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1. Pray the Word on the Word

Assignment: Choose to spend 15-30 minutes a day for at least 5 days during the following week to pray for the power and the work of the Word in the lives of people.

Track your decision:

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5

Practical Life Application

1. What did I learn?
2. What must change in my prayer life?
3. What must change in my life, practically?
4. With whom can I share this information?

Practical Guidelines

To pray the Word on the Word is to pray what the Word (Bible/ Scripture) says about the Word.

1. Use the prayer from Scripture below as an example to begin to pray on this subject. When we pray these portions from Scripture it is also a proclamation of the Word, a confession of our faith in the Word and the power of the Word.
2. The Word teaches us what is possible for God. Luke 1:37 teaches: *Nothing is impossible for God*, which can be translated as; not one of God's words is without power. God is *I Am*. This means He can. I Am —is present tense, He is there every moment, actively busy working, to give life, to create and to Re-create.
3. Please read the chapter "How to pray the Word" before you start praying this prayer during the next week.

A Scripture-based prayer

Father, the Word teaches us: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. (John 1:1) By the word of the LORD were the heavens made, their starry host by the breath of his mouth. (Ps.33:6) Your word, O LORD, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens. (Ps 119:89) I will bow down toward your holy temple and will praise your name for your love and your faithfulness, (Ps.138:2) For Your word is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. (Heb. 4:12) Lord, You declare: "Is not my word like fire, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?" (Jer.23:29) God, Your word is the sword of the Spirit, (Eph.6:17) Lord, You said; when your word goes out from your mouth, it will not return to You empty, but will accomplish what You desire and achieve the purpose for which You sent it. (Isaiah 55:11)

I can trust every one of your words because all your words are true; all your righteous laws are eternal. (Ps.119:160; John 17:17) And your words are flawless, like silver refined in a furnace of clay, purified seven times. (Ps.12:6) I can trust You, because your way is perfect; and your word is flawless. (2 Sam. 22:31) How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! (Ps 119:103) LORD, your commands are radiant, giving light to the eyes. The fear of You LORD, is pure, enduring forever. Your ordinances are sure and altogether righteous. They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the comb. By them I am warned; in keeping them there is great reward. (Ps.19:8-11)

Let your word dwell in me richly so that I can teach and admonish others with all wisdom, (Col.3:16) and can overcome the evil one.(1 John2:14) Like a newborn baby craves pure spiritual milk, I crave the pure spiritual milk of your Word, so that by it I may grow up in my salvation. (1 Peter 2:2) My faith grows in me by hearing your Word (Rom.10:17) because without faith it is impossible to please You. (Heb.11:6) Lord Jesus Christ, You are the living Word of God, You are the way and the truth and the life. (John 14:6) If I remain in you and your words remain in me, I will receive what I am asking of You. (John 15:7) Establish your Word so it can spread widely and grow in power in our cities and nations.(Acts 19:20) All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of the Lord stands forever. (1 Pet.1:24-25)

From: Praying with Purpose by Bennie Mostert

2. LEADERSHIP, JESUS-STYLE

"... wanting to be a leader and being one are not the same thing. Giving orders and taking charge are not the same as being a leader, either.

... Another friend commented that sometimes people think they can turn leadership on and off -- be a leader when they are operating in a positional role of leader, but then do what they please when the official time of "leadership" is over for the day. She commented that people are watching her at all times, whether she's aware of it or not, and she doesn't want them to be disappointed or led into compromise by what they see in her. Leadership is never over for the day.

Let's look at some contrasts of what a leader is, and is not:

1. Leadership and lordship are not synonyms. Jesus is both our Leader and our Lord. However, He has not given us lordship over each other. Jesus told His disciples, *"... You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. Yet it shall not be so among you"* (Mark 10:42, 43). Hebrews 13:17 tells us, *"Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief...."* We do need to obey our leaders, but notice the heart they are to exhibit -- one of caring for our welfare, not one of ordering the rest of the Body around for their own personal satisfaction.

2. Leadership lifts up people, rather than trampling them down. True leadership wants the best for the other person. It isn't interested in using other folks as stepping stones. Dr.

Seuss's book, *Yertle the Turtle*, ought to be required reading for all Christian leaders, methinks!

3. Leaders apply balm to wounded hearts, rather than throwing salt or dirt in the owie. Leaders have to be like doctors; they are called to bring healing.

