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1. FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE IPC

In this issue, we want to share some reports from the prayer focus groups that met during the recent International Prayer Initiative for the United Nations. Where it is possible to do so, we have included contact information for the facilitators so that you can follow up with them for more information or find out how you can become part of an ongoing prayer network about that issue. We hope you will find this material thought and prayer-provoking.

Please note that the *United Nations Prayer Initiative video* is now on our website along with three just completed radio interviews on "*Prayer: the Power to Change the World*" which we hope you will find enjoyable and useful. You can find them and many other resources at www.ipcprayer.org.

Abundant blessings to you (Eph. 3:20),

John Robb

2. WOMEN IN MISSION AND PRAYER

The word "birthing" was central to the word the Lord gave us and we all felt that God was showing us that in many ways women suffer birth pangs for bringing forth new life not just physically, but spiritually as well. Another key word was "networking". We all agreed that there needs to be a better way for women to connect, support and pray for one another, and to work together to address common issues.

Key prayer objective

For women to be called, anointed, empowered and released to claim their full inheritance in Christ and to use their gifts and influence to be agents of spiritual and social transformation. *Judges 4:1-5; Numbers 36*. We listed 19 relevant issues confronting women and discussed how these impact women. These fell into two general categories: Spiritual Transformation and Social Transformation.

Spiritual Transformation

"Prayer is the greatest force on earth" and prayer moves The Hand that rules the world! Women have the ability to bring about Global Spiritual Transformation through Missions and Prayers. This can be done by:

A. PERSONAL SPIRITUAL BIRTH AND GROWTH- A personal spiritual transformation is of utmost importance if she is to be effective in Missions and Prayers. She must be:

- Born again and have a personal relationship with God.
- Make prayer a lifestyle, have and enjoy personal times of prayer, praise and worship, and seek to know God better.
- Be a woman of the Word, have times of daily Bible Study, meditation, scripture memorization, and live the Kingdom Lifestyle of holiness.
- Love and trust her Lord, and be totally committed, dedicated and obedient to the leading of the Holy Spirit. References: John 3:3; Eph. 6:18, 1Thess. 5:17, Joshua 1:8, Matt. chapters 5-7, Exodus 19:5

B. BIRTHING-In the physical, it is women that conceive, carry pregnancy, and give birth through labor and travail. Every Vision, Mission, Call or Move of God goes through the process of conception, incubation, and delivery (birthing). Women are called to stand in intercession, as Spiritual Midwives to ensure that there are no abortions or stillbirths of God's projects and purposes. Women are also called to travail in birth by fervent prayers to bring forth the purposes of God in individual lives, in families, in the Global Church, and in Nations of the World. References: Jeremiah 9:17-22, Isaiah 66: 7-8, James 5:16b.

C. NURTURE LIFE- God made women, and gave them the ability to nurture life from birth to maturity. Spiritually, she is called to:

➤ **Nurture Families**

It is said that 'The hand that rocks the cradle rules the World'. The family and the home are major Mission fields for the woman. The society and nations are made up of single family units. A woman keeps the home, and thereby has great influence globally. A home should be a base for training, grooming, discipline, bible study and prayers--a place where the next generation is raised in the fear of the Lord to build and enlarge God's Kingdom. It is an awesome responsibility for the woman to pray each member of her family into their God ordained destiny. Reference: Proverbs: 22:6

➤ **Disciple Other Women-** She does this through counseling, periodic neighborhood Bible Study, mentoring of younger women in Missions and Prayer, teaching on the sanctity of marriage, praying and releasing them into their Apostolic and Prophetic callings, and their Spiritual gifts. Transferring the legacy of women in history used by God to transform the World in their time, and those who are doing so in contemporary times. Encouraging a life of dedication, devotion, commitment and sacrifice to the course of Christ. Reference: Titus 2:3-5

➤ **Disciple Nations**

She understands the Prophetic Destinies of Nations, and by prayers and intercessions, through Prophetic Declarations, Prayer Walks to strategic sites, going on Evangelistic and Mercy Missions, establishes The Kingdom of God, and brings about Spiritual Transformation of Cultures and Nations. Indigenous women are raised and trained in Missions and Intercession for their Nations. Reference: Judges 4:4-24.

D. NETWORKING- Effective communication systems should be established, by which prayer alerts/information can be exchanged without delay amongst Women in Missions and Prayer. Ways this can be achieved are:

- Creating avenues where prayers can be mobilised globally on issues at short notice.
- Creating Resources where information on Missions can be shared and easily accessed.

