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Islam in Europe: A Sober Wake-Up Call for Prayer and Action

A Nigerian prayer leader, himself a former Muslim, has sent this provocative and chilling speech of Geert Wilders, a Dutch Member of Parliament and the Chairman of the Party for Freedom in the Netherlands. Here are some excerpts from it to ground and guide your prayers:

I come to America with a mission. All is not well in the old world. There is a tremendous danger looming, and it is very difficult to be optimistic. We might be in the final stages of the Islamization of Europe. This not only is a clear and present danger to the future of Europe itself, it is a threat to America and the sheer survival of the West. The United States as the last bastion of Western civilization, facing an Islamic Europe...

The Europe you know is changing. You have probably seen the landmarks. But in all of these cities, sometimes a few blocks away from your tourist destination, there is another world. It is the world of the parallel society created by Muslim mass-migration.

All throughout Europe a new reality is rising: entire Muslim neighborhoods where very few indigenous people reside or are even seen. And if they are, they might regret it. This goes for the police as well. It's the world of head scarves, where women walk around in figureless tents, with baby strollers and a group of children. Their husbands, or slaveholders if you prefer, walk three steps ahead. With mosques on many street corners. The shops have signs you and I cannot read. You will be hard-pressed to find any economic activity. These are Muslim ghettos controlled by religious fanatics. These are Muslim neighborhoods, and they are mushrooming in every city across Europe. These are the building-blocks for territorial control of increasingly larger portions of Europe, street by street, neighborhood by neighborhood, city by city.

There are now thousands of mosques throughout Europe. With larger congregations than there are in churches. And in every European city there are plans to build super-mosques that will dwarf every church in the region. Clearly, the signal is: we rule.

Many European cities are already one-quarter Muslim: just take Amsterdam, Marseille and Malmo in Sweden. In many cities the majority of the under-18 population is Muslim. Paris is now surrounded by a ring of Muslim neighborhoods. Mohammed is the most popular name among boys in many cities.

In some elementary schools in Amsterdam the farm can no longer be mentioned, because that would also mean mentioning the pig, and that would be an insult to Muslims.

Many state schools in Belgium and Denmark only serve halal food to all pupils. In once-tolerant Amsterdam gays are beaten up almost exclusively by Muslims. Non-Muslim women routinely hear 'whore, whore'. Satellite dishes are not pointed to local TV stations, but to stations in the country of origin.

In France school teachers are advised to avoid authors deemed offensive to Muslims, including Voltaire and Diderot; the same is increasingly true of Darwin. The history of the Holocaust can no longer be taught because of Muslim sensitivity.

In England, sharia courts are now officially part of the British legal system. Many neighborhoods in France are no-go areas for women without head scarves. Last week a man almost died after being beaten up by Muslims in Brussels, because he was drinking during the Ramadan.

Jews are fleeing France in record numbers, on the run for the worst wave of anti-Semitism since World War II. French is now commonly spoken on the streets of Tel Aviv and Netanya, Israel. I could go on forever with stories like this. Stories about Islamization.

A total of fifty-four million Muslims now live in Europe. San Diego University recently calculated that a staggering 25 percent of the population in Europe will be Muslim just 12 years from now. Bernhard Lewis has predicted a Muslim majority by the end of this century.

Now these are just numbers. And the numbers would not be threatening if the Muslim-immigrants had a strong desire to assimilate. But there are few signs of that. The Pew Research Center reported that half of French Muslims see their loyalty to Islam as greater than their loyalty to France. One-third of French Muslims do not object to suicide attacks. The British Centre for Social Cohesion reported that one-third of British Muslim students are in favor of a worldwide caliphate. Muslims demand what they call 'respect'. And this is how we give them respect. We have Muslim official state holidays...

The second thing you need to know is the importance of Mohammed the prophet. His behavior is an example to all Muslims and cannot be criticized.. Now, if Mohammed had been a man of peace, let us say like Gandhi and Mother Theresa wrapped in one, there would be no problem. But Mohammed was a warlord, a mass murderer, a pedophile, and had several marriages - at the same time. Islamic tradition tells us how he fought in battles, how he had his enemies murdered and even had prisoners of war executed. Mohammed himself slaughtered the Jewish tribe of Banu Qurayza. If it is good for Islam, it is good. If it is bad for Islam, it is bad.

Let no one fool you about Islam being a religion. Sure, it has a god, and a here-after, and 72 virgins. But in its essence Islam is a political ideology. It is a system that lays down detailed rules for society and the life of every person. Islam wants to dictate every aspect of life.. Islam means 'submission'. Islam is not compatible with freedom and democracy, because what it strives for is sharia. If you want to compare Islam to

anything, compare it to communism or national socialism, these are all totalitarian ideologies.

Now you know why Winston Churchill called Islam 'the most retrograde force in the world', and why he compared Mein Kampf to the Quran. The public has wholeheartedly accepted the Palestinian narrative, and sees Israel as the aggressor. I have lived in this country and visited it dozens of times. I support Israel. First, because it is the Jewish homeland after two thousand years of exile up to and including Auschwitz, second because it is a democracy, and third because Israel is our first line of defense...

