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Prayer makes the difference in the transformation of nations: the Case of Sri Lanka

" The people of the land have used oppressions, committed robbery and mistreated the poor and needy and they wrongfully oppress the stranger. So I sought for a man among them who would make a wall and stand in the gap before me on behalf of the land that I should not destroy it; but I found no one. Therefore I have poured out my indignation on them; I have consumed them with the fire of my wrath : and I have recompensed their deeds on their own heads says the Lord God." (Ezekiel 22: 29 - 31 NKJV).

" If my people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from Heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land. Now My eyes will be open and My ears attentive to prayer made in this place." (2 Chronicles 7:14 - 15 NKJV).

The first scripture says that when God's people fail to answer the call for prayer in the face of sin, oppression, corruption and injustice in our nations, the judgment and wrath of God comes upon that nation. But the second passage says that when we pray, God hears us, forgives us, and heals our land.

I wish to use my nation Sri Lanka as a context to this small write-up on the power of transforming prayer. Ethnic riots have been a usual phenomenon in Sri Lanka from the early 1950's, not too long after we received our Independence from the British rule in 1948. In the early 1970's, we had a youth insurrection, which claimed the lives of tens of thousands of university students and young professionals. Although the insurrection was brought under control in less than year, it repeated itself in the latter 1980's. Tragically, in the early 1980's ethnic riots escalated into a full-blown ethnically based civil war. This dragged on for at least three decades. The casualty counts are varied. The government puts it down 60 to 70,000 but other sources say that it was at least 150,000.

Well, the Church prayed. We first started to pray in our local Churches; then local Churches prayed within our own denominations; and very soon interdenominational prayer groups began to spring up all over the Island. In almost all of our prayer gatherings, we quoted 2 Chronicles 7:14 which obviously alerted and motivated us to pray.

In the year 1994, a few of us prayer leaders, Dr. Arul Ankitel , Dr. Lalith Mendis, Pastor Michael Dissanayake and I, were privileged to meet veteran internationally renowned prayer leader Kjell Sjoberg. He visited Sri Lanka invited by Dr Arul to lead us how to engage in strategic level spiritual prayer nationally. This spearheaded us into the birth of a strong united prayer movement across the nation.

God answered our prayers in numerous ways. We had many well-organized and coordinated prayer gatherings in addition to the regular monthly prayer times, which we had among ourselves. First we had the final victory over the ethnic civil war in 2009. Although the end of the civil war in May 2009 was rather bloody and very unfortunate, the final conclusion of

was most welcome. Although the war ended in 2009, full healing and reconciliation between the two ethnic groups never did happen. Strategic Prayers over our nation continued despite the challenges we faced in the area of persecution for both Christians and Muslims. It would not be unfair to say that the minority peoples groups in Sri Lanka were treated badly by the arrogant majority religious leaders. Our nation continually lived under a curse entrenched in so much division, bloodshed and oppression.

On January 9th, 2015, we finally saw the toppling of a very unjust and oppressive regime. There was great joy in our nation at last. We are beginning to see amazing change in our nation. Our prayers which have gone on relentlessly through the decades of the 80's, 90's, and the 2000's are being answered every day. Praise be to God. The Lord's eyes and ears have been attentive to our prayer. Yes, prayer has the power to transform nations.

Dr. Leslie Keegel, IPC Leadership Team

Some Top Prayer Challenges

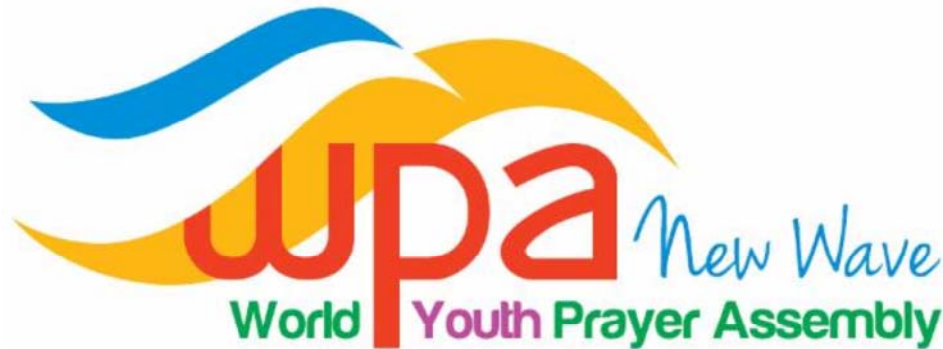
Our prayers are extremely powerful! Astrophysicist Hugh Ross says, "Prayer is the most powerful capacity God has given to us." Let us unite our prayers this month, agreeing in faith for the following "Top Prayer Challenges". Please share these with your prayer groups and fellow intercessors and let's believe God together for breakthrough in the following areas:

1. **Radical Islam-** In many areas of the world, radical Islam seems to be metastasizing like an ugly, evil cancer. Pray for Muslims to have their eyes opened and to see the oppressive, destructive nature of this religion and to turn from it to Isa Al Masih, the Lord Jesus Christ. Pray for the international community to come to agreement on a worldwide strategy for defeating Islamic radicals and terrorists and to take effective action both militarily and politically to rid our world of this scourge. As intercessors have united in prayer and governments have taken united action, we have seen the downfall of other past ideologies and movements such as Naziism and communism.
2. **Syrian and Iraqi refugees-** many millions of people, including Christians, have had their lives disrupted by the Syrian civil war and the aggressive conquest of their lands by the Islamic State. Pray that the IS will be defeated and driven out and for an end to civil war in Syria so that these refugees can return to their homes and rebuild their lives. Pray for the provision of food and other needs they have whether in the refugee camps or wherever they find themselves. Pray too that in the midst of their disruption they will hear about Jesus, the deliverer, and be open to receiving Him as Lord and Savior.
3. **Taliban in Pakistan and Afghanistan-** now that the coalition forces have largely departed from Afghanistan except for about 14,000 soldiers left behind, pray for the government and military there and in Pakistan to strongly confront and prevail against the Taliban militants. May the Taliban and their leadership splinter and give up their Islamically inspired insurgency so that both lands can be set free from the awful violence and terrorism of recent years.
4. **Ukraine and the rebel initiative-** recently fighting has restarted in eastern Ukraine. Pray for the peace talks between the Ukrainian government and the pro-Russian separatists to go well and for this conflict to be settled and ended for good.
5. **Iran and the nuclear program negotiations-** one of the greatest dangers to the Middle East and indeed the rest of the world would be for the Iranians to finish their much cherished plan to build a nuclear weapon. They probably would not hesitate to use it against Israel and other nations. Please pray that the current negotiations will go well, that the international community will be strong, adopting new sanctions if necessary and that the Iranians will give up their nuclear ambitions. Pray that President Obama and other political leaders in the West will recognize the threat, not giving way to attitudes and actions of appeasement
6. **Israel, its neighbors and the national election-** pray for the security and protection of Israel and somehow for improved relationships with the surrounding Arab nations, as well as with Turkey and Iran. Pray for Prime Minister Netanyahu to have God's wisdom to guide the nation forward and for outside attempts to interfere with the national election such as "Victory 2015" (backed by a leftist U.S.-U.K. group called "One Voice" and composed of former Obama campaign activists) to be frustrated and overthrown.