Social Transformation

1. Pray for God to clear the way for change. (Isaiah 62:10-12)

The Lord showed us that there is a lot of social, spiritual, emotional and mental "brokenness and debris" that needs to be cleared away through

focused and intentional prayer before women will be released into the freedom and demonstration of spiritual power and gifts they are called to. Specific areas of prayer that will clear the way are:

- **Repentance – There is a great need of repentance for treatment of women by men, governments, media, the Church and other women. The objectifying of women by Hollywood/media, sexual abuse and violence through prostitution, rape and forced sex trade, demeaning of women by those in authority in many cultures and religions and the failure of the church to address these issues were topics we discussed. Many wives of pastors and church leadership are abused and the church looks the other way. This is a subject that needs to be addressed.**
 - **Forgiveness - There is a need for women to be able to forgive their abusers, those who knew and did nothing and in many cases, themselves. Forgiveness is a choice and women need to be connected with other women to find the strength and courage to make that decision.**
 - **Healing - Hearts need to be healed and spiritual bondage broken. Forgiveness releases God to heal and frees women to step out of the chains of bondage that have held them back and releases them to fulfill their call to use their gifts as God has designed and purposed as ministers, evangelists, prayer warriors, teachers, prophecy, etc.**
- 2. Pray for the Church to cry out with a loud voice against injustice toward women! (Isaiah 61) The Church of Jesus Christ has sat by for too long and not used its voice to cry out about the abuses and injustices done to women and children in this world.**
- **The Church needs to become proactive to educate itself about the needs of women (widows, single mothers, abused wives) around the world and in its own congregations.**
 - **The Church needs to hold leadership accountable to live out marriages and family relationships in a Biblical manner.**
 - **The Church needs to encourage women in ministry, providing mentors and opportunities for women to develop their spiritual gifts.**

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3. HOLLYWOOD AND THE MEDIA

PRAYER POINTS

- 1. Pray for healing etween believers in Christ who are outside Hollywood and the media and those who are inside. The Church abandoned Hollywood and so ground was gained by the evil one as the Church gave up its former influence by closing its advocacy offices there in 1966.**
 - **Ps. 33:16-18 – We had a time of repentance where a mother and father from our group repented for abandoning the believers in Hollywood to do the job alone. There’s independence in those Christians who work in Hollywood media enterprises because of hurt from the church and misunderstanding.**

- **We need to reestablish with our artistic children that are responding to a call from God that Hollywood isn't their parent or where their blessing will come from. That can only come from the Church.**
 - **The way to be a father or mother to Hollywood is to commit to pray for and not abandon the insiders.**
2. **The Key to the Church being the head and not the tail and taking back the ground within the media mountain involves a new partnership or wineskin. Pray that the Body of Christ globally would therefore own that this is OUR responsibility to engage Media together. The spiritual warfare in this global gate is too great. Media's influence is too far reaching and in many cases controls the world and defines culture whether for good or for bad. This work can't be done alone – it requires the Body of Christ globally to unite around Media through prayer, resources, information, strategic relationships, and finances. God wants to bring help both from and to the outsiders of Hollywood. Needs to be a two-way bridge. Hollywood Christians need help to break through the Isaiah 25 veil that shrouds this land which affects many nations.**
 3. **Need for understanding spiritual implications and God's vision for Hollywood. To be praying against the Babylon System and stronghold that infiltrates Hollywood and Media around the world by coming in the opposite spirit.**

Need to address Hollywood's sins: Baal worship, slavery, exploitation, mammon, greed, pride, Kingship/self-exaltation, lust, debauchery, seduction, Bacchus/drinking, freemasonry/ Babylon, harlotry/prostitution (especially with pornography industry), adultery/ infidelity, control/manipulation, sabotage, entitlement, to name a few), Hosea 4:2 – "they cast off all restraint."

Need to come in the opposite spirit as displayed in Hosea – that the Body of Christ (Hosea) would embrace the prophetic picture of laying down our lives to bring forth God's healing as well as Hollywood and Media's (Gomer) redemptive purpose.

For God to establish His plumb line/His standard for Media according to Zech. 4 and that it would begin with building His Temple within His people, His Spirit-filled Church with Jesus as the Cornerstone. That God's anointing needs to lead the structure, not building the structure first and then asking God to anoint it.

4. **We also need to have a NEW Jerusalem/ Infrastructure/ System/Container to steward and house the Tabernacle of God in Hollywood and Media around the world to go against the Babylonian system/structures.**

Prayer for the people involved in media:

- **That they would not compromise, but would be surrendered vessels whose hearts would be set apart for their King and not for their own agendas and that fame would not be their passion.**

- **Inner Healing of people in Media, especially God's people so that we can be salt and light and be effective. Many of God's people equally get seduced and are not able to withstand much of the warfare or the environment and get taken out or are spiritually ineffective as their foundation is not stable nor roots deep.**

Daily prayer needed, combined with the dedicated 24/7 prayers of a prayer team, will get results. Includes volunteers as well as paid prayer warriors.