4. It is not the leader's job to be a watchdog, or to "call" people on their perceived faults.

Yes, pastors should watch over and shepherd their flocks. And when they see an area in our lives that needs correction or improvement, of course it is their place to help us with that. I love having a trusting relationship with my pastor. He can tell me any time he needs to that there is something out of whack in my life. He does it in a gentle way, and I feel loved. So, that's not what I'm talking about.

I'm referring to self-appointed watchdogs, who think it is their God-given ministry to set others straight. I've been in situations where this has happened. Somebody lets the rest of us know that they are watching, and if we don't toe their mark, they will tattle to the pastor. This is intimidation and a controlling spirit evidencing itself. Definitely not true leadership.

5. True leaders will have followers who love to follow. Their followers want to become like their leader. If the followers are unhappy underlings, who resent the leader who is in charge, somebody is not doing a good job of leading. Perhaps we have a case of abusive leadership -- which brings us to some classic signs that we have abuse going on:

- a. Does the leader use guilt or threats to accomplish goals?
- b. Is there a general feeling of unhappy resentment?
- c. Are the people under the leader afraid of being labeled troublemakers? (Some people are troublemakers, and ought to have some fear, but I'm talking about the group as a whole.)

Leaders should never be oppressors. The spirit of oppression is one of the big guns in the demonic realm. On the other hand, Jesus brings liberty and life. We want to do the same. **John 10:10 -- *I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.***

As a leader, I would rather be someone's advocate than his accuser. In being an advocate -- a defense attorney, cheerleader, and encourager to others -- I align myself with Jesus. **1 John 2:1 says, "*And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.*"** If I choose, rather, to be an accuser -- someone who tattles, points

out others' faults, speaks disparagingly of them -- I am aligning myself with Satan, the "accuser of the brethren" (Revelation 12:10). It's a clear choice between light and darkness.

Leadership starts and ends with being a servant. Leaders always lift up others -- never themselves. Leaders don't trample, scratch, claw, or climb to get to the top. They don't need to. Real leaders in the Body know their place in Christ and are willing to trust Jesus to bring them into their proper function when He thinks they are ready. **1 Peter 5:6 -- *Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time.***

Leaders keep their eyes open for ways to serve -- even very small ways. They see the need and meet it, rather than waiting for someone else to do it. Aimee Semple McPherson used to watch for upcoming leaders by leaving crumpled bits of paper lying around and then waiting to see who would notice and pick them up.

Leaders don't think certain tasks are beneath their dignity to perform. Jesus commented, "***He who is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much And if you have not been faithful in that which is another man's, who shall give you that which is your own?***" (Luke 16: 10, 12). Jesus washed feet. Leaders clean restrooms and serve in the nursery, and they do it with joy, because they have a heart to serve. They want to make life better for somebody else.

I'm not saying any of this is easy. I have to coach myself to be a servant. I have to consciously make an effort to trust Jesus to bring me into my role in the Body, and not try to get myself there. I have to remind myself a lot not to boss. Sometimes I fail. I'm still learning, sometimes the hard way.

Mark 10:43, 44 -- *Whoever will be great among you shall be your minister [servant]: and whoever of you wants to be chief [great] shall be servant of all.* It's on a card on my refrigerator. And it's working its way into my heart.

I remember one saying: "GOD has given us things to use and people to enjoy!"

Please keep these points in mind as we are praying for our government. We should also remember that Israel only had victory as long as Moses held up his hands. When his hands sank, they experienced loss and defeat. When Moses became too weak to keep his hands up, two men had to support him until the battle was over. These two men are you and me. We have to support our leaders by interceding for them so that it

will go well with us. If it doesn't go well with us and our country, blame might not have to be shifted too far. Most often we will find the guilt in our own courts, because of the sin of prayerlessness.

The original version of this article can be found at:
<http://www.characterbuildingforfamilies.com/armor.html>.

3. WHERE WILL THEY FIND HOPE?

He didn't lift up his head when he passed me limping along in his ragged clothes and dirty turban. It was as if the summer heat had tarnished the spirit within him, causing him to miss everything around him – or maybe to take it in as merely a coincidence, as the Muslim saying "Inshallah" would suggest. More or less like the irrevocable coincidence that he did not have any income, the unspeakable coincidence of the landmine that took off his foot together with the lower part of his right leg, the sad coincidence that he didn't know where his five sons and four daughters were struggling to beg for some coins by washing car wind screens and swinging smoking spandic cans. Where was he heading?