7. **Armenian- Turkish reconciliation-** April 24 marks the 100th anniversary of the Armenian genocide at the hands of the Turks. Christians on both sides are presently working on holding reconciliation gatherings during this year to ask forgiveness and to pray together for the wellbeing of these peoples. Please pray for powerful identificational repentance and reconciliation that God will use to bring healing of relationships and openness to the Gospel by the Muslim Turks, one of the largest mostly unreached peoples on earth.

John Robb, IPC Chairman

Update on the World Youth Prayer Assembly



Following the World Prayer Assembly held in Jakarta in 2012, the International Prayer Council leaders felt that a NEW WAVE of prayer and missions movements is coming and is now here-for the youth, by the youth. Thus, the inception of gathering this generation for a WORLD YOUTH PRAYER ASSEMBLY (WYPA) in August, 2016.

The WYPA will bring together a projected estimate of 10,000 youth leaders from 200 nations-youth and young adult leaders who will receive a clear understanding of their unique, individual callings; who will acquire the fire, anointing, and impartation to fulfill their unique destiny; and who will occupy and influence their respective spheres to affect change.

The synergy will...

- **REPRODUCE in every country, and even go beyond, what happened in the International Prayer Assembly (IPA) in 1984, Seoul and the WPA in 2012, Jakarta.** We hope and pray that the WYPA will unleash this global generation to the greatest Prayer and Destiny Movement in the history of the church.
- **REVERSE the GLOBAL TREND of losing the youth in churches.** The youth are hungry for a cause that will match their unique DNA. When they are gathered and they begin to understand the attack on their generation (i.e. child trafficking, sexual violence on children, child labor, teenage suicide, etc.), it will create a stirring in their hearts to fight for the destiny of their generation. They will understand that they were not born just to attend church; they were born to shift the destiny of nations.
- **Possibly GIVE BIRTH to a new, GLOBAL JESUS MOVEMENT.** We expect new Youth Movements will find their beginnings at the WYPA. The collaboration developed, the unity forged, and the streams synergized will bring a "connected global generation" into a focused destiny.
- **BREAK the Spirit of DIVISION in North and South Korea.** A Day trip to the DMZ (the border between North and South Korea) will be arranged for these youth leaders to come against the spirit of division, and re-infuse new energy for a revival in Korea. We expect this gathering will stir the youth to seize their destinies to bring Jesus Christ to their nations.

In order to see this happen, we are forming an **INTERNATIONAL DREAM TEAM (IDT)** of top, youth, global leaders from different streams of ministry all over the world to be the primary stirrers and planners of the WYPA. The IDT will birth the program for what is in the heart of God for the WYPA. The IDT will hold face-to-face meetings at least twice in 2015 (most

probably in South Korea), while the rest of the meetings will be online. During the first meeting in March 2015, committees will be formed and set into motion toward the first gathering on 2016.

The first IDT incubation and planning meeting will be on March 3-6, 2015 in Seoul, South Korea. It will be a time of seeking God, fellowshiping, and synergizing of ideas.

Pastor Jerome Ocampo, International Coordinator for the World Youth Prayer Assembly

Prayer Requests:

Please pray with us for this ambitious project and for the emerging generation of youth and children (those under 35 years of age) that through the WYPA they will become a global prayer and mission force that will impact generations to come.

Pray for the International Dream Team of youth leaders to be formed successfully and to have anointed, effective meetings, March 2-5, in Seoul, South Korea and during 2015 so that the youth will be enabled to take the lead in organizing the WYPA. It will be an important part of their maturation as Christian leaders for the future.

Pray for Pastor Jerome Ocampo, leader of the Jesus Revolution in the Philippines, and his team who will do the executive coordination and for the rest of us in the IPC leadership who will help provide support in mobilization and fundraising.

The Islamic State is Weakened, But Not Defeated

January 29, Stratfor

"Multiple actors, backed by considerable coalition air power, have effectively halted the massive gains made by the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria. The group is increasingly being forced onto the strategic defensive, but it is far from defeat and is still able to launch attacks and offensives across the region on the tactical and operational level."

In Syria, the Islamic State has been unable to seize Kobani, Syria due to a spirited defense by Kurdish fighters and Free Syrian Army forces and it has lost more than a 1000 of its troops. Now, the IS has been forced on defensive north and northeast of its headquarters in Raqqa. Also, it has experienced a disappointing reversal in Deir el-Zour at hands of Syrian government forces. However, its greatest threat is the eruption of dissent within its ranks and citizens hostile to its rule.



In Iraq, government military forces have made some progress in dislodging IS from territory near Baghdad and in the north the Kurdish peshmerga have also experienced some success around Mosul, but will take a much more massive effort to drive the IS from this most significant northern city. There is a considerable need for more training and leadership within the Iraqi security forces. Some good plans are developing for a national guard for each province to win support of the Sunni tribes against IS. Unfortunately, internal disputes and sectarianism continue to hamper united action.

Let's pray for the following:

1 Giving thanks to the Lord that IS is being pushed back in some areas of both countries, let's continue to pray that they will be thrown into full division, confusion and flight wherever they are still occupying territory. Let's intercede and believe God for their complete overthrow along with the discrediting and rejection of their violent jihadist ideology that still attracts young Muslims from around the world.

2 Pray for the Kurdish and peshmerga forces, the Syrian Free Army and the Iraqi security forces to develop good leadership, overcome internal disputes in order to become united and effective so as to prevail against IS and drive them out of both countries.

Obama 'In Denial' on Iran, Taliban, Islamic Terror

NewsMax, Thursday, 29 Jan 2015

A White House's characterization Wednesday of the Taliban as an "armed insurgency" rather than radical Islamic terrorists is another example of the Obama administration's failure to grasp the gravity of the situation, retired Army Col. Derek Harvey said Thursday on **Newsmax TV's "America's Forum."**

"It is very dangerous because it continues to show that there's intellectual dishonesty by the administration," said Harvey, who was joined by former New York Police Commissioner Bernie Kerik to discuss the Obama administration's paralysis in dealing with terror groups.



"They refuse to define the threat and importantly, it seems that they don't understand the threat. Words do matter.

"The Taliban is an insurgency, it's a terrorist organization that is interlinked with al-Qaida, for that matter, ISIS is an insurgency too, but it's also a terrorist organization. They are splitting hairs and they're being intellectually dishonest," Harvey said.