Prayer for the content to be God-inspired, Holy Spirit-infused creative content and scripts and that God's people will not compromise.

Equipping and training of those in media especially by Global Body of Christ to come and engage with those of us in media...

Healing and reconciliation of the Land – We need to break off bondages on the land.

Spiritual Executive Producing – holistic picture of bringing in the pieces of the Body to produce media content together. That EVERY aspect of production needs to be under God's anointing/direction/revelation. That He would be our producer/writer/director/actor, etc... that His standards/plumb line would be infused in all these areas.

- 5. New model for containing the marketing/distribution of media content – whether film, TV, internet, radio, print, etc. The Church can become the fastest growing organic grass roots new "studio" system.**
 - **Through building strategic relationships/alignments/alliances, the Body of Christ can rally together and bring the shift by helping to ignite global distribution of all godly-inspired media content. Satan has been the prince of the power of the air waves, but it is time for the Church to rise up and break off the bottleneck of media distribution around the world.**
 - **Through unity and technology we can multiply our forces, our efforts, our impact**
- 6. Projects like "The Resurrection", the sequel to "the Passion of the Christ would be birthed to model how God's new wineskin for Media can holistically come together. Implications can be far-reaching as the Body of Christ can be blessed in numerous ways, through finances, resources, relationships, etc., which in turn will help to establish God's foundation and highway for other godly-inspired content to flow through this new on-going infrastructure, housed and stewarded by the global Body of Christ.**
- 7. God would continue to raise up His media centers all over the world – that places already established like Nollywood and Bollywood and other production centers arising in the US and around the globe would have God's heart for media and that all ungodly content would be bound.**

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4. GOVERNMENT, POLITICAL AND DIPLOMATIC SPHERE

Composition of Focus Group- Focus Group participants came from a number of countries (in some instances there were multiple participants from a country), including:

Australia	Ghana	Nigeria
Canada	Guatemala	Sri Lanka
Egypt	Kenya	Switzerland
England	Myanmar	Tanzania
		United States

Pastor Enoch Adeboye (Nigeria), General Overseer of the Redeemed Christian Church of God, addressed the morning session.

Points Raised by the Focus Group

- The Most High is the ruler in the kingdom of man and He puts in charge that He wants.
- The major responsibility for our leaders lies with the church.

But before we can give ourselves wholeheartedly to prayer that our leaders will be transformed,

- We may need a transformation of our own – our attitude! We need to put away the notion that Christians can separate themselves from any responsibility for the type, quality, and effectiveness of government, and accept responsibility for praying for our leaders.

Regardless of the type of regime under which a Christian may live,

- If we do not have a government that honors God, it is because Christians have not prayed enough.
- There are two ways to pray in the government, political, and diplomatic area:

1. Focus on issues (requires staying abreast of constantly changing realities, and a level of political discernment and knowledge that most people outside political and diplomatic circles don't have)

2. Focus on the individual – pray for him/her, family – leave room for the Holy Spirit to act in their lives, to bring wisdom, discernment, and, where necessary, a change of heart. (Requires a genuine desire to see God act to draw people closer to Him, and to bring people into the Kingdom rather than exclude them from it.)

- We have a responsibility to pray for the transformation of our leaders while they remain in power.
- If we have a God-honoring government, we need to keep on praying so that we don't throw away the means that brought us victory.
- If leaders consistently demonstrate a spirit that is not God-honoring, we have a responsibility to pray that the government will be transformed through bringing different people into leadership. Pray that the leaders will be transformed (by the Holy Spirit), or, if that is not happening, that the leaders will be transformed (by removal from office).

- **Whether or not the government is God-honouring, we have a responsibility to persist in prayer for government, political, and diplomatic leaders.**
- **When we pray, we need to leave room for the Holy Spirit. Prayer that is too prescriptive can be limiting in its results.**
- **We may need to deconstruct some of the misguided theology that has grown up around the idea of praying for leaders, and replace it with a Biblical understanding of our responsibilities as citizens.**
- **It is the Holy Spirit, not our prayers, that brings about transformation.**
- **How to attract the presence of God to bring transformation?**
 - **Through humility (God becomes greater; we become less)**
 - **By ensuring that our spirit is opposite to that of the world**
 - **The world strives for prestige, position, and power**
 - **We seek to be ambassadors for the Lord, representing His Spirit of gentleness, humility, and compassion**
- **How to attract leaders to invite prayer?**
 - **By being engaging (the kind of person others want to be around)**
 - **Through building relationships (relationship, relationship, relationship)**
 - **Through respecting strict confidentiality (there are no bragging rights. What is said in private conversation and in prayer remains between the individuals concerned and God.)**
 - **Prayer for leaders is even more important than prayer with them (a point that is particularly important to remember in repressive regimes). Need to wrestle through and understand what our leaders are dealing with. Prayer is not a substitute for doing our homework**
- **Prayer leaders have a responsibility to teach and train people in the church to pray for government, political, and diplomatic leaders.**
- **The mystique needs to be removed, and it needs to be simplified. God is already ahead of us; we need to learn to see where and how He is at work.**