In my country, the Netherlands, 60 percent of the population now sees the mass immigration of Muslims as the number one policy mistake since World War II. And another 60 percent sees Islam as the biggest threat. Yet there is a danger greater than terrorist attacks, the scenario of America as the last man standing. The lights may go out in Europe faster than you can imagine. An Islamic Europe means a Europe without freedom and democracy, an economic wasteland, an intellectual nightmare, and a loss of military might for America - as its allies will turn into enemies, enemies with atomic bombs. With an Islamic Europe, it would be up to America alone to preserve the heritage of Rome, Athens and Jerusalem .

Dear friends, liberty is the most precious of gifts. My generation never had to fight for this freedom, it was offered to us on a silver platter, by people who fought for it with their lives. All throughout Europe , American cemeteries remind us of the young boys who never made it home, and whose memory we cherish. My generation does not own this freedom; we are merely its custodians. We can only hand over this hard won liberty to Europe 's children in the same state in which it was offered to us. We cannot strike a deal with mullahs and imams. Future generations would never forgive us. We cannot squander our liberties. We simply do not have the right to do so.

We have to take the necessary action now to stop this Islamic stupidity from destroying the free world that we know.

1 Pray with our brothers and sisters in Christ in Europe that their governments will wake up and take a strong hand in not allowing the Islamic agenda to take over and dominate their societies.

2 Pray for those seeking to reach Muslims with the Gospel for His guidance and blessing and for many more such ministries to begin reaching out strongly and effectively to the burgeoning Muslim immigrant populations.

Holy War Arrives in Germany

by Soeren Kern August 10, 2014 at 5:00 am

<http://www.gatestoneinstitute.org/4590/germany-jihad>



Supporters of the jihadist group "Islamic State" [IS] have clashed with Kurdish Yazidis in North Rhine-Westphalia, the state with the largest Muslim population in Germany.

The violence-which comes amid threats by a German jihadist to blow up an American nuclear weapons storage facility in Germany-has counter-terrorism officials concerned that radical Muslims are deliberately exploiting the ethnic and religious tensions in the Middle East to stir up trouble on the streets of Europe.

Police say the Muslim-Yazidi clash was triggered after six Islamists stormed a restaurant in the eastern Westphalian town of Herford at around 4 pm on August 7. The Muslims were attempting forcibly to remove a poster inviting people to join a demonstration in support of the Yazidis in Iraq. Thousands of Yazidis, an ethnic Kurdish non-Muslim minority, were forced to flee their homes in northern Iraq in early August to escape advancing Islamic State fighters, who are forcing the Yazidis to convert to Islam or be killed...

German authorities have long warned of the threat posed by Salafism, a radically anti-Western ideology that seeks to impose Islamic sharia law in Germany and other parts of Europe.

Membership in Islamic extremist groups in Germany rose to 43,185 in 2013, up from 42,550 in 2012, according to German intelligence estimates. The number of Salafists in Germany rose to 5,500 in 2013, up from 4,500 in 2012, and 3,800 in 2011...

A German Interior Ministry spokesperson said that although "the threat is abstract, it may become real at any time." He said it proves that Germany "is still the focus of jihadist terrorism," especially from jihadists returning from Syria with combat experience and contacts to jihadist groups... "And this is frightening: Never before have the sympathizers of Islamic terror appeared so openly in Germany. These are the circles in which European fighters are recruited for jihad. This is also the milieu in which the Salafist ultra-radicals develop when they are back in Europe again. Therefore, police and secret service are required to monitor the scene closely...

"IS, Al-Qaeda, Hamas and Boko Haram-these four groups are the linchpins of the attempt to bomb an unstoppable modernity back into the Middle Ages. The means to this end are Sharia, hatred and glorification of a supposedly "holy" war-what madness!"...

"For far too long, Germany's political leaders, and especially the leaders of German Muslim organizations, have sat by and idly watched the proliferation of the Salafist-jihadist hatred culture, in the purported belief that it poses no danger. It is absolutely outrageous that local politicians have played down the risk of Islamism, while the capabilities of the security authorities are increasingly being overstretched by the need to deal with this threat.

"Muslim organizations should hang their heads in shame. Rather than bluntly stating that the barbarians in northern Iraq are 'not Muslims,' they whistle away to say that Islam is 'only peace.' In the future, this kind of obfuscation will no longer suffice, especially if German Muslims, who are subject to the German legal system, wish to avoid being held accountable for the killings in the name of Islam.

"The Islamic State under its leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi may not last very long; but the propaganda from his jihad certainly will survive him. This is because the seeds of hatred that 'Caliph' Baghdadi has sown are far more toxic than those of Osama Bin Laden. For disaffected youth, the Islamic State exerts great appeal, and not only in Herford."

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Syrian Refugee Outreach in Lebanon- An Encouraging Report!

In the midst of all the chaos in the Middle East, the threat coming from ISIS, the conflict in Gaza
God is at work!!