The Taliban has been recognized as a terrorist organization since 9/11, Kerik added...

Until the Obama administration clearly identifies who the enemy is, there can be **no effective strategy** or resolution to eradicate them, according to Kerik.

"Whether you call it ISIS or ISIL or al-Qaida or the Taliban or Hamas or Hezbollah, there's 50 different names that I can think of right now relating to radical Muslim extremist that want the demise of this country and Israel and others that live in freedom, others that practice Christianity," Kerik said.

"Until we realize who the enemy is and we become offensive against that enemy in a very, very broad range, we're not going to be able to win this war."

The men also weighed in on recent comments made by retired Lt. Gen Michael Flynn, the former Defense Intelligence Agency chief, who told a group of defense industry workers that the administration is running scared from the Islamic State instead of unleashing an all-out assault to rid the world of the extremists.

"You cannot defeat an enemy you do not admit exists," **Flynn said**, referring to the administration's refusal to use the phrase "Islamic militants" when referring to jihadists...

President Obama and his advisers need to look at the big picture and heed the warnings about Muslim extremists, including Iran, from U.S. allies such as Israel, Saudi Arabia and Egypt, Harvey said.

"They understand the threats in that part of the world and they understand that Iran is a threat," he said. "Somehow we're in denial in this country about the nature of the threat both from Iran and our failure to identify the Islamic hardcore extremist threat."

Kerik agreed, cautioning that if the U.S. doesn't react to the warnings already given, "we're never going to get it and we're going to be responding to this stuff forever.

"At some point and time, we have to get offensive, we have to be proactive and pre-emptive in fighting the fight and being prepared in this country for the battle we face, which is going to be decades to come," he said.

"This isn't going to go away no time soon."

Pray that President Obama and his administration would stop being politically correct and denying the threat posed by radical Islam in its many different manifestations around the world. Pray that the USA and other nations can be led by the Lord to adopt a clear and comprehensive strategy to combat and overcome worldwide terrorism so our nations can be set free from this international scourge that is causing so much devastation and horror.

Pray for International Security and the role of the USA

The White House has manifested a strange unwillingness to confront radical Islam, especially to deal strongly with Iran and its efforts to build nuclear weapons, ostensibly to use against Israel and other nations including the USA. Many believe this is even more dangerous than the rise of the Islamic State which we are also very concerned about.

The attached material seems to indicate that a grave international security threat may be emerging from within the American government itself that would explain the White House's reluctance to even use the words "radical Islam" in defining the threat Iran, the Islamic State, Boko Haram and other terrorist groups pose to the world.

Please pray that all of this will be exposed by the press, much of which has been silent, and by brave public officials who are willing to speak out regardless of the political consequences for them personally. Pray that many will rise up resolutely and effectively against what is going on behind the scenes, which also presents such a serious danger to the peace and security of our world.

Part I.
White House Jihadist

<http://overpassesforamerica.com/?p=4661>

Part II.
3-Star General: The Muslim Brotherhood Has Infiltrated the White House

<http://conservativetribune.com/muslim-brotherhood-white-house/>

Barack Obama~seems to have made it clear over the last few weeks that he does indeed have a soft spot when it comes to~radical Muslim terrorists.

The president continues to~back Hamas both financially~and in his foreign policy, constantly~smashing on Israel for their ground operations in Gaza~which are geared toward taking the~terrorist group out permanently.

He's also bent over backwards to find excuses for~releasing prisoners from Gitmo, despite the danger they pose to Americans and~citizens of their home countries.

Not long ago,~ [documents](#)~from WikiLeaks surfaced that indicated Barack Obama and~key individuals~in the government had~close ties to the Muslim Brotherhood, a group that they backed during the Arab Spring, which is considered a terrorist organization by most of the world.

According to a report by~Breitbart~, this evidence seems to back up claims by U.S.

Army~Lieutenant General William Jerry Boykin, who said that individuals with deep connections to the Brotherhood have infiltrated the White House, Pentagon, and Department of Defense.

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The former~Delta Force~member said that Republicans in Congress should have taken concern expressed by Michele Bachmann~over former Secretary of State~Hillary Clinton's~Deputy Chief of Staff Huma Abedin, who the Minnesota representative believed had ties to the~Muslim Brotherhood, much more seriously.

Boykin went on to say that individuals with close ties to the group work in every major federal agency.

If this is true, and it likely is, this is very scary. The~Muslim Brotherhood has already launched a U.S. political party~for the sole purpose of~implementing Sharia law~in American communities.

Fortunately, many states have been proactive and have already~passed legislation banning its implementation.

<http://theblacksphere.net/2013/04/devout-muslims-in-key-positions-in-the-white-house/>

Arif Alikhan~ Devout Muslim,~[Assistant Secretary](#)~for Policy Development~for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Mohammed Elibiary~ Homeland Security Adviser~Elibiary~appeared at a conference honoring Ayatollah Khomeini, has made attacks on prosecution of terrorist fundraisers, has actively promoted jihadist ideology godfather Sayyid Qutb, and threatened a Dallas Morning News journalist who repeatedly exposed his extremist views.

Rashad Hussain~ Special Envoy to the (OIC)~Organization of the Islamic Conference. Hussain is~"a hafiz of the Qur'an"-An individual earns this designation by committing to

memory the Qur'an in its entirety and enjoys high status among Sharia-adherent ~Muslims who regard this feat as proof of a deep~devotion to Allah.
The OIC~is headquartered in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. It is dedicated in its~documents~to spreading Islamic law, or sharia.

Salam al-Marayati~~ Obama Adviser -founder Muslim Public Affairs Council~and its current executive director, and a~Muslim leader who said that Israel should have been added to the"suspect list" for the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

Imam Mohamed Magid~~ Obama's Sharia Czar ~~President of the Islamic Society of North America (ISNA). Magid~was born and raised in Sudan and immigrated to the United States in 1987. Imam Magid studied with~his father, Al-Haj Majd Haj Mosa, described by~one watchdog website as "a Cairo-trained Muslim~Brotherhood scholar" who has served as the top~cleric in the Republic of the Sudan, one of the most~Sharia-adherent nations in the world. In 2012, ISNA hosted~Dawud Walid~who said, "One of the greatest social ills facing American today is Islamophobia, and anti-Muslim bigotry. And if you trace the organizations and the main advocates and activists in Islamophobia in America, you will see that all those organizations are pro-Israeli occupation organizations and activists."

Eboo Patel~~ Advisory Council on Faith-Based~Neighborhood Partnerships - Patel is the~founder and executive director of the Interfaith Youth Core, a Chicago-based international nonprofit that promotes interfaith cooperation.
A good source for more on the Muslim and Muslim Brotherhood infiltration into the White House can be found in Frank Gaffney's~The Muslim Brotherhood in the Obama Administration.