Prayer Points

- **Wisdom and discernment**
- **Endurance, health, and protection**
- **That the Holy Spirit will guide and guard their thoughts and speech**
- **That God will instil courage into the hearts and minds of leaders, particularly of developing nations**

Worth Remembering

Referring to the story of Abraham pleading for Sodom and Gomorrah (Genesis 18), the author Philip Yancey has written, "Abraham stopped asking before God stopped answering." Let that never be said about us with respect to our prayers for government, political, and diplomatic leaders.

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5. NEW WINESKINS FOR THE GLOBAL PRAYER MOVEMENT

What is a wineskin?

Matt 9
Structure
Form
Methods
Movements
Lifestyle- It is a way of life
System
Dispensations
Agendas

Vessels/Messengers
Container
Paradigms
Thinking
Restrictions
Expressions
New Rudiment/New Things
People/The Body
Strategy

What are wineskins not?

It is not wine
Literal Container
Not Malleable
It does not have to be successful
Not Most Important

Not edible - It doesn't have the ability to give life
The wineskin is not valuable - we really want the wine
Not organic

What is the Wine?

Valuable
Salvation
Revelation
Habitation
Power
Life
Revival
Eternal
Organic
Joy

Gifts/Manifestation of Holy Spirit
Communion with God/Intimacy
Taste/Witness
Transformation
Great Commission
Reformation
Return of Jesus
Incarnation
Multiplication

The Wine defines the Wineskin!

What wineskins are emerging today?

NORTH AMERICA

1. Social Justice

- **Incarnational Living**
- **Christ likeness**
- **Practical living out in the things close to Jesus heart**
- **A demonstration**
- **Social Gospel**
- **Being a Voice**
- **We need to be Jesus and be incarnational**
- **Social Justice is a wineskin but must have the wine (Holy Spirit)**
- **The cry of Social Justice is for the Judge to come and change things**
- **What is true Justice?**

2. Prayer

- **House of Prayer**
- **24/7**
- **Day and Night**

- A real genuine unity and compassion in prayer
- We need to understand the different languages the body is struggling through to understand. We can say prayer and that means a lot to different people. The key is people want to seek God and know Him. It is a fight of language. It is a working to break down barriers.
- God is not a light switch. He does not turn off and on. The T.V. can be turned on and play all the time. We have something in us to see God not be turned off and on. We have people wired who wake up at 6am and some who don't go till bed till 6am.

3. Marrying Prayer & Mission
4. Marketplace Ministry (Laypeople)
5. Strategic United Prayer
6. Presence Driven
7. Large Prayer Gathering

SOUTH AMERICA

- **3 wineskins Unity, Love, and Change**
 - **Unify leaders, Pastors**
Problems are leaders building their own Kingdoms
 - **Love is the catalyst to bring unity and it is God's love that will bring this. What does that love look like? Show God's Love through Acts of Service (Compassion)**
 - **Change is the shifting of wineskins**
Training those helping the new wineskin
Building up those helping the new wineskin
- **How to strategize the shift**
- **How to balance the thinking**
- **The wine is ready and how to we get ready**
- **The old wineskin has a role to play**
- **Discipleship should be at the forefront**
- **Tradition is good but a challenge that is faced**
- **We need patience and sensibility**
- **Mutual respect**
- **Respect the old wineskin and bring in the new**

EUROPE (4 Nations Represented)

- **People who don't belong to Churches (It is a redefining of the church)**
 - **They saw them as backsliders**
Are you going to church? The answer is Yes
Many people have been hurt.
They don't want to go to a building.
People are meeting in the homes.
 - **They are not backsliders but they're hurting sheep.**
They don't want the institution or organization of the church.
- **Movement of Prayer and Worship for a time of Renewal**
 - **This is a place where there is a freedom of worship. It is not all year long but for a time to be renewed and then go back into where they're committed.**
 - **It can happen for a week for a small stint.**
 - **It is led by lay people.**

- It is intentional.
- Organic Church is just starting to rise up (SimpleChurch.eu)

AFRICA (4 Areas)