The mystery disappeared with him in the restless haze of movement in my car's back view mirror. While I took part in the snail's pace through the everlasting gridlock in the city centre of Kabul I became aware, like every time when I travelled this road, of so many others like him.

Where was everyone's resting place in this inaccessible city? Where did the children with the wheelbarrows find a safe and peaceful oasis to dream their own dreams away from the search for a future, for today? Wasn't there maybe a better place? Shouldn't they have looked wider than here? It was as if the flame that actually held the danger was also the biggest attraction for so many who have returned from their asylum in the neighboring countries. Now they were turning round and round in this city like moths who thought this was the ultimate in life and light. News about ruined towns, merciless genocide, drought and hopelessness drew so many seekers to the city. As if things would be better here than where they were uprooted from. Thoughts that they may at least have been treated humanely in their own destroyed towns by people of their own heritage was maybe lingering in the back of their memories, but it was as if the uncertainty of "what if" every time let them cling a day longer onto a fragment of hope...

Hope... what gives hope? A nonchalant ejection of money through a barely open car window, a shopkeeper who actually just want to get rid of this dirty little face at the door. That

gives hope, yes! For today, for this hour. Tomorrow will look after itself. Don't think about tomorrow. Maybe tomorrow never comes. Or maybe tomorrow will be even better. The kind of hope that evades you just enough to keep on breathing, as if it will reveal its mystery the next moment. Like at a gambling hall...

Is that really the best? Can't it get better? What is the hope you and I daily have in our hearts and minds? Isn't it so much bigger and wider? It goes so much further. And the base is so much stronger. It is a hope of *knowing* and not of *wondering*. Our hope lies in Him who came to conquer souls with the truth. But what about them? Where will they find hope?

Only a few of the lucky ones know about the blessing that the Persian king Cyrus received from the Lord. Isaiah 45:1-14 gives us a revealing glimpse of this magnificent way in which God used a Persian gentile king (though he didn't even know God, Is. 45:4) to reach His purpose with the nation of Israel. Afghanistan is part of the historical Persian world that stretched to include India at one stage. God said He would equip this king "that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides me; I am the Lord and there is no other."

This is one of the eternal promises that God gave not only to the king of Persia, but we believe to all people of the Persian world, including the people of Afghanistan. That is part of the reason why we can have hope for their salvation. That is why we should keep on focusing in prayer against the strongholds that keep so many on the way of destruction. The poppy trade, corruption, political violence etc, however big they are, is only part of the problem. Misusing religion as a basis for the ongoing violence is also just part. Whenever we hear of suicide bombs in Afghanistan, 9 out of ten are detonated by non-Afghans. This means that the actual evil is done by Arabs, Pakistanis, etc who see Afghanistan as an opportunity to make their statement as to what Islam is able to do. By far the biggest problem is this religion that brings people to a point of not fearing God but fearing man. Fear of man is inherent in the faith of Islam. Most cling onto their faith because they fear what may happen if fathers, brothers, uncles and friends may find out that they have questions about the truth. But in the dark where no one can see (except for God), they don't have a problem to steal, lie, fornicate and live a life of non-integrity.

When I converse with Afghan believers I see that many have no fear. There is no intimidation if you have an eternal vision. They have accepted the promise as their own and are willing

to pay the full price to see that their fellow compatriots see the same truth they have come to know. But the price tag is huge in worldly view. Please keep on praying for these dear brothers and sisters. Quite a few are now equipped to take the promise further. They live faith to the full and portray a life that shows that hope is alive for those who believe. But we are still far from a real critical mass of believers. Our hope is to see that within the next ten years. May the blessing of Isaiah 45:8 also be on your heart for this precious land: "Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain down righteousness; let the earth open, that salvation and righteousness may bear fruit; let the earth cause them both to sprout; I the Lord have created it."

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4. TRIBAL GENERATION MOVEMENT

We do not often hear about what is happening in Latin America, especially amongst the youth. Herewith some very exciting news as told by João Paulo Dutra of the Tribal Generation Movement.

"Never as before, the society we live is desperate for someone to follow. We are talking nowadays about economic crises, a globalized world that needs new weapons to be evangelized. The same methods used by the church even few years ago inside some cultures doesn't work anymore.