PINK (Prayer Initiative for North Korea) 2015

An Invitation to the Last Prayer Initiative for North Korea



Dear Fellow Servants of God,

In September 2011, leaders, prayer warriors and intercessors serving the Lord all across nations and different sectors of society gathered in Seoul, Korea under a concerted purpose called "PINK" - Prayer Initiative for North Korea. It was the first prayer gathering where the three cords of South Korea, North Korea and the nations gathered to cry out for North Korea for three days. God heard our cries.

Prophetic decrees were made during that time, and the prophecy of Kim Jong-il's fall was fulfilled three months after the gathering - just as it was prophesied. Many more significant changes took place both in South and North Korea leading immediately after PINK 2011.

We stand once again at a crucial juncture. 2015 marks the 70th year of the division of the two Koreas, and the Lord Himself affirms that it is time.

"Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her
that her hard service has been completed,
that her sin has been paid for,
that she has received from the Lord's hand
double for all her sins." Isaiah 40:2 (NIV)

Pyeongyang, the capital of North Korea, was once called the "Jerusalem of the East." The Lord is waiting for His people to proclaim that the time of hard service has ended, to speak tenderly with His love and compassion.

We believe that PINK 2015 will be the last prayer gathering for North Korea. Let us set aside three days from April 6 to 8, 2015 to proclaim and witness the historical shift.

In His Royal Service,

Preparatory Committee for PINK 2015

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Prayer Initiative for North Korea (PINK) 2015

Dates: April 6 ~ 8, 2015

Venue: Young San Camp (Osan-ri, Jori-eup, Paju-si, Gyeonggi-do, Korea, <http://www.fgcamp.com>)

Email: pink2015info@gmail.com

Homepage: www.pink2015.org

Please pray for PINK to be a very anointed and powerful time that God uses to bring liberation to North Korea and the reunification of the two Koreas. If you are an intercessor with a heart for this, please register and join us for these days of destiny through united intercession.

4/14 Window Asia Pacific Youth Congress, Bali, 20-24 April 2015



Background

Since its inaugural event in New York City (2009), the 4/14 Window Movement has enjoyed the blessing of God. Churches in every region and many countries have embraced the vision to reach, rescue, root and release the next generation. Champions for the children in every nation are emerging as churches and Christian organizations organize their own 4/14 Window events and promote the 4/14 message regionally. Many of the initial goals of the movement, originally thought to take 10 years to accomplish, have already been completed.

With the hand of God so clearly manifest, the Global Steering Committee, through a process of prayer and discernment, will now focus the 4/14 Window Movement's attention and energy on **integrating youth into the main stream of the movement and uniting the generations** in efforts to reach the 4/14ers. From this new strategic direction, the concept of "the Nurturer" was born. A nurturer is one who invests in and cultivates the children and youth around him or her. This call to nurture faith in Christ is not limited to church leadership or adults within the church. It is also the mandate of Christ to every youth, 11 years old and up. Christ's call to "make disciples" and invest in those around us surely extends to the youth in our midst as well.

Children ages 4-10 naturally look to their older brothers and sisters (ages 11-18) as role models. These 11-18 years olds naturally receive inspiration and instruction from the 19-24 year olds who touch their social sphere. These 19-24 year olds are often given leadership by Gen Y, (25-35 year olds, currently emerging as leaders within the global church). The 4/14 Window Movement, which began primarily among Boomers and Gen X, has in recent years seen many Gen Y embrace and integrate with this movement of God. It is now time to inspire and activate the generations below Gen Y to the vision of the 4/14 Window Movement, generations who because of their proximity to 4/14ers, have tremendous natural influence on the 4/14 Generation.

Purpose and Goals

The 4/14 Window Asia Pacific Youth Congress carries the theme "the Nurturer: I AM My Brother and Sister's Keeper." Its purpose is to inspire and activate youth to the mission of the 4/14 Movement. Launching in Bali, Indonesia, April 20-24, the congress will call a new generation of leaders to nurture 4/14ers. Our prayer is that this event will ignite a disciple-making revolution that will take root and spread through the youth to every church in every region of the world!

The 4/14 Window Asia Pacific Youth Congress is designed to provide a space for the body of Christ to prepare, equip and launch their youth leaders into this holistic discipleship movement. Youth leaders will gather together with senior executive leaders to learn, be mentored, discuss challenges and opportunities and pray for this generation. We expect God to move powerfully among us as we seek His face and discover the strategic initiatives that will impact these young generations. Youth leaders will be trained and equipped with tools to go back to their ministries and begin nurturing their peers and young church members. Momentum and commitments from this congress will be followed up with nationally, through local churches in each country in the Asia Pacific region.

Event Details

Date : 20-24 April 2015

Place : Bali, Indonesia

Participants

800 people, made up of 600 youth leaders, 100 youth mentors and 100 senior mentors; with these criteria:

Youth Leaders

Age group : 16-35 years

Christian walk : Love the Lord, engagement in ministry to younger generation than his/her age group.

Reference : Recommended by a mentor/pastors/group leader/national facilitator in his/her country

Others : Send description of his/her engagement in ministry

Youth Mentors

Age group : 35 years above

Christian walk : Mature, proven mentoring track record

Reference : Recommended by his/her national/regional facilitator

Other : In leadership position or have good influence in his organization/denomination/area (district/province)

Congress Activities:

- Inspiring and Transformational Sessions (Speakers)
- "Under the Tree" Conversations (small group mentoring with senior leaders)
- Prayers as the engine of the initiative and is primary feature of the event
- Primary focus: Holistic disciple making journey (process) of the 4/14ers to transform communities
- Equipping: Workshop on leadership, leadership development and how to (step by step) launch this initiative in their churches and youth groups.

This Congress is not intended to be "just another event." It is the start of a movement - a holistic global discipleship movement from among the youth and 4/14ers. More than "missions activism," this congress is a spiritual warfare initiative, covered in prayer and carried out by the hard work and dedication of committed volunteers. The goal of this Congress is to see the Glory of God in this generation. The Congress welcomes those who feel called to support this event through financial sponsorship. For inquiries regarding sponsorship please contact: info414youth@gmail.com

Status Report on the World Prayer Centre

The life and ministry of World Prayer Centre Birmingham England continues, by the grace of God, to grow and flourish. As we look back over the last 20 plus years, we are so grateful to God for His faithfulness and the support and friendship that have come from brothers and sisters in the UK and around the world. Although we have still not seen the complete fulfilment of the vision, that of an actual World Prayer Centre, we thank God that we are seeing the increasing growth in prayer and mission not only in the UK but also around the world.

With regard to the building, the land promised us, subject to planning, is still available, and even as we write, negotiations are taking place as to the development of the land. We have always known this is a heaven to earth journey that God has said He will do this in His time; therefore we look to Him knowing that when He speaks it will come to pass.