As the eyes of the world are on the Middle East, making it in the headlines of all news, we do have a different report that we would like to share! Two years ago, the Lord called us through a set of circumstances to start working with Syrian refugees in Lebanon. This in itself was not in any of our plans as Syrians are considered the enemy who has occupied Lebanon for 15 years. After a small scouting trip to camps, abandoned buildings and garages where people stay, we saw the refugees not only as Syrian but more so as people who have lost everything, who are living in fear, in trauma and in deep need!

Our response started with basic food items and some clothes distribution. But with God's help and with several partners joining efforts with us we were able to do much more.

Starting an education program

Then the Lord also helped us start a literacy and education program for children who are completely illiterate. And now a year later we did a ceremony where each child received his/her certificate of accomplishment. What a time of rejoicing!! We also celebrated an end of year program where kids who were completely rebellious, with no sense of disciplined excelled



Second school

After the first school experience, we were also able to start another program in a different camp. Our biggest joy is to bring the God of Hope in the midst of despair. Several Bible studies are being held now in tents and these Sunni refugees are thirsty to hear the word! These refugees are hopeless, disillusioned and very open to receive the word of God that brings joy and peace to their hearts!

Medical outreach

Throughout the year we held several medical outreaches where doctors, pharmacists, and nurses volunteered to give from their time and effort into the lives of those people. More than a medical check-up, the doctors are able to give psychological and emotional support and in our team there is always a group dedicated for prayer. So it is not uncommon to see people deeply touched by the glory of God and overwhelmed by His presence, as often this was the first time in their lives that someone prayed for them personally.

New Project

Lately, we have also signed a partnership agreement with Dorcas Aid Holland to help cater to the needs of newcomers in the Mount Lebanon area, families who fled from the troubled areas in Syria and have lost homes and family members, or Christians fleeing Iraq because of religious persecution. We have listened to heartbreaking stories and brought comfort and relief to many.

We want to express our deepest gratitude to all who took time to come and offer a helping hand. We had teachers come to help in the schools, university students who came and helped with distribution, doctors who offered their expertise, families who came to paint and be a blessing, intercessory teams who came to pray for the harvest and for the church--all short mission teams that have been an amazing blessing!

The harvest is plenty and it is ripe!! We have seen Jesus touching people's lives, we are seeing the kingdom advancing and we want to invite you to be part of history in the making.

God is on the move and no matter what the media is saying HE REIGNS!

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Let us pray for Michel and Nuna and other ministries working among the many Syrian refugees. Pray that multitudes of Syrian men, women and children will turn to the Lord during this time of disruption in their lives. Many have been responsive thus far. May the Gospel speed on and triumph among them!

Alarms sound over possible 'imminent' attacks on U.S

Report: Feds, law enforcement scrambling to stop ISIS carnage on border

WASHINGTON - The U.S. government is warning that a terrorist attack is imminent on the border between Texas and Mexico, according to the government watchdog group Judicial Watch.

The group said sources have told it the Mideast terrorist army ISIS is now operating in the Mexican city of Ciudad Juarez, the narcotics-trafficking center located just across the border from El Paso, Texas, and it is planning to attack the U.S. with car bombs or improvised explosive devices carried by vehicles. Federal law enforcement, intelligence, and other sources have confirmed that a warning bulletin for an imminent terrorist

attack on the border was issued, and that agents for the Departments of Defense, Justice and Homeland Security have been put on alert and told to aggressively work all sources and potential leads.

One source told Judicial Watch intelligence officials "picked up radio talk and chatter" pointing to an attack on the border.

The source said both ISIS and al-Qaida were planning plots, and told Judicial Watch an attack "is coming very soon." Another source told the group the attack is so imminent the commanding general at the U.S. Army's Ft. Bliss in El Paso is being briefed. A Texas law enforcement bulletin sent out this week reportedly shows ISIS is keenly aware of the porous border in the area, and social media chatter shows it has expressed "an increased interest" in crossing the border to conduct an attack...

Also last week, Sen. Jim Inhofe warned ISIS is "rapidly developing a method of blowing up a major U.S. city." The ranking Republican on the Armed Services Committee in the U.S. Senate said the U.S. now is in "the most dangerous position we've ever been in."

And, as WND also reported last week, Gov. Rick Perry, R-Texas, warned terrorists from the Islamic State could be sneaking into Texas across the Southwest border at any time, due to the Obama administration's failures in Iraq and in securing the border.

Pentagon press secretary, Navy Rear Adm. John Kirby, immediately denied any evidence of Perry's claims.

"I've seen no indication that they are coming across the border with Mexico. We have no information that leads us to believe that. That said, we do know they have aspirations to hit Western targets and that we've got to take that seriously and have to try to be ready for it," Kirby told CNN.

Mexican officials also quickly rejected the governor's warnings.

"Mexican authorities have no record of the presence of Islamist extremist groups or individuals in Mexico," said Ariel Moutsatsos, minister for public affairs at the embassy in Washington. "We take all possible measures to impede any terrorist activity in our territory."

Rep. Louie Gohmert, R-Texas, joined Perry to warn Americans about terror threats from the largely unsecured U.S.-Mexico border.