- Large Prayer Gatherings
 - Global Day of Prayer
 - Uniting of the whole Body for one vision
- Relationship between Prayer and Transformation
 - Laity wants training
 - Every believer should be a minister
- Moving Christians into leadership in Government
 - Training the youth for this
 - Reaching the 7 mountains
- Missionary Movement
 - Taking the gospel back to America

ASIA (5 Areas)

- From Partial Mission to Holistic Mission
- The Mission of the Third World is now sustainable
 - It has been the West but the Third World is now sustainable.
 - Indigenous Leaders
- The Church has been inward and now moving to Transformation of All.
- Christian Education has moved from Sunday School to Daily School (home school, after school, etc.).
- Value from Institutional Church to Family Church

Prayer Strategy

1. Christ-Centered Social Justice
2. Primacy of Prayer (Intimate Prayer)
 - Consecration and Intimacy
3. Priesthood of every believer
4. Israel
5. Marrying of Mission and Prayer
6. Return of Christ
7. New Expressions and Definition of Church
8. Unity of the Church

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6. CHILDREN IN PRAYER AND CHILDREN AT RISK

Questions:-

1. What do you sense are the key issues facing children in your region?
2. What are the current prayer initiatives for children in your region?

AFRICA

Key Issues

- Big division between the African continent (north and south) but the issues are similar: diseases (malaria, AIDS), child abuse, broken family structures (fatherlessness, traumatized children, street children), diversity of languages, racial tension (spirit of fear), influence of media (that lowers moral standards), teen pregnancy, drug abuse.

Prayer Initiatives

- **Vision of African continent like a foot that splashes living water.**
- **Jericho Walls and CPN in South Africa (not active in all provinces but definitely in Cape Town).**
- **Petra College.**
- **School level prayer initiatives – boiler room system, “moms in prayer” (recently fathers are also joining in). Children gather before school time to pray.**
- **CARNET (Children at Risk Network)**

ASIA

Key Issues

- **Bad education system which force children to madrasahs that teach jihad; Muslim children are trained to evangelize or pressurize non-Muslim children.**
- **Poverty which leads to child labor, migration to cities where they are prone to violence, child trafficking (sold by parents for meager amounts) and end up in brothels, child kidnapping and potentially murder if ransom is not paid; sexual abuse.**
- **Materialism – even in rich homes there is a problem of lack of love, neglect which leads to various issues. Children are under the care of maids which are mostly not Christians. Divorce rates are high. Violence in media and internet, breeding depression and suicidal tendencies. Junk food, low nutritional value, chemical substances.**

Prayer Initiatives

- **Networking is hard in Pakistan because of restrictions. Things are happening in bits and pieces.**
- **In India, there’s gaining momentum e.g. national prayer alliance, indigenous prayer ministries, children in prayer, businessmen etc. If media can be used in the right way, it can be a great source of blessing.**
- **In Indonesia, children prayer network and movement is growing. Children churches are raising children as next leaders.**
- **In Malaysia, children in prayer network.**

EUROPE AND THE MIDDLE EAST

Key Issues

- **Lack of love by parents and self-identification by children; deep hunger of children and teenagers for love resulting in crime, sex, alcohol, immorality, drugs.**
- **Not so easy to start a school (like in India). In Switzerland there are prohibitions to openly talk about Jesus.**
- **Among the Christians, the adults have to teach their children first. In the church we believe we need a transformation in thinking about the children – e.g. normal service is to have Sunday School for children; need to realize their spiritual potential, starting with ourselves and our own children.**

Prayer Initiatives

- **“Mothers in touch” in Switzerland (over 1400 groups) praying together.**

- There are ministries / single-initiatives for children but there's no concerted movement for children in prayer in Europe.
- Annual event for prayer in schools

LATIN AMERICA

Key Issues

- Illiteracy
- Gangs that recruits children as young as 5 years old in Guatemala, El Salvador, Costa Rica
- Cartels in Mexico, which recruits children.
- Abandonment and family division due to high divorce rates; irresponsible parents who think it's the job of the schools to educate children.
- National inferiority complex, lack of identity, "emo" culture (goths, manic depressives, suicidals).
- Child abuse.
- Negative media influence.
- Pornography.
- Witchcraft – children fascinated by the supernatural.
- Abortion – young moms having kids.

NORTH AMERICA

Key Issues

- In Portland, issue related to television exposing children to sexual uncleanness; in Houston and San Antonio, gang violence, lack of adult leadership; burden of starting and fortifying prayer movements between parents; in Kansas City, brothel areas, semi-trafficking.
- Need for male repentance, to be fathers in their own homes, continue the ministry of Promise Keepers, root issue is the lack of biblical fathering.
- Need for revival among pastors; pastors need to exemplify in their own homes.
- Ignorance among Christian parents, intervention by grandparents, affluence (with the means leading to drug abuse), incest, teenage pregnancy.

