepayer.com](http://www.xtremepayer.com)  
[www.global24-7.org](http://www.global24-7.org)  
[www.jwipn.com](http://www.jwipn.com)  
[www.injesus.com](http://www.injesus.com)  
[www.808chinablessing.org](http://www.808chinablessing.org),

## 11. THE IPC WEBSITE

We need your input as to be able us to keep on building on our website, [www.ipcprayer.org](http://www.ipcprayer.org) and to make it serve its purpose.

The website consists of the following sections and we would appreciate it if you could assist us in the following ways:

- Home:**                   **News**  
Please send us news of *International* interest
- Upcoming initiatives and conferences**  
We need this info to update our calendar regularly
- Regions:**               Please send us your **prayer requests and alerts**  
for your region and  
**News** from your *region*
- Resources:**           What would you like to see under "Resources"?  
Send us info on resources you know would be of  
value to others, please.
- Links:**                   Please tell us about **links** you think should be added  
to this list
- Newsletter:**          Read our **newsletters** and enjoy them!

Please send your contributions to Nita van der Merwe at [office@ipcprayer.org](mailto:office@ipcprayer.org).

## 12. THE VISION OF THE INTERNATIONAL PRAYER COUNCIL

***"Compelled by God to seek Christ's glory worldwide for the blessing, healing and transforming of the nations, the International Prayer Council exists as a coalition of prayer networkers and mobilizers working together to motivate, develop and equip national movements and local churches to fill al nations with prayer for the fulfillment of the Great Commandment and the completion of the Great Commission."***

### **13. INTERNATIONAL PRAYER COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP**

**The IPC is not an organisation. We are a fellowship of people involved in mobilising prayer. We are basically a prayer network with the purpose to help connect national prayer networks, international prayer networks, prayer initiatives and key individuals with one another.**

**Therefore we do not have official membership. At present we connect with individuals and networks through the IPC Connections which is a periodical newsletter distributed via e-mail to give prayer information to people. We encourage people to subscribe to this newsletter so that we can stay in touch with them.**

**We also have an annual conference and we are also assisting to establish 14 autonomous regional prayer networks in the world – for instance: South East Asia, India, Africa (9 regions), Latin America, Eastern Europe, etc.**

**Please encourage prayer coordinators, prayer network leaders, key leaders from different sections of the Body of Christ to subscribe to this newsletter. This will help them to know more about different prayer initiatives, existing prayer networks and how to participate in this.**

**Bennie Mostert  
International Coordinator for the IPC**

### **14. PLEASE TELL US**

**The focus of Prayer Connections is to keep prayer leaders and regional liaisons informed on what is happening worldwide in the prayer movement. This newsletter wants to assist you to be informed about prayer events, but also wants to create a network where we can work together in reaching our goal of bringing in the harvest.**

**It is only possible to be of such help if we receive information on what is happening in your region.**

### **15. CONTACT US**

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