The apostle Paul said in the Bible that he has done everything, to everyone so somehow, some of them could be saved. Understanding this, the Movement Tribal Generation has born. We are not a church, there is no churches Tribal Generation been planted, but we are a platform that connects ministries all over Latin America, spreading now to another continents also, working whit new languages to reach the emergent generation, called as urban tribes.

Trough this network of friends, churches and ministries, one learn whit the other how to empower the accomplishment of the Grant Commission. Based on the theme "New Churches for the New Generation", we have been working hard on the training of leaders and the plantation of churches that can reach the post-modern cultures.

Tribal Generation has started in 2001, whit a meeting organized by Down Ministry in Sheffield – UK, to discuss about what has been happening whit emergent cultures in all the globe. And Pastor Olgálvaro Jr, was there, representing Latin America. Since then, God has put a desire to see a movement among the emergent generation happening strongly in Latin America.

So the work started spreading the vision to different cities in Brazil and whit countries targets to be working together. Then God has raised great friends and ministries that were working or had the desire to work whit this vision in other places. Year later, after hard work, many meetings, gatherings, courses, we now have teams working in Brazil, Colombia, Chile, Venezuela, Paraguay, Peru, Ecuador, Bolivia, Mexico, Cuba, in partnership on the plantation of new churches.

From 20th till 24th of May 2008, we had the second Global Meeting of TG. Something that started only whit a vision and a desire became something bigger. We had on this Meeting 16 countries, 154 different churches and ministries, 31 urban tribes, and more than five thousand people per day. Many round tables, seminars, speeches, moments of prayer and worship offered intense days of training and leaning about the plantation of new churches.

So as we have said m the main focus nowadays of Tribal Generation is to offer weapons to teach new leaders how to plan these new churches. That is why we have the Church Planter's School, where 14 different modules, like Ecclesiology, History, Music, Evangelism, Counter-culture, Urban Missions and others, can be discussed and learnt.

As results, teams in all Latin America has been trained on this plantation, new churches have been planted, reaching those who never had opportunity to be reached. We are talking about hippies, undergrounds, heavy metal, punks, hip-hop, gothic, clubbers, youth, all a different variety of tribes as you can imagine, been reached by the same love of Jesus we once have met.

As we understand every move of God was preceded by a prayer move, we also have the Chain Reaction, 24/7 prayer rooms happening in all Latin America. During a full week, 24 hours in 7 full days, we raise our youth, leaders, churches, ministries, partners, to pray asking always God's direction for our generation. We know we need all the time to seek in God the right direction, especially working whit something new, that many Christians still don't agree or understand. So we raise prayer rooms, and you can raise one as well, to establish a commitment whit God for our generation.

Our desire is to change our generation and also, leave a legacy for the next generations. Once we met the love of Jesus and it was the only thing that changed our lives. So we believe the only thing that can change our generation is this same love. We are talking about people tired of religions, tired of the same rules, people that see a Christianity of the prosperity,

where many of us has been selling God's blessings, and we must be the prophets of the new generation, who brings God's direction for our days.

We believe and we want to bless you too with a word of encourage. Believe God wants to use you to reach this generation. He has strategies for you to be fruitful on God's Kingdom. The harvest is ready! Be the Worker!"

www.tribalgeneration.org

5. SPORT BALLS SPREAD THE GOSPEL

Little did SA professional sportsman, Manie du Toit, dream that his vision from God in 2001 to spread the Gospel by the unique means of symbolic sport balls would snowball into, what is today bringing salvation to the children of not only South Africa, but also to a whole host of countries across the world.

By means of these balls, every child involved, can play and learn the Word of God at the same time. The *Living Ball Ministry's* vision is to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ, from the market place to all the children of the world. The aim is to form a partnership with companies and individuals who understand what Jesus meant when He said, "Go into the world and preach the good news to all creation".

Each ball becomes the symbol of hope and that Jesus is alive on this 'living ball' (earth). The balls are made up of four different colours, each colour representing a different part of the message of salvation, being

Black	-	Lost in sin
Red	-	Redeemed by the blood of Jesus
White	-	Filled with His Spirit
Green	-	Growing in Christ

There is a whole network of missionaries around the world that are now using these sport balls as an evangelical tool. This is made possible by the financial involvement of businesses as well as individuals. Over 45 000 sponsored soccer, rugby and netball balls have already been handed out since 2002.