Prayer Initiatives

- In Los Angeles – imparting core values in the workplace.
- In DC – conference on children at risk.
- In Kansas City – 2-hour prayer where kids lead prayer meeting, 24-hour streaming, pray414window.com
- Multigenerational prayer, connecting with the generations, getting into the community.

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7. UNREACHED PEOPLES IN PRAYER AND MISSION

15 participants from 9 countries

1. FACTS

- Our world today has 6.4 billion individuals living in 234 geo-political nations but over 16,000 ethnê, or people groups, by country.

- Of those ethnê, more than 6,900 groups remain leastreached. This simply means they are a people group lacking an indigenous community of believing Christians with adequate numbers and resources to evangelize their own people group.
- This means 1 in 4 people still remain without reasonable access to the gospel— the forgotten, the ignored.
- 2000 Years after Jesus Christ came more than 6000 people groups have never heard His Name EVEN ONCE!!!
- WHO ARE THEY?
- For more information about the 6,428 “least reached peoples” see www.ethne.net
 - South Pacific (Oceania) 30 UPGs
 - South East Asia 642 UPGs
 - In NE Asia 470 UPGs
 - In South Asia 2206 UPGs
 - In Central Asia 772 UPGs
 - Middle East/North Africa 358 UPGs
 - East & South Africa 357 UPGs
 - West & Central Africa 463 UPGs
 - East Europe & Eurasia 197 UPGs
 - West Europe 203 UPGs
 - Central & South America 209 UPGs
 - North America & Caribbean 187 UPGs

2. WHY ARE THEY THE LEAST REACHED?

- **CULTURAL BARRIERS**
Persecution, closed to change, Christianity viewed as a “foreign” religion.
- **GEOGRAPHIC BARRIERS**
Remote, harsh climate, difficult access or nomadic
- **LINGUSTIC BARRIERS**
Illiteracy, no Scripture in their language, unwritten language, confusion
- **POLITICAL BARRIERS**
Restricted access, evangelism forbidden, hostile environment (including war)
- **RELIGIOUS BARRIERS**
Restrictive religious climate, no freedom of religion, persecution
- **UNRECOGNIZED**
Believers unaware of the need or the group, small in size, prejudice, isolated from the society in which they live.

3. GROUP DISCUSSION: HOW DO WE MOBILIZE PRAYER FOR UPG?

- Home: Educate for UPG, train our own people and motivate them to pray first.
- Prayer is the key. Prayer is the focus of church
- Mobilize people teach and train
- Mobilize churches to pray for UPG in 12 region according to Ethne Prayer & Strategic Harvest Initiative
- Process Instruct, Inform, Inspire and Involve the people about UPG
- Biblical teaching on prayer by mobilization
- Motivating, Training and Gathering Prayer for UPG.
- Give the information about UPG

- Involving the people, not only Pastors
- Prayer partner for a specific time, ex. on a college campus.
- From the pulpit trained who and where the UPG.
- Mobilize family to pray for UPG. Let the children pray first (1-2) then the adults.
- Gather church members and share the vision and needs of the UPG. Build the awareness about UPG and how important the prayer.
- Giving feedback to people who pray for UPG and give testimonies how God answering prayer.
- Distributing the information about UPG to the churches.
- Get the church involved in adoption of certain people groups.
- Do the prayer walking, prayer journey, short term mission trip to UPG
- Expose different prayer network
- Be aware about SECURITY issue

4. HOW DO WE NETWORK TOGETHER?

- Supply the information about UPG
- Find Prayer Facilitator in every region
- Pastor gather the information assign 2/3 information to disseminate from network to people
- Worship services prayer : singing, prayer, preaching
- Joining Global Day of Prayer
- Bring churches, denomination together (ex. 3 day UPG seminar to pray for UPG. Pray and strategize, get to know the missionaries.
- Network using internet to update family of believers on needs use for UPG. Use for diaconal needs.

5. PRAYER POINTS

- **SEE:** Pray that believers will see the hearts among every Unreached People Groups who are ready for harvest (John 4:35)
- **SEND:** Pray the Lord of the Harvest will send laborers among these "no choice" peoples (Luke 10:2).
- **UNITY:** Pray that the Lord will help the Body of Christ to labor together in the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (I Cor 3:9)
- **SUPPLY:** Pray that God will supply and multiply "seed for the sower and bread for the eater" (2 Cor 9:8-11)
- **SUCCESS:** Pray for 100-fold fruit that remains for His glory and transforms each people groups (Mat. 4:20).