I want to share with you what we believe God wanted us to do in recent months, in the hope that it will encourage you on your faith journey. We all have our accounts audited (hopefully) but what about a ministry audit.

We asked one of our Trustees to have a look at every area of the ministry to make sure that over the years we had not strayed from our original mandate and that our present and future work was fulfilling our purpose, focus and calling. We are living in such times that we cannot afford to move, dare I say drift, into things, however good they seem that are outside the calling God gives us. As Jean Darnell once said to me, "Ian, remember the Lord gives you two or three things to do, the enemy tries to get you to do twenty things".

Obviously I cannot go into all the details but trust that as I share some of his report it will be helpful to some who feel this is a moment for such reflection for you and your ministry.

Our purpose is to inform and serve the body of Christ by envisioning, enabling, encouraging and equipping. We are a heaven to earth ministry, passionate about waiting on God, seeking His face, and standing in the gap, to see His purposes fulfilled as His Kingdom comes on earth as it is in Heaven.

Our Focus is to enable prayer in and for the UK and the Nations, to encourage worship and intimacy with the Triune God, to stand in the gap - intercede for faith to be released, spiritual climates to be changed, and the gospel to flourish to usher in His Kingdom on earth as in heaven.

Our calling is to encourage and inspire the prayer movement, to act as a watchman both for the UK and the Nations, to provide credible and current information to enable informed, persistent prayer, to be true worshippers and to lead others into worship, to pray the gospel to be heard, seen and experienced through mission, social action and lifestyle, to bless and encourage family life and to bless the poor and marginalised with practical action.

Are we achieving all this? No, but we are, with you, on the journey. Our prayer is that these few observations will help and encourage you to do the same. By God's grace we with you want to stay focused on Jesus and alert and focused on all that God is giving us in the global movement of prayer.

Thanks for your friendship, thanks for praying for and with us. We are calling a National Trumpet Call Day of Prayer on July 4th this year in Birmingham; it would be great if you could stand with us.

Blessings
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Let's stand with Ian and Pauline Cole and their colleagues for the fulfillment of this magnificent, persevering vision of the World Prayer Centre!

Prayer Movement in Latin America

The prayer movement in Latin America goes hand in hand with the Pentecostal Movement that was successfully absorbed in our culture as an answer to the social, political, and economic problems of the 22 countries that make up Central and South America.

In the last two decades we have seen changes and measurable changes as a result of the prayer movement in the region. One example of this has been church growth that has produced mega churches - in countries such as Guatemala, Colombia, Brazil, and Peru - which have attracted people from different social and economic classes to get together in large arenas week after week to offer worship to God. The region is growing and its democracy has progressed, but on the other hand we have another very interesting phenomenon. In the majority of countries, even those with a large number of Christians, there is no visible transformation or it is very slow in the cultural areas of influence (government, economy, family, religion, communication media, arts/entertainment, education) and these shortcomings continue to affect many millions of its people in terms of:

1. Poverty and inequality,
2. Violence, and
3. Environmental deterioration

In different parts of the continent prayer has taken on different shapes and forms in churches, ministries, movements, lay groups, businessmen, Christian and people who believe that prayer continues to be the answer to the problems in the region and to that extent the Prayer



Movement in Latin America fits the ability, vision and modality of the leaders who are at the forefront of the region.

Prayer Points:

- Unity of the Body of Christ
- Revelation of the prayer strategies to confront the political, social, and economic problems of Latin America
- Reduction of the statistical indices of: violence, poverty, malnutrition, illiteracy, infant mortality, demographic situation, fiscal and tributary problems, unemployment, social marginalization
- Increase of the statistical indices of: housing, education, labor, social welfare, infrastructure, communications
- To improve overall macro and microeconomic indicators and that the entire region can enjoy an atmosphere of peace, security and prosperity
- Provoke not only a spiritual reform, but comprehensive reform that includes the transformation of social, political, and economic aspects of the region.
- Cry out to God for a spirit of reconciliation, adoption, repentance, confession, and restitution to fill the region and produce healing in the land.
- Pray for understanding for the national leaders about the Kairos moment in which Latin America is in to reposition it in its Divine destiny.
- To provoke the "Transformation of the Holy Spirit" in the 7 areas of Latin American culture: government, family, education, church, arts and entertainment, economy, and the media.

Strategies

- 40-Year Latin American Prayer Plan
- Prayer Vigils that are pro-unity for the body of Christ
- Celebration of the "Global Day of Prayer" (Day of Pentecost)
- Massive Prayer Convocations
- Fasting and Prayer Journeys
- 24/7 Altars of Worship and Intercession
- Identification of prayer efforts of distinct identities to unite common points and bring solutions to Latin American problems
- Latin American Plan for Repentance and Forgiveness

Latin American Geography

Area: 20,286,362 sq. km. Comprising 22 countries; 15% of the World's land area. It can be divided into three almost equal areas in terms of population and land area: Mexico, Central America, Spanish South America and Brazil.

Population: 546,336,000

Urbanites: 80%

Peoples Languages: 503

Religion	Pop %	Ann Gr
Christians	503,374,334	92.14 1.1%
Evangelicals	91,423,319	16.7 2.6%

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Iman R. Bishara

70+ churches destroyed as 'anti-Charlie' protests spread in Niger

By World Watch Monitor, Jan 20 - 2015

"The Christian community in Niger says it is in shock in the wake of weekend violence that has claimed the lives of ten people and led to the destruction of dozens of places of worship and Christian homes.

The protest, which started in the country's second city, Zinder, on Friday January 16, quickly spread to surrounding areas before reaching the capital Niamey on Saturday.



Ten people have died, and 45 churches burned down in the two days of violence, the police say. But information gathered by World Watch Monitor revealed that more than 70 churches have been destroyed, along with numerous Christian schools and organisations, including an orphanage "The Good Samaritan" run by the Assembly of God Church. The 40 children of the orphanage are currently in "disarray" under the care of police.

Over 30 Christian homes were believed to be looted and burnt down. Those affected say the violence has left them with "only the clothes on our backs".

Pastor Zakaria Jadi, whose church was among the destroyed buildings, told the BBC he was meeting with the elders when he heard about the attacks.

"I just rushed and told my colleagues in the church to take their families away from the place. I took my family out from the place...When I came back, I just discovered that everything has gone. There's nothing in my house and also nothing in the church."

All started on January 16 in the southeast city of Zinder, where latest figure show that eight churches and twelve Christian homes were set on fire. Two Christian schools were also attacked and ransacked.

The violence sent some 300 Christians (out of 700 in the city) out taking refuge in army barracks. Some of them have started to get back into their homes, local sources told World Watch Monitor.

