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Suggestions for a Prayer Strategy to Counter Radical Islam

"The ISIS cancer has metastasized," proclaims a Wall Street Journal article on March 23rd. The Islamic state is building a regional and global network to recruit from and attack other nations. Their strategy, according to the article, encompasses three geographical rings: Iraq, Syria and other Levant nations like Jordan, Lebanon, Israel-Palestine; other parts of the Middle East and North Africa, extending over to Afghanistan and Pakistan; and the rest of the world, namely Europe, the USA and Asia.



In spite of what governments and political pundits say in politically correct ways so as not to offend the great majority of "peaceful" Muslims, the Islamic State leaders and their increasing number of followers are being rigidly and uncompromisingly Islamic in the way they go about things. They are actually trying to emulate their prophet Muhammad in all they do. According to Graeme Wood, they are "authentic throwbacks to early Islam and are faithfully reproducing it's norms of war", including slavery, crucifixion and beheadings (The Atlantic magazine March 2015). They hope to return to 7th century Islamic sharia law and eventually bring about the apocalypse. In this effort, they are committed to "purify the world" by killing large numbers of people whom they regard as infidels.

Because ISIS is metastasizing and threatening an increasing number of countries in its bid to become a global movement and caliphate, it is essential for us to mobilize prayer at this tipping point so their goal of world domination can be blunted and overthrown. We must remind ourselves that intercessory prayer has been the decisive factor many times before both in Scripture and history. Intercessors are the shapers of history in God's hands. In partnership of the Holy Spirit, we need to develop an international prayer strategy to combat the scourge of Islamic terrorism. Indeed, this was one of the main reasons the IPC came into existence just after 9/11 when a group of international prayer leaders met near Ground Zero in New York City to launch a prayer network that would focus on global issues like terrorism.

Here are some suggested elements for such a strategy as well as some basic prayer points we should be able to implement to counter the growing threat from radical Islam in which some see the dark clouds of World War III:

1. Let's work together to mobilize any prayer groups, churches and other intercessors we are in touch with to really pray with this focus for the rest of this year. Persevering, informed intercession will make all the difference!
2. Supply these praying people with current information and prayer requests. For this purpose, please educate yourself about radical Islam, its objectives and activities so you and others can pray intelligently.
3. Meet regularly in person or over the phone with a few others to pray in depth about specific aspects of the radical Islamic threat that you discover.

Some recommended prayer concerns to get you going:

1. **Pray that the radical Islamic movement increasingly coalescing around ISIS as its standard bearer will degenerate into factions, dividing from one another and even fighting against each other.**
2. **Pray that radical Islamic leaders and their followers will have revelations, dreams, and visions of Christ and make an abrupt turnabout like the great Apostle Paul did. He repented from persecuting and killing Christians to become the most dedicated and effective of missionaries, probably in all history.**
3. **Pray for the international community to put real military teeth into what is now a paper coalition of 60 nations. May they recognize the urgency and commit every bit of funding and military force necessary to fight and defeat ISIS, Al Qaeda, Boko Haram, Al Shabaab and other radical groups across the whole world.**
4. **For President Obama and the US government to fully commit and provide unwavering leadership in order to subdue and eliminate radical Islam and terrorism.**
5. **For the cutting off of funding flowing from Saudi Arabia, the UAE and other Muslim nations that are supporting ISIS and other terror groups.**
6. **That Iran and the West will reach an effective deal on the Iranian nuclear program so that Iran finally gives up trying to build nuclear weapons.**
7. **Aggressively and authoritatively bind the principalities and powers behind these Islamic radical groups in Jesus' name so that the power and influence of the devil will be broken over them.**
8. **That huge numbers of Muslims will become disillusioned with all the hate, violence, and death in Islam and come to faith in Jesus Christ. In Matthew 17:20, Jesus exhorts us to release our faith to move mountains. God will work redemptively even through such evil to**

bring tens of millions of them to faith as we join Him by prayer and witness.

Let's agree for these things in prayer. Remember that history belongs not to the politicians or to the radical Muslims but to the intercessors!

The Growing Threat of Islamisation

(Adapted from Dr. Peter Hammond's book: Slavery, Terrorism and Islam: The Historical Roots and Contemporary Threat, 2010)

Islam is not a religion, nor is it a cult. In its fullest Form, it is a complete, total, 100% system of life. Islam has religious, legal, political, economic, social, and Military components. The religious component is a beard for all of the other components.

Islamisation begins when there are sufficient Muslims in a Country to agitate for their religious privileges. When politically correct, tolerant, and culturally diverse Societies agree to Muslim demands for their religious privileges, some Of the other components tend to creep in as well..