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8. PRAYER FOR THE MUSLIM WORLD

Practical Ideas

- **1Prayer Journeys** – take prayer teams into M countries.
- **Long term prayer missionaries** – finding people that can go and stay in M countries for one year or more to help mobilise prayer.
- **Weekly Skype Prayer Meetings**
- **Summit- Worship & Prayer** – not conferencing but just meeting 3-4 days for worship and intercession.
- **Encourage local churches to pray for M world.**
- **24-7 Houses of prayer** in ME, Central Asia, India and Indonesia

9. DEVELOPING A GLOBAL PRAYER NETWORK THROUGH THE INTERNET

The overall consensus was that we needed to pray that the Church embrace the vision and value of Internet technology for evangelism and prayer mobilization worldwide. These points represent specific challenges that we need to pray about and pertain to using the Internet to develop a global prayer network:

- New technology that helps finish the Great Commission through empowered prayer.
- Increased release and mobilization of resources.
- The value of local and global connectivity through networking and collaboration.
- Good communication that strengthens relationships and empowers people.
- Interactive information-sharing; putting the right information into the right hands at the right time.
- Safe and secure interaction that provides peace of mind.
- Develop technology tools that the next generation will require and successfully use.
- Create greater awareness in the Church for the use of technology for prayer mobilization

10. INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SITUATION

Participants from India, Honduras, Rwanda, Canada, Ghana, Mexico, Malaysia, Netherlands, and the United States took part in this prayer focus group. They were students who were studying economics, pastors, business people as well as prayer leaders. Jerry Tuma of Cornerstone Financial was the main resource person.

Jerry Tuma outlined the ideologies and facts that have brought our world into the current economic crisis. This led to discussion of current realities in the nations participating. For example, the nation of Ghana is rich in resources yet one of the poorest nations in the world. Mexico is dependent on the United States for 80 % of their economic stability. Those from Honduras described the corruption of their former president and how he robbed from the nation's resources, and that the current acting president is open to prayer and has invited the pastors to come and pray with him.

We asked the Lord to give us His perspective on Global Economies. The result we collectively came up with was TRUTH. We need God's TRUTH about economics VS paradigms which can change. God's truth never changes; it is always the same. The Humanist paradigm is "There is no God, we must save ourselves." A scripture shared was out of I Kings 18, "*How long will you waver between 2 opinions...?*" We broke down into small groups and spent some time praying for each other and the nations we represented. Some of the themes that came forth from our time of prayer were:

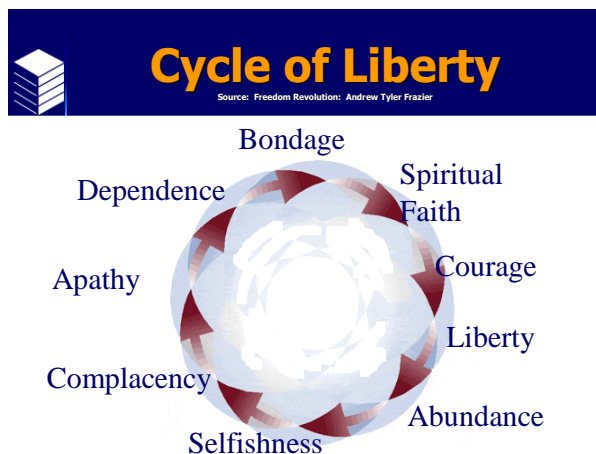
- God show us what is wrong with our paradigm.
- Where do we go from here?
- God's word is the eternal TRUTH. Haggai 2:6-7

The issue of DEBT SERVITUDE - which produces a slave mentality - and SPECULATION. These three things produce:

- Materialism
- Greed
- Presuming on the future
- No world view of inheritance for our children

What is God going to have to do to get us on track with His Kingdom perspective of economics?

- The shaking that we have been experiencing which will most likely continue is God's doing. His desire is to expose the greed and corruption. We need God to give us ears to hear during the shaking!
- God's best plan would be for limited government and more focus put on the importance of STEWARDSHIP of the earth's resources.
- Wisdom is needed for governmental leaders and decision makers. *Proverbs 8: 10-12 Receive my instruction, and not silver, And knowledge rather than choice gold; For wisdom [is] better than rubies, And all the things one may desire cannot be compared with her. "I, wisdom, dwell with prudence, And find out knowledge [and] discretion.*
- Slide presented by Jerry Tuma on the Cycle of Life –The question to all of us was "Where is our nation in this cycle?"



We ended our session with a sense that God was in control and that he was calling us to search His word for his principles for our nations' economies and to trust that He would give further strategy as we seek His face.

Jerry Tuma shared at the UN in a general session on Thursday, September 10, 2009 on the current condition of global economics.