"The FBI director previously said ... that there were people from terrorist countries who were assuming Hispanic names, and learning a few words of Spanish, and coming in," Gohmert said. "The FBI director himself testified to that before Congress. So we know that this kind of thing has been going on. Governor Perry isn't saying anything that's new, it just takes a little while for the mainstream to catch up."

The congressman added that more recently, Marine General John Kelly, the commander of South Command, testified before the House and Senate this year "that the penetration of our Southern border by criminal cartels, as well as terrorist organizations, poses, in his words, an 'existential threat the United States.'"

Read more at <http://www.wnd.com/2014/08/alarms-sound-over-imminent-attacks-on-u-s/#3VfdU8L6dSgSGKHd.99Blessings to you>

Thomas Schlueter
Prince of Peace Church, Pastor
Texas Apostolic Prayer Network, Director

Let us keep the borders of the USA and those who guard them in our prayers. Pray that any terrorist plot of ISIS or any other extremist groups would be discovered and countered before they can do any damage.

National Prayer Assembly

October 29-30, 2014

Calling for a Gideon's Army of Prayer Warriors for such a time as this!



Are you sensing a call of God to a time of intense intercession for the United States? At this time of growing crisis in which our nation seems to be have lost its direction morally, spiritually, politically and economically, a number of Christian leaders have heard that call and are inviting you to Washington DC, October 29-30 for a National Prayer Assembly. Scheduled just one week before our national elections, it comes at a crucial time in our nation's life. It is not a time for politicking or posturing, but for passionate prayer for a fresh move of God for the transformation of our nation. Our prayer focus is on repentance, reconciliation, and revival in the spirit of God's great promise for national restoration in 2 Chronicles 7:14.

This gathering is being sponsored by America's National Prayer Committee, The International Prayer Council, Mission America Coalition, and Renewal of America.

The venue will be the Sheraton Pentagon City in Arlington, Virginia near Reagan National Airport and very good nightly rates of \$184 (single or double) have been secured until September 25. A registration fee of \$55 helps us secure the gorgeous meeting room overlooking all of D.C. and provides coffee, tea, and water for the two days of praying together. The hotel is located close to the Metro and allows us easy access to visit significant sites in the City for onsite intercession. **The registration site is: www.nationalprayercommittee.com** Additional details can be found there, including information on reserving your rooms at the hotel. The hotel number for registrations is: 1 800 325 3535.

Pakistan anti-government protests turn deadly

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At least three people killed and 494 injured as police clash with protesters calling for PM Nawaz Sharif to resign.



Islamabad, PAKISTAN - Clashes between police and anti-government protesters have continued outside Pakistan's parliament, resulting in the deaths of at least three people, and injuries to 494 more, witnesses and hospital officials have told Al Jazeera. Police continued to fire tear gas and rubber bullets at hundreds of stone-throwing protesters, while thousands more remained behind the front lines outside the country's parliament building in the capital Islamabad.

The protesters, supporters of opposition politician Imran Khan and anti-government cleric Tahir-ul-Qadri, have been camped out outside the country's parliament since August 15, calling for Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif's government to resign.

Meanwhile, limited protests were also held by PTI and PAT supporters in Karachi, Lahore and other cities in Pakistan.

<http://m.aljazeera.com/story/2014831145733222260>

Pray for stability and peace for Pakistan and that the government and military will be able to restore order. Pray that in the midst of all this uproar and chaos people would reach out to Christ as the only one who can bring them true peace personally and nationally.

ISIS about to become a nuclear power?

WASHINGTON - Abdul Maulana Aziz, a follower of Taliban supreme leader Mullah Mohammad Omar who led the infamous Red Mosque rebellion in Pakistan, has declared his support for the newly formed Islamic State, led by Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi.

The jihadist army of the Islamic State, formerly known as ISIS, had taken over large swaths of Iraq and declared the establishment of a caliphate, governed by Islamic law, or Shariah, that also includes northeastern Syria.

Aziz's backing of Baghdadi is seen as ominous by Western intelligence, since he is close to such groups as Sipah-e-Sahaba and the Tehrik-i-Taliban Pakistan, or TTP, which seek the overthrow - even by violent means - of the Pakistani government, which possesses nuclear weapons.

Aziz's support for Baghdadi and ISIS comes as Pakistan, a predominantly Sunni country, faces yet another political crisis that threatens the existence of its democratic secular government. Political opponents of Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif have demanded his resignation, which he has refused.

His opponents want sweeping constitutional reform to replace parliamentary democracy and confront alleged corruption that has crept into the electoral process. However, jihadist groups see an opportunity now to assert their influence as Pakistan's political crisis grows worse.

Read more at <http://www.wnd.com/2014/08/isis-gains-support-of-fierce-leader/#ItJCmrshCzEGO3SZ.99>

Please pray for the government and military of Pakistan to contain and stop the Islamic radical groups within its borders that threaten not only this nation but the world. Pray for the cutting off of any connections between the Pakistani and other Muslim extremist groups with ISIS so that their vision of an Islamic caliphate pictured below will be frustrated and overthrown



Pic: ISIS five year plan map.