"This is the greatest loss the Church in Niger has suffered in recent history. These attacks will have long-term effects on the small community of believers. A large number of local Christian families have lost everything they have laboured for their entire lives. The attacks have also caused considerable fear among the believers. Our brothers and sisters in Niger are in dire need of our prayer as they respond to this challenge," commented a worker for Open Doors International, a charity which partners with churches under pressure.

Spreading

The tension quickly spread to other towns in the Zinder region...

By Sunday the violence spread to the capital Niamey, as a large crowd of about 1,000 Muslims convened outside the main mosque, before marching across the streets of the city. The angry crowd, reported to be guided by youths in cars and motorbikes, then set several public buildings and properties on fire: among them, the headquarters of the ruling party, several bars, a brothel and a beer factory.

Security forces fired tear gas in an attempt to restore order, but the rioters were out of control. In small groups the protesters then attacked Christians across the capital.

"In two hours most of the 'work' was done," reported an Open Doors' worker. "The guides knew exactly where to find the target of the attacks, and after the attacks they checked if it was indeed destroyed."

On Sunday, the situation had calmed somewhat in Niamey, but the bells remained silent at the Catholic Cathedral, though it had been spared in the Saturday violence as troops guarded it. Most Christians did not feel safe to return home, WWM heard, while others were trying to assess the scale of damage sustained by their communities.

On the day of attacks, there is no protection

Various sources, contacted by World Watch Monitor, have pointed out the lack of reaction from the security forces. This, they said, has turned Christians and their properties, including Niamey's biggest Protestant church, into easy targets for the protesters and looters.

In a television address, on Saturday evening, President Mahamadou Issoufou condemned the anti-Christian violence and expressed surprise at the attack. "What have the Christians of Niger done to deserve this? Where have they wronged you?"

"Those who plunder those places of worship, those who desecrate them, those who persecute and kill their Christian compatriots, or foreigners living on the soil of our country, did not understand anything about Islam".

The week-end violence was also widely condemned by several Muslim clerics. The government has declared three days of mourning for those who died. A local church leader has called on Christians in Niger to respond with the love of Christ in an interview on the BBC Hausa Service.

"I call on every single believer in Niger to forgive and forget, to love Muslims with all their heart, to keep up the faith, to love Christ like never before, said Pastor Sani Nomaou.

"Although it is painful, and what we are experiencing is really difficult, we are God's children. We must love our persecutors...Let no one seek revenge."

Associating local Christians with the Charlie Hebdo publication is incorrect, but convenient. The same way a Danish cartoonist mocking of the Prophet Mohammed created opportunity for Muslims to unleash terror on Christians in Northern Nigeria in February 2006, the Charlie Hebdo saga has become an opportunity for attacking Christians in Niger - an Islam-dominated country that has been praised for its secular government and relative tolerance towards Christians despite the fact that more than 98% of the population follow Islam. Over the past few years the country has seen growing radicalisation..."

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Pray with the brothers and sisters in Christ who live in Niger that they will be able to forgive their Muslim compatriots and that through their loving response many Muslims will realize that Jesus Christ is Lord.

AS THE TALIBAN FRAGMENTS, THE ISLAMIC STATE FIGHTS FOR INFLUENCE

Article Subheading

"The establishment of the Khorasan chapter of the Islamic State in the Afghanistan-Pakistan region strengthens the Islamic State's image as a phenomenon with global reach. But the new chapter's links to the Islamic State are fragile, and it owes its existence more to the fragmentation of the cross-border Taliban movement than to anything the Islamic State has done. The Khorasan chapter, like other Islamic State affiliates beyond the Syrian-Iraqi battlespace, will be met with local resistance from jihadist forces and al Qaeda who see groups friendly toward the Islamic State as a challenge to their authority.



According to The News International, the largest English-language daily in Pakistan, the Islamic State announced the creation of a Khorasan chapter in a video released Jan. 13. (Khorasan theoretically includes Iran and Central Asia, in addition to Afghanistan and Pakistan, but so far the chapter is only functioning in the latter two countries.) In the video, former Pakistani Taliban spokesman Shahidullah Shahid announced the names of the Islamic State commanders responsible for various parts of Afghanistan and revealed the chapter's new leader, a former Pakistani Taliban figure named Saeed Khan. Lending credibility to the announcement of the group's establishment, Afghan government officials have in recent days told Afghan media of the Islamic State's growing presence in several eastern and southern provinces, saying the group is fighting both Afghan security forces and Taliban militiamen.

In response to those reports, Taliban spokesman Qari Yousef Ahmadi sent an email to the Afghan Islamic Press agency, denouncing the reports as propaganda put forth by Kabul and Western governments. He denied that the Islamic State's black flags were flying in several areas where the Taliban are usually active and said all the "mujahideen" were fighting under the white flag of the Taliban movement, insisting that there was no infighting within the movement.

Despite Ahmadi's claims to the contrary, there is growing evidence that elements from the Pakistani and, to a lesser extent, the Afghan Taliban, have defected. It is understandable that the Pakistani Taliban would fracture; the group has tended toward transnationalism since its inception, and more recently it has suffered significant losses and struggled with internal dissension. As groups aligned with the Islamic State grow in Afghanistan and Pakistan, in large part recruiting from the Taliban movement, we can expect jihadists in the region to fight back to retain their own influence. Eventually an intra-jihadist struggle could emerge far more intense than the one underway in Iraq and Syria, but the Islamic State will not dominate the area as it has dominated the Levant and Mesopotamia.

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Let's pray for the continuing fracturing of the Taliban movement in Central Asia and also the cutting off of the influence of the Islamic State there

CHRISTIANS UNDER FIRE IN AFRICA

While the world has been focused on the shocking terror attacks in Paris that left 17 dead, thousands of Christians have been murdered by Islamic Jihadists in Africa.



Carnage Against Christians

The same week of the Paris attacks on Charlie Hebdo (a weekly magazine known for its irreverent and mocking articles and satirical cartoons against political and religious leaders), Amnesty International reported on a massacre of over 2,000 people in Northern Nigeria. Over Saturday, 3rd and Sunday, 4th January, the town of Baga, on the border of Chad, was attacked by Boko Haram insurgents who fired Rocket Propelled Grenades (RPGs) and assault rifles on church-goers and town residents. Most of the victims were children, women and elderly people who could not run fast enough as they were mowed down by the Muslim terrorists.

A Forgotten War

While the Jihadist terror attack on journalists in France made front page news worldwide, the tens-of-thousands of Christian victims of Islamic Jihad in Africa barely get a mention, even in Christian media. In less than 5 years, over 1,000 churches have been destroyed in Northern Nigeria and over 16,000 Christians murdered by Boko Haram Islamic terrorists.

Destruction and Displacement

Between August and October 2014, 200 Christian churches were destroyed by Boko Haram in the North Eastern states of Borno and Adanawa. Maiduguri Diocese in Borno State reported 185 churches torched and over 190,000 people displaced by the Jihad against the churches in their area, just in those 3 months.