PRAYER POINTS:

- God's Truth is always the same even when our paradigms change. Use the Rule of Law to create an environment that protects people's human rights and property rights, making a level playing field -- same set of rules for rich and poor, weak and strong. 1Kings 18:21 "How long will you waver between two opinions?"
Let's repent for abortion and population control that has robbed us of fruitfulness, entrepreneurship and a generational worldview.

- Psalm 37:26 Children are a blessing.....
- Genesis 1,9,35 Be Fruitful and Multiply....
- Prayerfully consider- where is your nation in the cycle of liberty?
- Pray for creativity, innovation, and Kingdom- knowledge inventions. (Knowledge = in Hebrew means technical knowhow). Prov 8:12 "I possess knowledge and discretion."
- Empower the poor to thrive in any circumstances through education and providing their basic needs. Isa 58: 9 "We will call, and You (Lord) will answer; we will cry for help and You (Lord) will say, HERE AM I."

For more information or to get involved in this prayer effort, please contact Jody Wood at WarriorWood@aol.com .

11. IPC EVENTS CALENDAR

We need to know about your upcoming initiatives/events/conferences. Please send the dates and contact details/websites to office@ipcprayer.org to be added to the events calendar so others can be made aware of your activities and pray for or participate in them.

IPC EVENTS CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	DETAILS
07 - 20 November 2009	Un-Lock North Africa - Tunisia 2009 Prayer Journey	www.cityharvest.org.au
12-15 November 2009	South-East Asia Prayer Consultation Bangkok, Thailand	www.seapc.info
23 - 27 November 2009	European Prayer Summit, Bucharest, Romania	peiaioan@yahoo.com
2010		
12 - 22 May 2010	10 Days of Prayer preceding GDOP	www.globaldayofprayer.com www.globaldayofprayer.co.uk
17 - 23 May 2010	Global Day of Prayer 2010 Conference and IPC with Children/Youth in Prayer focus	www.gdop2010.com (Note: select IPC and Children in Prayer as your network affiliations)
23 May 2010	Global Day of Prayer	www.globaldayofprayer.com www.globaldayofprayer.co.uk
24 May - 21 Aug 2010	90 Days of Blessings	www.globaldayofprayer.com www.globaldayofprayer.co.uk
16 - 25 October 2010	Lausanne Congress on World Evangelization to be held in Cape Town, South Africa	www.lausanne.org/cape-town-2010 For information on the prayer track, contact: jgodson@lausanne.org

12. WEBSITES WORTH VISITING

Please have a look at these great websites!

www.ipcprayer.org
www.childreninprayer.org
www.4to14window.com
www.pray414window.com
www.SVM2.net
www.labridge.org
www.24-7prayer.com
www.campusamerica.org
www.hollywoodprayernetwork.org
www.globaldayofprayer.com
www.call2all.org
www.kidspray.org.au
www.childreninprayer.my
www.cpnsa.co.za
www.viva.org
www.worldprayer.org.uk
www.interprayer.com
www.ethne.net
www.wycliffe.net
www.svm2.org
www.global24-7.org
www.jwipn.com
www.etnopedia.org
www.HisPowerPortal.com
www.worldwideprayer.com/prayerlinks.html
www.theburn247.com
www.generationfire.com.au
www.thevine.org.hk

13. THE IPC WEBSITE

Be sure to check out the various videos on different facets of prayer now available on the IPC website www.ipcprayer.org. Just click the "Resources" tab and you will find them. You can play them right from your computer screen for yourself and others you would like to share them with.

You can make the website a more useful tool for others in the prayer movement. 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

Please send your suggestions to Nita van der Merwe at office@ipcprayer.org.

14. ABOUT THE IPC

OUR VISION:

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

HOW WE OPERATE:

The IPC is not an organization as such. We are a fellowship of people involved in mobilising prayer throughout the world. We function as an international "network of networks", connecting international, regional and national prayer ministries and networks. We also arrange or support special prayer initiatives that bring prayer leaders together from time to time to pray for matters of regional and global concern to the Body of Christ. Regional prayer summits have been arranged or supported by the IPC in most regions of the world as well as international prayer initiatives for the United Nations, Hollywood and other foci.

The IPC is led by an international executive team, now called the International Prayer Council. There are currently 22 adults and youth who are coordinators of regional prayer networks or international prayer initiatives of various kinds. We seek to be catalysts and connectors within the global prayer movement towards the fulfillment of Habakkuk 2:14 that *"the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea."*

We do not have an official membership but connect with individuals and networks through *Connections*, a periodical newsletter distributed via e-mail to give prayer information to interested people. Please share this newsletter with prayer coordinators, prayer network leaders, and others who have an interest in the global prayer movement so that they can be informed about different prayer initiatives, existing prayer networks and how to participate in them.

15. CONTACTING THE IPC OFFICE

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