To learn more about the *Living Ball* and *Kids' Games* that are also used to bring the Gospel to the children of the world, please visit the website at www.livingball.co.za

6. AFRICA SENDS OUT MISSIONARIES BY THE THOUSANDS

An Ethiopian tells that when he landed on Indian soil as a missionary in 1998 it surprised him as much as anyone else. "Could this be possible?" he asked himself. "We always

thought only white people could be missionaries." More than a step of faith, this venture created a worldview change for him. After all, he had gone out from Africa, the continent that for generations has been known as the mission field, the place where missionaries go.

But God had prepared the way. Soon after arriving, one of his team members shared the gospel with a woman. She stopped him. "I had a dream last week," she said. "Fire was consuming the village and people were running. Two people were praying with arms outstretched. Then something like a cross came between the fire and the village." She concluded, "You were the people." In the following three months 1,357 people gave their lives to Christ. After their initial success, the home church in Ethiopia sent 20 more missionaries to India and Pakistan.

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In the same way, thousands of Africans from across the continent are defying old stereotypes and embarking on the cross-cultural missionary adventure. In some areas, the church has been doing it for awhile; in other places it's just getting started. In Nigeria, missions have been gaining momentum since the mid-70s. NEMA, the Nigerian Evangelical Mission Agency, now has 5,200 missionaries serving in Africa and around the world. A church in one of South Africa's townships has been sending out short-term missionaries for seven years, according to a report at a recent MANI SA conference. Just two years ago they sent their first long-termers. Church members are enthusiastic about their missionaries who are working in three other countries, and are committed to support them.

Africans are still mindful of what foreign missionaries have done in their continent. "We appreciate you, and what the Lord has done through you for us," said Nigerian Dr. Rev. Nicholas Asamayan, who mobilizes black churches for missions. "And to those who died, thank you for your sacrifice and your love. But in God's prophetic timetable, the time has come for us," he said. He explained that it is time for an Afro-centric approach to missions, for defining mission in the African context, for writing materials and coming up with creative ideas.

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God's new company of African missionaries is moving into some of earth's difficult unreached communities. What motivates them to go into lowly villages with bad water,

disease and a fearful relationship with local gods? Or to venture out into Europe, Asia and South America? Each country has its own story.

In Nigeria, it began with students. As they went out to the villages for their year of national service, they saw parts of their nation they hadn't seen before, and were moved to action. They began planting churches, but they also caught a vision for missions, leading eventually to the birth of three mission agencies, Calvary Ministries, Christian Mission Foundation, and EMS, the missions branch of the Evangelical Church of West Africa. Then, in the early 80s, NEMA was born - the Nigerian Evangelical Mission Agency, which celebrated its 25th anniversary in October, 2007. They have an exciting support group - the Mission Supporters League (MSL), an innovation rarely found even in more prosperous countries. It includes 100 chapters of professionals, such as engineers and doctors, who raise money for supporting and sponsoring missionaries.

"In Zimbabwe 10,000 churches were planted in the '90s. As persecution came, they went abroad preaching the gospel." "Our church planting model," says Dr. Shana, "is described in Acts 8 and 9: 'When they were persecuted, they went abroad preaching the gospel.'" Shana's congregation, the mushrooming Word of Life Church in Bulawayo, has planted 3,500 churches all over the world, instilled with the missional vision to affect the community around them in every sphere of life.

But Zimbabwe's missionary movement, according to Dr. Shana, came out of troubled times. It started with a movement in the '90's where 10,000 churches were planted. But soon after, the country dove into economic and political turmoil. Unexpectedly, those 10,000 churches became the seedling bed for a new missions thrust. As Zimbabweans left the country to settle in new places, they took their faith with them. "We've been following our diasporic sheep," explains Dr. Shana. "In their new homes, they miss the church they've had in Zimbabwe, so they begin to meet in groups, and talk to their communities. A little group starts, which we support and we watch over for a period of time. And we start a church."

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"The gospel has been in Ethiopia for 1,670 years," said Pastor Langana at MANI SA '08, "first brought here by the eunuch in Acts 8. "But I'm sorry to say that, even though we were a Christian nation, we never reached the rest of Africa." Things changed in 1990. "God brought a missionary," said Langana,

"and used him as a key person. He told us, 'It is time for Ethiopia to see the people who are unreached.' We had never been thinking of going outside Ethiopia. Now, over 3,000 missionaries in the North African country of Ethiopia have moved from one culture to another in order to share the gospel of Jesus Christ.