Pakistan & India: Heaviest Cross-Border Firing Since 1971 War, Says Border Security Force Chief

Please keep this potentially most dangerous border on earth in prayer. Between them, India and Pakistan have an estimated 230 nukes and according to Dr. Kent Moors, an intelligence expert, "are literally gambling with the fate of the rest of the world". A nuclear conflict between these two nations could, he says, "set off a global famine that could kill two billion people and effectively end human civilization" because of spreading radiation.

Having already fought three wars over the disputed Kashmir territory, another all-out war is possible, especially with much of the military of Pakistan under the influence of radical Islamic groups who do not fear "mutually assured destruction", the deterrence that thankfully kept the Cold War from going nuclear.

1 Please pray for the governments of Pakistan and India that they will find a way to keep the peace between them and to settle their differences over the much-contested area of Kashmir as well as the matter of sharing precious water resources.

2 Pray for the discrediting and overthrow of radical, extremist Muslim and Hindu groups that are willing to provoke a conflict and do not care about the end of the world scenario that could be activated.

3 Pray that the devil, diabolos, the divider and destroyer would be bound and unable to exacerbate this long-standing conflict.

(See Kent Moors' book, *The Great Game: The Coming Face Off for Global Supremacy*, The Money Map Press, 2014 for more intelligence on geopolitical issues worthy of serious prayer focus.)

Prayer Seminars for Iraq, September 4-15

Two crucial, timely prayer seminars to build up the Iraqi prayer movement will be held in the next several days, first in Erbil in Kurdistan and then in Baghdad. "The need for prayer there with the Iraqis and teaching is urgent", says the facilitator, a dear friend and prayer initiative colleague

named Sam. "They wrote that relief - support is plenty but no one to lead and call for prayer among the locals."

Erbil, 4th - 9th

1 Please pray that many sincere believers & leaders would come for the

prayer - days and unite with one heart for the nation of Iraq.

2 For a strong interest in the prayer - meetings & in the seminar!

3 For a strong presence of His Holy Spirit to lead us into intense times of prayer, repentance, grieving, weeping & wrestling!

4 For HIS heart for the nation!

5 For revelation & guidance of the Holy Spirit to know how to pray.

6 For strong protection over the participants and Sam and his family.

Baghdad, 11th - 15th

1 Please pray for a huge participation of believers & leaders and that the Lord

may keep the roads open for people to travel to the venue.

2 For unity and God's heart for the city & nation!

3 We need a strong presence of HIS spirit & a flow in prayer and real brokenness among the believers & leaders to really cry out for their nation, to repent, grieve, weep and wrestle for Iraq.

4 Pray for a strong prophetic anointing, revelation and God's strategy in the meetings.

5 For a strong protection over the believers in Baghdad!

Pray also for Sam to have God's wisdom, guidance and anointing and that he will enjoy special favor and protection in this current core trouble spot of the world.

UN operation to feed displaced Iraqis reaches over 700,000 people



People waiting in line at Baharka transit camp in Erbil to receive their food assistance from WFP. Photo: WFP/Mohammed Albahbahani

27 August 2014 - Food aid convoys from the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) have reached displaced Iraqis in Karbala, southwest of Baghdad, bringing the number of people receiving food assistance to over 700,000 people since the start of violence in mid-June...

"The humanitarian situation in Iraq is extremely challenging," said Mohamed Diab, WFP Regional Director for the Middle East, North Africa, Central Asia and East Europe...

Throughout the country more than 1 million people have been displaced - many without access to food, water or other basic needs. They are living in unfinished buildings, mosques, churches, parks and schools...

Before the latest wave of displacement, WFP was already assisting about 240,000 people displaced by conflict in Iraq's al-Anbar governorate, as well as more than 180,000 refugees from the conflict in Syria who are sheltering in Iraq.

UN News Centre

www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=48577#.VAYJqigQjRd

Pray for the UN, World Food Program, and other humanitarian efforts to help the Iraqis who are displaced due to the ISIS invasion and takeover of their cities and villages. Pray for effective coordination and a generous and abundant flow of aid to those who need this help so desperately.

Number of Syrian refugees tops 3 million as insecurity grows - UN agency

The parents and children of this Syrian family sleep on the streets of Istanbul in Turkey. They are among the 3 million refugees from Syria, many of whom live in desperate conditions. Photo: UNHCR/S. Baldwin



29 August 2014 - Three million Syrians will have registered as refugees outside of their country today, the UN refugee agency reported, amid accounts of increasingly horrifying conditions inside their homeland - cities

where populations are surrounded, people are going hungry and civilians are being targeted or indiscriminately killed

A news release issued by the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) said that a further 6.5 million people are displaced within Syria, bringing to almost half of all Syrians who have been forced to abandon their homes and flee for their lives. One in every eight Syrians has fled across the border, fully a million people more than a year ago. Over half of those uprooted are children.

"The Syrian crisis has become the biggest humanitarian emergency of our era, yet the world is failing to meet the needs of refugees and the countries hosting them," said High Commissioner for Refugees António Guterres. And UNHCR Special Envoy Angelina Jolie said: "Three million refugees is not just another statistic. It is a searing indictment of our collective failure to end the war in Syria."