Here's how it works:

As long as the Muslim population remains around or under 2% In any given country, they will for the most part be regarded as a Peace-loving minority, and not as a threat to other citizens. This is The case in:

United States -- Muslim 0.6 %
Australia -- Muslim 1.5%
Canada -- Muslim 1.9%
China -- Muslim 1.8%
Italy -- Muslim 1.5%
Norway -- Muslim 1.8%

At 2% to 5%, they begin to proselytise from other ethnic Minorities and disaffected groups, often with major recruiting from The jails and among street gangs.

This is happening in:
Denmark -- Muslim 2%
Germany -- Muslim 3.7%
United Kingdom -- Muslim 2.7%
Spain -- Muslim 4%
Thailand -- Muslim 4.6%

From 5% on, they exercise an inordinate influence in Proportion to their percentage of the population.

For example, they will push for the introduction of halal (clean by Islamic standards) food, thereby securing food preparation Jobs for Muslims. They will increase pressure on supermarket chains to Feature halal on their shelves, along with threats for failure to comply. This is occurring in:

France -- Muslim 8%
Philippines -- 5%
Sweden -- Muslim 5%
Switzerland -- Muslim 4.3%
The Netherlands -- Muslim 5.5%
Trinidad & Tobago -- Muslim 5.8%

At this point, they will work to get the ruling government to allow them to rule themselves (within their ghettos) under Sharia, the Islamic Law. The ultimate goal of Islamists is to establish Sharia law over the entire world.

When Muslims approach 10% of the population, they tend to increase lawlessness as a means of complaint about their conditions. In Paris, we are already seeing this. Any non-Muslim action offends Islam, and results in uprisings and threats, such as in Amsterdam , with opposition to Mohammed cartoons and films about Islam. Such tensions are seen daily, particularly in Muslim sections in:

Guyana -- Muslim 10%
 India -- Muslim 13.4%
 Israel -- Muslim 16%
 Kenya -- Muslim 10%
 Russia -- Muslim 15%

After reaching 20%, nations can expect hair-trigger rioting, Jihad militia formations, sporadic killings, and the burnings of Christian churches and Jewish synagogues, such as in:

Ethiopia -- Muslim 32.8%

At 40%, nations experience widespread massacres, chronic Terror attacks, and ongoing militia warfare, such as in:

Bosnia -- Muslim 40%
 Chad -- Muslim 53.1%
 Lebanon -- Muslim 59.7%

From 60%, nations experience unfettered persecution of non-believers of all other religions (including non-conforming Muslims), sporadic ethnic cleansing (genocide), use of Sharia Law as a weapon, and jizya, the tax placed on infidels, such as in:

Albania -- Muslim 70%
 Malaysia -- Muslim 60.4%
 Qatar -- Muslim 77.5%
 Sudan -- Muslim 70%

After 80%, expect daily intimidation and violent jihad, some state-run ethnic cleansing, and even some genocide, as these nations drive out the infidels, and move toward 100% Muslim. Such as has been experienced and in some ways is on-going in:

Bangladesh -- Muslim 83%
 Egypt -- Muslim 90%
 Gaza -- Muslim 98.7%
 Indonesia -- Muslim 86.1%
 Iran -- Muslim 98%
 Iraq -- Muslim 97%
 Jordan -- Muslim 92%
 Morocco -- Muslim 98.7%
 Pakistan -- Muslim 97%
 Palestine -- Muslim 99%
 Syria -- Muslim 90%
 Tajikistan -- Muslim 90%
 Turkey -- Muslim 99.8%
 United Arab Emirates -- Muslim 96%

100% will usher in the peace of 'Dar-es-Salaam' - the Islamic House of Peace.. Here there's supposed to be peace, because everybody is a

Muslim, the madrassas are the only schools, and the Koran is the only word, such as in:

Afghanistan -- Muslim 100%
Saudi Arabia -- Muslim 100%
Somalia -- Muslim 100%
Yemen -- Muslim 100%

Unfortunately, peace is never achieved, as in these 100% states the most radical Muslims intimidate and spew hatred, and satisfy their blood lust by killing less radical Muslims, for a variety of reasons.

'Before I was nine I had learned the basic canon of Arab life. It was me against my brother; me and my brother against our father; my family against my cousins and the clan; the clan against the tribe; the tribe against the world, and all of us against the infidels.'

It is important to understand that in some countries, with well under 100% Muslim populations, such as France, the minority Muslim populations live in ghettos, within which they are 100% Muslim, and within which they live by Sharia Law. The national police do not even enter these ghettos. There are no national courts, nor schools, nor non-Muslim religious facilities. In such situations, Muslims do not integrate into the community at large. The children attend madrassas. They learn only the Koran. To even associate with an infidel is a crime punishable with death.

Therefore, in some areas of certain nations, Muslim Imams and extremists exercise more power than the national average would indicate.

Today's 1.5 billion Muslims make up 22% of the world's population. But their birth rates dwarf the birth rates of Christians, Hindus, Buddhists, Jews, and all other believers. Muslims will exceed 50% of the world's population by the end of this century.