The missions-minded country of Ghana, which has sent people to such far-reaching places as China, Ukraine, Brazil and India, was inspired by the Nigerian missions movement, and continues to be motivated by the Acts 1:8 strategy. It's simple. Every church has four realms to influence: 'Jerusalem', your own home town, 'Judea', the next closest region, 'Samaria', even farther out, and then 'the ends of the earth'. The Church of Pentecost is a good example, which opened Pakistan as its 70th mission field this year. Ross Campbell, MANI's Information Coordinator, observes that "from the day of conversion, believers are commissioned, equipped and engaged in Kingdom advance." And this is only one of Ghana's major denominations which all have international mission boards. Others include the Presbyterians and Methodists. GEMA, the Ghana Evangelical Missions Association is a connecting point for them all.

In these and other countries, Africans are a key part of today's missionary task force, digging into the hard work left to finish the job of fulfilling the Great Commission.

Source: Sheryl Montgomery Wingerd, Great Commission Update/Joel News

7. FROM THE PEN OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE IPC

"If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you." (John 15:7)

Gathering with prayer leaders from different parts of the world is always a renewing and encouraging experience because they are normally used to "letting God be God", wanting Him to lead and speak when we meet. While we met in London for our two gatherings, I felt like John 15, the metaphor of the Vine and the Branches, was so relevant. Jesus told his disciples that they together (plural) needed to live in Him and He in them. Truly, our life, unity and fruitfulness in ministry results as we connect with the Vine and with one another through Him. If we gather with this kind of understanding, laying aside our personal agendas, we can be assured that it will always be a powerful life and ministry-transforming experience.

The International Prayer Council executive leadership met for a couple of days of clarifying our ongoing focus. We will

continue to gather prayer leaders, especially those who mobilize prayer in their nations and regions, but we will also give focus to important initiatives that the Lord is stirring in His Body during these days such as the Global Gates, those powerful institutions such as the United Nations, Hollywood and others that exert such a prevailing influence on our world. We will also give special priority to the emerging prayer movements among youth and children, encouraging and resourcing them where we can. Such movements we believe are especially on God's heart and will impact generations to come.

Finally, I rarely mention individuals needing special prayer, but ask you to remember Andrew, the son of my close International Prayer Council colleague, Brian Mills, who was involved in a terrible accident. The accident severed his spine in five places along with other injuries. Would you please pray for God's healing touch and for Andrew's recuperation?

John Robb

8. CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	DETAILS
2008		
16 November 2008	Prisoners' Sunday	www.prisonadvice.org.uk
2009		
20 - 30 May 2009	10 Days of Prayer preceding GDOP	www.globaldayofprayer.com www.globaldayofprayer.co.uk
31 May 2009	Global Day of Prayer	www.globaldayofprayer.com www.globaldayofprayer.co.uk
1 Jun -29 Aug 2009	90 Days of Blessings	www.globaldayofprayer.com www.globaldayofprayer.co.uk
10-13 November 2009	South-East Asia Prayer Consultation Bangkok, Thailand	seapc2003@yahoo.com
2010		
12 - 22 May 2010	10 Days of Prayer preceding GDOP	www.globaldayofprayer.com www.globaldayofprayer.co.uk
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
October 2010	Third Congress on World Evangelization to be held in Cape Town, South Africa	jgodson@lausanne.org

9. WEBSITES WORTH VISITING

Please have a look at these great websites!

www.ipcprayer.org

www.kidspray.org.au

www.wycliffe.org/documents/Curriculum/ChildrensPrayerJournal.pdf

www.atfp.org

www.dprindia.org

www.unreached.org/unreached-email.php

www.GlobalAIDSPrayer.net

www.interprayer.com

www.ethne.net

www.xtremepayer.com

www.global24-7.org

www.jwipn.com

www.injesus.com

www.808chinablessing.org

www.interexcel.co.za/jerigoblog/

10. THE IPC WEBSITE

We need your input as to be able us to keep on building on our website, 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.

11. 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."

12. 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.

13. PLEASE TELL US

The focus of Prayer Connect 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.

14. CONTACT US

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