UNHCR Spokeswoman Melissa Fleming told a press briefing in Geneva today that increasing numbers of families are arriving in a shocking state, exhausted, scared and with their savings depleted. Most have been on the run for a year or more, fleeing from village to village before taking the final decision to leave their country.

The vast majority remained in countries neighbouring Syria, with the highest concentrations in Lebanon (1.14 million), Jordan (608,000) and Turkey (815,000), according to UNHCR.

In addition to the 3 million registered refugees, governments estimated that hundreds of thousands more Syrians had sought sanctuary in their countries with more than four in five refugees struggling to make a living in towns and cities outside of camps, with 38 per cent living in sub-standard shelter, according to a recent survey.

Syrians are now the world's largest refugee population under UNHCR care, second only in number to the decades-long Palestinian crisis. The Syria operation is now the largest in the agency's 64-year history.

Jens Laerke, Spokesman for the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), stated that more than 191,000 had lost their lives since the beginning of the conflict in March 2011. Even that high number was considered a conservative estimate with the real death toll likely to be much higher, he said.

He said the advance of Islamic State (IS) militants into central Syria had taken violence against civilians to a whole new level as the group continued to commit horrific atrocities against those opposing its rule. There had also been an increase in the use of barrel bombs by Government forces in Aleppo while Islamist militants had cut off the water supply to an area for displaced people, also in Aleppo, on several occasions. That kind of collective punishment was clearly a breach of some of the most basic principles in international humanitarian law.

Overall, nearly 11 million people are in need of aid in Syria and 4.7 million of them live in areas that are hard to reach. There are still some 241,000 under siege in various locations. Mr. Laerke informed that the UN has now sent nine shipments to Syria from neighbouring countries and more are planned over the following month.

While donors had contributed more than \$4.1 billion to successive regional response plans since 2012, more than \$2 billion more is needed by the

end of 2014 alone to meet the urgent needs of refugees...

Please pray for the end of Syria's conflict and the huge numbers of refugees suffering in the midst of this way. Pray too that the remaining need in humanitarian funds will be met by the international community. May many Muslim Syrians encounter Jesus Christ in this terrible disruption of their lives!

UN News Centre

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Afghan vote crisis 'costing billions', says finance minister

Afghanistan's finance minister has said deadlock over the disputed presidential election has cost the economy \$5bn. Omar Zakhilwal told the BBC he would have to cut salaries and lay off government workers if the crisis was not resolved by the end of the month. Foreign investment is at a standstill and government revenues have fallen sharply since the April vote.

Two contenders have claimed victory but have so far failed to reach a deal on a government of national unity. A full audit of the votes is still under way under United Nations scrutiny. But the BBC's David Loyn in Kabul says the audit could take weeks to complete.

The two leaders competing for power, Ashraf Ghani and Abdullah Abdullah, have failed to reach a deal despite a personal intervention from US President Barack Obama. Our correspondent says there is a worsening air of crisis and that prices of basic foods have risen sharply, while the Taliban have staged some of their biggest assaults for many years, taking ground in the south and east.

Mr Zakhilwal told the BBC that cuts he had already made in non-essential spending had had a "depressive effect" on the economy, and the continuing political uncertainty was having an impact in every corner of the economy.

Ashraf Ghani, who was leading in preliminary results, has most to lose from conceding too much ground before the final result is known.

His rival Abdullah Abdullah has accused election officials of "massive fraud". Many of his senior supporters want him to take a tougher line, believing that their candidate won the vote.

Pray for this political and economic crisis to be handled effectively and for a government of national unity to result from the audit of the voting process.

Also, continue to pray that the Taliban Muslim extremists who recently launched an attack near the capital of Kabul will be defeated and put to flight by the Afghan military forces. One of their leaders has also expressed interest in linking up with the ISIS "caliphate" in Iraq, which would add significant further danger to the war on terror.

<http://m.bbc.com/news/world-asia-28924968>

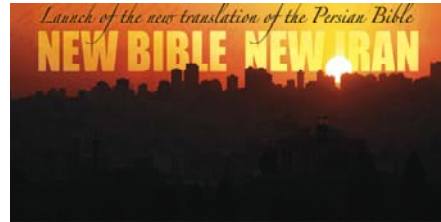
New Bible for Iran!

From some Iranian ministry leaders:

After 18 years of work, in partnership with Wycliffe Bible



Translators, we are excited to be able to provide the people of Iran with a beautiful, elegant and accurate translation of the Bible. In recent years the Iranian church has experienced remarkable expansion. Operation World says it is the fastest growing church in the world today. Iranian Christians have been waiting eagerly for this new Bible. They already love the translation of the New Testament portion and have seen its massive impact.



There are so many stories of people who have found Christ through reading it. Just last week I heard that the son of an Ayatollah came to Christ as he read the Gospels. We believe as the Word of God spreads, Iran will be transformed.