Churches Targeted in Nigeria

In 2011, 430 Christian churches were destroyed, or damaged, in Northern Nigeria by Boko Haram. In 2012, over 900 Christians were murdered and many churches destroyed. In 2013, 612 Christians were murdered and over 300 churches destroyed. Gatestone Institute calculates that at least 1,000 Christian churches have been destroyed by Boko Haram in Northern Nigeria since 2011.

Massacres in Nigeria

Human Rights Watch reports that in 2014, Boko Haram murdered 2,053 people. President Goodluck Jonathan of Nigeria reported last year that the Boko Haram terrorists had murdered over 13,000 Nigerians in the previous five years.

A Flood of Refugees

The United Nations Humanitarian Office (OCHA) reported that approximately 650,000 Nigerians had been forced from their homes and were Internally Displaced Peoples during 2014.

Persecution Worldwide

The Centre for the Studies of Global Christianity reported in October last year that every year approximately 100,000 Christians die for their religious beliefs, including in Nigeria, Cameroon, Sudan, Somalia and Egypt.

Coptic Christians Bombed

Egyptian Coptic Churches are not only being fire-bombed and attacked in Egypt, but even a Coptic Christian Church in Berlin was attacked with a fire bomb last year.

Nuba Church Bombed

In Sudan, Rev. Youhana Jaqoub, of the Episcopal Church of Sudan, reported four bombs being dropped by the Sudan Air Force on their church in the Nuba Mountains, "the bombs have completely destroyed our church compound in Tabolo."

Convert From Islam Attacked in Sudan

Also in Sudan, Ibrahim Ismaeil, a 34 year old convert to Christianity from a Muslim background, survived an attempt upon his life by Muslims who broke into his house at midnight and opened fire. Ibrahim and his family managed to escape and fled the nation. Ibrahim is a writer and Human Rights Defender for the Darfur region.

Churches Demolished in Ethiopia

In Ethiopia, which is meant to be a majority Christian country, churches have been attacked in Muslim areas. Heaven's Light Church, which served some 100 Evangelical Christians in the Muslim majority city of Harar, was demolished 28 November by Muslim municipal officials. Although the church had stood and functioned in Harar for 5 years, the local majority Muslim population determined to eliminate the public presence of churches. This has been part of a pattern of forced closure, destruction and demolition of church buildings in Muslim controlled areas of Ethiopia. Numerous Christians have found notes on their doors, warning them to convert to Islam, leave the city, or face death.

"If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you, 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My Word, they will keep yours also." John 15:18-20

Egyptian Coptic Woman Denied Justice

In Egypt, Lisa Nosim Basari, a 28-year old Coptic Christian woman has made a video describing the advances of a Muslim man who was intimidating her to convert to Islam and marry him. Wa-il Hassan Abdul Nu-min began stalking her whenever she left home, threatening her to convert to Islam and marry him. When she refused, he attacked and burned the grocery store in which she worked, tore her clothes and sexually assaulted her. When Lisa filed a formal report against him at the local police, the Egyptian police harassed her, imprisoned her and tortured her to force her to abandon her complaint against the Muslim man. In her video Lisa pleads for some authority in Egypt to intervene and protect her.

Abductions in Egypt

Every year hundreds of Christian women in Egypt are abducted and forcibly converted to Islam and forced to marry Muslim men. Families regularly receive phone calls from the abductors telling them that if they ever want to see their daughter alive again, they must ransom her for one quarter of a million Egyptian pounds. There are many reports of police refusing to investigate these kidnappings. As one police captain said: "So what if one Coptic girl is missing? Look at how many millions of Muslims are dying in Palestine and you bothering us about one girl?"

"Remember the prisoners as if chained with them - those who are mistreated - since you yourselves are in the Body also." Hebrews 13:3

Muslim Mayhem in C.A.R.

In the Central African Republic the Muslim Seleka Coalition have gone on a rampage of rape, pillage and mass murder, targeting Christians, attacking and plundering churches.

Bulldozed in Sudan

In Khartoum, Sudan, the Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Church and the Nile Theological College were bulldozed down in November last year by National Intelligence and Security Services personnel and police. These demolitions were based on a court order demanding that the church leaders surrender their premises to Muslim businessman, Khalid Mustafa.

Threat to Democracy

Nigerians are less than a month away from their presidential elections. As more than 1.5 million Nigerians have been displaced by the Islamic Jihad in the three North Eastern states, it is questionable how many of them will even be able to vote in the polls under Nigeria's current election rules. Meanwhile Boko Haram is attempting to regionalise the conflict by threatening further attacks on neighbouring Cameroon.

Double Standards

It seems disproportionate that 3.7 million people can march in France in protest against the Islamic terror attacks against Charlie Hebdo journalists (who have frequently published blasphemous attacks on Jesus Christ), but most media and government leaders worldwide remain silent about the ongoing genocide being perpetrated against Christians in Muslim lands throughout Africa and Asia.

Selective Outrage

As global leaders join millions of people on the streets of France to march in a show of solidarity with the journalists murdered in Paris, Nigerians commented: "Very moving watching events in Paris - wish the world media felt equally outraged by the massacres in Nigeria." Numerous Nigerians have asked how it is that even their own President, Goodluck Jonathan, expressed his condolences for the victims of terrorism in France, but has remained silent on the Boko Haram attacks on 2,000 Christians in Baga. Others have asked why the American President, Barack Obama, seems more concerned to promote Islam than he is to counter Islamic terrorism.

"Their feet are swift to shed blood; destruction and misery are in their ways; and the way of peace they have not known. There is no fear of God before their eyes." Romans 3:15-18

A Deafening Silence

Another commented: "It is shameful how the 2,000 people killed in Boko Haram's massacre in Nigeria gets almost no media coverage."

"How is this Boko Haram attack on Christians in Nigeria not the lead story in every single news network and every news feed worldwide right now!?"

"There are massacres and there are massacres. It would seem that Christian lives in Africa are not as valuable as those of journalists in France."

Most Persecuted in the World

According to the Pew Research, Christians are the most persecuted religious group in the world. Of the 24 worst persecuting countries in the world, 20 are Islamic.

How can we help our Brethren who are suffering such intense and violent persecution?

This is first and foremost an information war, a battle for hearts and minds. We must be informed. ***"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge..." Hosea 4:6***

Be Informed

Encourage everyone you know who is concerned for the persecuted Church to be on the emailing list of Frontline Fellowship, to regularly visit our www.frontline.org.za and www.idop-africa.org websites. You can also find Frontline Fellowship on Facebook, like, link and share it, as we seek to regularly place information from the Persecuted Church on it.

Publicity Provides Protection for the Persecuted

You will also find many articles under Country Reports on our Frontline Fellowship website, as well as links to audio lectures and sermons on our SermonAudio.com link and presentations concerning the Persecuted Church, Islam and Communism on our Slideshare link. All of these are accessible through our www.frontline.org website.