Please pray for:

- 1) Seamless printing of 100,000 copies before yearend**
- 2) Wisdom for distribution**
- 3) The Lord to open new channels for getting Bibles into the country**
- 4) Protection for all those involved in transportation, receiving and giving out the Bibles**
- 5) For the Holy Spirit to speak to believers and non-believers as they read the Bible**
- 6) That Iran will be spiritually transformed as the Word of God spreads.**

Nepal Flood Disaster

During the last couple of weeks, 105 people died, 195 are missing, and around 20,000 people have been displaced through serious flooding. It is really hard for people.



Please pray for God's grace and mercy upon flood victims and for the relief efforts.

Pastor Jaggu Gahatraj in mid west Nepal reported that his 45 church members were displaced and do not have food and home and clothes... Many have become orphans, homeless, landless, and many have lost their loving family members. **Pray that God would be with these needy people.**

We appreciate your prayer and love.

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Pray for a Cure for Ebola As Crisis Worsens

The world urgently needs to find a drug that can fight Ebola

More than 100 scientists and industry executives will convene this week at the WHO's headquarters Geneva, Switzerland, in response to a spiraling Ebola crisis. Their urgent mission will be to comb through the world's stock

of experimental Ebola drugs and vaccines and agree on a plan for clinical trials...

Experimental Ebola drugs - though still wildcards - have been touted as possible miracle workers in the international fight to quell the outbreak, the worst on record. The epidemic has subsumed Sierra Leone, Guinea, and Liberia, and it has appeared in Nigeria, Senegal, and the Democratic Republic of Congo...

Meanwhile, the WHO announced last week that it has drafted a broad roadmap to "dramatically scale up the international response" to the crisis and halt Ebola's spread within six to nine months.

Health workers have been highly critical of what they say is a lackluster international response to the emergency: after a U.N. meeting on Tuesday, Doctors without Borders president Joanne Liu excoriated the leaders of unaffected nations for scrambling to secure their own borders against the virus, but failing to sending sufficient aid and experts into the crisis zones. "Six months into the worst Ebola epidemic in history, the world is losing the battle to contain it," Liu said, calling on able countries to send bio-defense teams to West Africa. "We cannot cut off the affected countries and hope this epidemic will simply burn out. To put out this fire, we must run into the burning building."

Liu told the U.N. much of what has been done so far to stop the virus is not working. "Riots are breaking out," she said. "Isolation centers are overwhelmed. Health workers on the front lines are becoming infected and are dying in shocking numbers. Others have fled in fear, leaving people without care for even the most common illnesses. Entire health systems have crumbled."

The U.N. meanwhile warned on Tuesday that the quarantines are expected to cause a food crisis in West Africa, as restrictions on movement in and out of afflicted communities are affecting food supplies, and as panic buying is jacking up the prices of ever-scare staples.

More than 1,500 people have died in West Africa - almost half of the some 3,500 cases confirmed since the disease was identified in March. The WHO predicts that around 20,000 more people will fall ill with the virus before its spread can be stopped.

Please pray for a cure to be found for Ebola and for the WHO and other organizations and national governments to become effective in containing and eradicating this awful, death-dealing disease.

Scotland's 'Day of Destiny': 18th September 2014

After 307 years since the union of the Scottish and English Parliaments created the United Kingdom of Great Britain, the people of Scotland will on 18 September vote in a referendum to decide if they wish to stay part of the UK or become an independent state. This is the latest stage in a long process that has seen the growing calls for more 'self-government' result in the creation of a Scottish Parliament in 1999 with its own First Minister and government, with responsibility devolved from the UK Parliament in London for running a range of domestic services such as health, education, justice etc...

We give thanks to God that the campaign, while vigorously conducted on both sides, has been a 'war of words', with none of the violence that sometimes accompanies such campaigns in other parts of the world.

However, whatever the result, the Referendum will have a profound impact on the whole of the UK. Even if there is a 'no' vote, it remains to be seen what effect the emotions and forces released by this campaign will have on the unity of the British state, as parts of England are now calling for strong regional assemblies with devolved powers similar to those enjoyed by the Scottish Parliament and, to a lesser extent, by the Assemblies that also exist in Wales and Northern Ireland.

As we approach the vote we praise God there is a rising tide of prayer and increasing unity in the Church, with a shared concern for the future moral and spiritual life of this nation. A unique call for two days of national prayer and fasting on Sunday 14th and Wednesday 17th has been signed by 16 leaders of major denominations supported by many others. Also two days of continuous prayer on the 17th and 18th until midnight led by Parliamentary Prayer Scotland in Edinburgh. For details of these and other prayer events in the final week before the vote see www.prayforscotland.org.uk...

Please pray with us:

For the spiritual life of the nation. As the campaign draws to a close pray for 'God's will to be done and for His Kingdom to come'. Pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon our nation, that Church leaders will rise again, empowered to be bold, fearless and to speak with wisdom and authority into every level of society.

That many will respond and take part in the national 'call to prayer'. That in every community churches will come together, laying aside their differences, uniting in common cause for the good of their community and the nation. That a chorus of intercession such as has never been heard before will ascend to the throne room of heaven so that, whatever the result, the atmosphere over this nation will be changed for the better, and permanently.