Books on the Persecuted

Resources on the Persecuted Church include: Slavery, Terrorism and Islam - The Historical Roots and Contemporary Threat; Faith Under Fire in Sudan; In the Killing Fields of Mozambique; Holocaust in Rwanda and Going Through.

Films on Persecution

There are also some excellent films you can show to your congregation, school, or cell group, including: Islam Rising; Sudan - The Hidden Holocaust; Terrorism and Persecution - Understanding Islam Jihad. These and other resources are available from Christian Liberty Books, PO Box 358, Howard Place 7450, Cape Town, South Africa, tel: 021-689-7478, email: admin@christianlibertybooks.co.za and website: www.christianlibertybooks.co.za.

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Please pray for the world media to cover the atrocities being perpetrated on Christians in Africa by Muslim extremists such as Boko Haram in Nigeria. Pray that these terrorist movements will be dissolved by God's power in answer to united prayer and that governments there and around the world will unite to take action to effectively fight this menace to their people.

Nigeria at an Urgent Crossroads

Please watch the attached prayer video to understand the torment that Africa's most populous nation is undergoing due to the national battles against widespread corruption and the radical Islamic group, Boko Haram, which has killed or kidnapped thousands of our brothers and sisters in Christ. Pray for the important national election on February 14 that good, strong, honest leadership will be put in place to guide the nation into a better future.



Hundreds of girls abducted. Children used as suicide bombers. Whole villages wiped off the map. Nigeria faces a burgeoning genocide by the Islamic extremist group Boko Haram. This humanitarian crisis has already taken roughly 16,000 lives and affected three million people since 2011. A recent attack may have been the deadliest yet, with some reporting as many as 2,000 casualties. As the February 14 election draws near, the violence has intensified.

Ranked number ten on the World Watch List for persecution, this devastated nation saw the largest number of Christians martyred for their faith in 2014. Though over half of Nigerians claim Christianity, Islamic sharia law has been implemented in one third of the states.

But with persecution has come an increase in unity and prayer in the very large and growing Nigerian church. We join with a Nigerian believer in praying, "May the Holy Spirit embolden us to follow Christ with renewed devotion and dedication, because no force shall destroy the church of God in northern Nigeria."

Together let's watch and pray,
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Questions from a confused Muslim: What has happened to the religion of peace, justice and love?

By Fa Abdul

I am a Muslim. Both my parents are Muslims. All four of my grandparents were Muslims. So were their parents and their grandparents. I have always been proud to be Muslim for Islam is a religion of peace, a religion of justice, a religion of love. But lately I am confused.

I grew up knowing that Islam is a way of life. Islam means submission and obedience to God's law. God's law, not the laws of humans who interpret the words of God. Not the laws set by people who call themselves religious scholars or leaders of an Islamic nation but tell us to go against the core teachings of Islam.

These are the people who told us to hate all the Jews of the world when Israel killed thousands of Palestinians, but do not condemn the killing of Muslims by Muslims such as the ISIS militants.

These are the people who were very vocal when Muslim Rohingyas went through ethnic cleansing in Myanmar but have done nothing to help the Rohingyas who have come to Malaysia for protection.

These are the people who would act against anyone making fun of Islam in their writings but they themselves disrespect others through their sermons and speeches.

These are the people who claim 9/11 and the Charlie Hebdo massacre were needed as a warning to the infidels to stop ridiculing Islam but ridicule other faiths all the time.

These are the people who safeguard the sanctity of the holy book of Muslims but couldn't care less about the holy books of other religions, even threatening to burn them.

These are the people who would encourage the entire Muslim population in the country to boycott the products of Israel, the US, Denmark and Holland over some incident taking place thousands of miles away but have never made a stand over the injustice taking place in the Middle East.

These are the people who condemn kafir countries when Muslim students are not allowed to wear hijab to school but look away when a Muslim woman is beheaded or stoned to death in an Islamic country.

These are the people who chant about freedom but imprisons anyone who speaks against their rulings.

These are the people who speak of human rights but snatches away a child from his non-Muslim mother and gives him to his newly converted father.

These are the people who talk of respecting one another, but would break into someone's bedroom in the wee hours of the morning.

These are the people who claim to be the leaders of an Islamic nation but use Islam only to oppress others in order to achieve their own personal agendas.

I am sorry, but I am really confused.

Isn't Islam a religion of peace? Isn't Islam a religion of justice? Isn't Islam a religion of love? Where is the peace, justice and love?

Today when I tell people I am a Muslim, the first question is usually: "What type of Muslim are you? Conservative or liberal? Umno Islam or PAS Islam?"

How do I answer that? How Muslim can a Muslim be?

Surely being born to Muslim parents doesn't make you Muslim.

Praying five times a day doesn't make you Muslim.

Reading the Holy Quran doesn't make you Muslim.

Covering yourself head to toe doesn't make you Muslim.

Consuming only halal products doesn't make you Muslim.

Performing the Haj doesn't make you Muslim.

Having an Arabic name doesn't make you Muslim.

Going on a killing spree in the name of jihad doesn't make you Muslim.

Being offended every time people ridicule Allah or the prophets doesn't make you Muslim.

Sticking "I am Muslim" on your windscreen doesn't make you Muslim.

Protesting against the building of temples in your neighbourhood doesn't make you Muslim.

Not celebrating Christmas or Valentine's Day doesn't make you Muslim.

Decorating your home with verses from the Quran doesn't make you Muslim.

Saying "In the name of God" before eating or drinking doesn't make you Muslim.

Feeling offended over Charlie Hebdo's cartoons doesn't make you Muslim.

Supporting hudud doesn't make you Muslim.

Having "Islam" stated as your religion on a piece of card doesn't make you Muslim.

So what makes you Muslim?

"It is not the eyes that are blind, but the hearts." - Quran, 22:46

Pray for Muslim people suffering such confusion that they will come to His light and be set free from delusion and lostness they are experiencing. Pray that visions and dreams of Christ will multiply among them and that Christians will be empowered with wisdom and boldness to share the Lord and the Gospel with them.

IPC Calendar

18 February - 29 March 2015 - 40 Days of Fasting and Prayer (Destiny of Australia) with Night of Prayer for Australia on January 25

www.nationaldayofprayer.com.au, www.40daysofdelight.com.au

6th - 8th August, 2015 - Prayer Initiative for North Korea (PINK) 2015

<http://www.fgcamp.com>

Email: pink2015info@gmail.com

Homepage: www.pink2015.org

20-24th April 2015 - 4/14 Window Asia Pacific Youth Congress

Place : Bali, Indonesia

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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 Cruz Amazing Grace at office@ipcprayer.org

About International Prayer Connect (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 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.

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