For national unity. That the result will be accepted graciously by both sides, with neither extreme triumphalism nor bitterness being displayed. For reconciliation within families, neighbourhoods, workplaces and wherever there has been division through opposing views. That at a national level political leaders will demonstrate a degree of statesmanship that transcends political rivalries, and that the Church will play a prominent role locally and nationally in the reconciliation process.

For the political leadership in the UK and Scottish Parliaments, and for the leaders of the 'Yes' and 'No' campaigns - for wisdom, respect and moderation as they conclude their campaigns. For the truth to be paramount and for the facts to be presented clearly and honestly so that we can vote from a well-informed position. For the Members of the Scottish Parliament and their families at this time of intense stress and relentless campaigning - for strength and health to keep going, with love and patient support from all those around them.

That all may be done 'to the glory of God and the good of Christ's church'.

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The New Wave is Here!

We have a generation today that is hungry for a cause that will match their unique DNA. They are waiting to be challenged to reach their full potential, as individuals and as a generation. The World Youth Prayer Assembly (WYPA, working event name) believes that God is setting-up a globally-connected, digital, extreme generation whose passion is to seek His face, for such a time as this. They only need to be gathered, challenged, and released to their destiny.



Last August 26-28, 2014, an initial consultation meeting among 27 leaders, both senior and youth leaders from 9 different nations, was held at The Noah's Ark Hotel and Resort in Hong Kong. The vision of calling forth and engaging an emerging generation across nations to challenge and empower them to fulfill their destiny as catalysts for change was agreed upon. There was no debate in saying that the WYPA will not be just another event; it is foreseen to be a catalyst of a movement that will eventually have a life of its own.

It was important for the leadership to agree upon the core values of the gathering, understanding that should different regions and nations catch the DNA and run with it, the 'pocket gatherings' should have the same values and standards as the one set by the organizing body. These values include being Biblical and flowing in the Spirit, Jesus-centered, Kingdom-focused, Holy Spirit-kind-of-radical, multi-generational (focusing on the family and championing the youth), and unifying, among others. These values are projected to result to young people being awakened to their destiny, empowered to occupy, and released to become catalysts for change in their respective walks of life. It is also hoped that the young people will receive a clear understanding of their unique, individual callings. With that, it was agreed that the gatherings will be planned from the perspective of the ones attending, and the program will be put together by the youth and for the youth. It was noted that worship will play a major role in the program, knowing that this generation's gift is to seek the face of God thru worship. Some of the key, guiding Scriptures that were laid out are Malachi 4:5-6, Luke 9, Acts 17, 1 Peter 4:7-8, Isaiah 60, Isaiah 40:3-5, 1 Timothy 4:12, Joel 2:15, Joel 3:9-10, Psalm 110:3, and Psalm 2.

After careful consideration of criteria that would meet the need for host countries, and after revelations of "multiple birthings," the following nations are being considered to host the WYPA, pending their country's spiritual leaders' agreement and welcome: South Korea, Indonesia, the Philippines, and Hong Kong. And what was initially just one gathering for 2016 is now shaping up to be a three-year, annual assembly on 2016, 2017, and 2018.

An "International Dream Team" of 30-40 youth leaders from different organizations all over the world will be organized to be the stirrers of the WYPA. An 'incubation period' for them is being planned for October 2014, possibly in South Korea, after finalizations with hosting countries are made by end of September.

Please pray...

1. For Jerome and Abel Ocampo and their family as they take the lead in these significant gatherings. Pray for key leaders in every host nation who will run alongside them in the vision.

2. For the leaders of the different nations being considered to host- that they may decide according to God's heart for the WYPA.

3. For wisdom for the Executive Leadership as they make crucial decisions for the gathering.

4. For the youth leaders who will compose the "International Dream Team"-as God hand-picks each of them, that they will find their gifting and anointing complementing one another's for the vision of the WYPA to come into fruition.

5. For financial provision for all that will be needed to see a generation rise up and take their place. An estimate budget of \$3M-\$5M is projected for each gathering.

6. Recently, Ps Jerome is contemplating on changing the event name from World Youth Prayer Assembly to International Youth Prayer Convergence, believing that it will be new wine skin for the young people to embrace and identify with, while still maintaining the touch and flavor from the WPA. Please pray about the final name the event will carry.

IPC Calendar

September 4-15th - Prayer Seminars for Iraq

September 18th - Scotland's 'Day of Destiny'
www.prayforscotland.org.uk

October 29-30th National Prayer Assembly
www.nationalprayercommittee.com

January 9-11, 2015 - National Weekend of Prayer to End Slavery and Trafficking
<http://www.nwoprayer.org>

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1. Home: Please send us news of *international prayer-related* interest such as upcoming initiatives and conferences. We will update our calendar regularly with such dates.
2. Regions: Please send us strategic prayer requests and alerts for your nation or region.

Please send your suggestions to the IPC administrator Amazing Grace Cruz at office@ipcprayer.org

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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 mobilizing 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 issues.

The IPC is led by an international leadership team, now called the International Prayer Council, is composed of twenty leaders who coordinate 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 *IPC 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.

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