Prayer Implications from Hammond's findings:

1. Let's pray for our public authorities to wake up and to deal with the threat of Islamization with great wisdom and firmness.

2. Pray for the churches in each country to also become aware of increasing numbers of Muslim immigrants in their midst and to reach out with His love and effectiveness to share Jesus Christ with them in culturally appropriate ways.

Containing Russia's Advances

(From Stratfor The Geopolitics of Russia: Permanent Struggle, April 15, 2012)



From the Russian point of view, creating a sphere of influence that would return Russia to its relatively defensible imperial boundaries is imperative. Obviously, forces in the peripheral countries as well as great powers outside the region will resist. For them, a weak and vulnerable Russia is preferable, since a strong and secure one develops other appetites that could see Russia pushing along vectors such as through the Skagerrak toward the North Sea, through the Turkish Straits toward the Mediterranean and through La Perouse Strait toward Japan and beyond.

Russia's essential strategic problem is this: It is geopolitically unstable. The Russian Empire and Soviet Union were never genuinely secure. One problem was the North European Plain. But another problem, very real and hard to solve, was access to the global trading system via oceans. And behind this was Russia's essential economic weakness due to its size and lack of ability to transport agricultural produce throughout the country. No matter how much national will it has, Russia's inherently insufficient infrastructure constantly weakens its internal cohesion.

Russia must dominate the Eurasian heartland. When it does, it must want more. The more it wants the more it must face its internal economic weakness and social instability, which cannot support its ambitions. Then the Russian Federation must contract. This cycle has nothing to do with Russian ideology or character. It has everything to do with geography, which in turn generates ideologies and shapes character. Russia is Russia and must face its permanent struggle."

Pray that the sanctions and other measures being taken against Russia will hold President Putin and the Russian government back from further aggressive moves against Ukraine or other nations in their neighborhood or globally.

Pray for Israel's Election This Tuesday

<http://www.wnd.com/2015/01/obama-army-deploys-to-tel-aviv-to-topple-netanyahu/>



TEL AVIV - A consulting firm almost entirely composed of former staffers of President Obama's re-election campaign has been hired to run an election effort in Israel aimed at defeating Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.



The conservative blogosphere is reporting Jeremy Bird, national field director for Obama's 2012 campaign, is now working for a new non-profit group, V15, that is running an effort to defeat Netanyahu in the upcoming election.

A closer look at Bird's consulting firm as well as its working relationship with the Israeli groups finds he is just one of scores of former senior Obama election campaign staffers now working on the anti-Netanyahu effort...

The left-leaning Haaretz daily in Israel reported V15 is "trying to replace Israel's government" and cause "nothing less than an electoral upset" in elections here in March.

Haaretz reporter Roy Arad writes that he directly asked V15 founder Nimrod Dreck whether his group's goal was "anyone but Bibi," referring to Netanyahu by his popular nickname.

Dreck replied: "We say 'replace the government,' it's not directed at specific individuals. There have been many years of right-wing governments during which little happened, it's time to change course and give people hope."

V15, or "Victory 2015" is backed by a U.S.-U.K. group called "One Voice," whose official Tel Aviv offices are adjacent to those of V15.

One Voice bills itself as an "international grassroots movement that amplifies the voice of mainstream Israelis and Palestinians." It has a clearly leftist tone...

270 Strategies' team of 45 staffers includes 16 who worked directly for Obama's campaigns.

Most of the former Obama staffers comprise the senior posts at the firm. Others worked for the Democratic Party, the Democratic National Committee or grassroots groups involved in progressive efforts, including a group to enroll Americans in Obamacare."

Pray for this important election in Israel that all external manipulation will fail and that God's purposes will be accomplished with the right leadership put in place for this challenging time in the nation's history, especially the dangerous confrontation with Iran over its attempt to develop nuclear weapons.

PINK (Prayer Initiative for North Korea) 2015

An Invitation to the Last Prayer Initiative for North Korea



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)

Pyongyang, 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

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 find the brief schedule below:

- Registration, dinner & reception: April 5 evening
- Main conference: April 6 Monday ~ April 8 Wednesday
- Daily Subject: Repentance (6th), Intercession (7th), Proclamation(8th)
- DMZ Prayer Tour: April 9 morning

ISIS FIGHTER CONVERTS TO CHRISTIANITY RELIGION

Aleppo | An ISIS jihadist has recently converted to Christianity after being left for dead near the Eastern border of Syria where he was finally rescued by Christian missionaries from the region, reports the Aleppo Herald this morning.



The man, that has miraculously survived multiple gun shot wounds after an altercation between ISIS and Syrian Army forces, was rescued by members of the Saint Dominican Catholic Presbytery of Ayyash hours after the conflict had erupted.

The members of the Christian organization wanted to give the man a proper Christian burial and carried him over 26 kilometers before the man miraculously came back to life as he was believed to have died from his wounds.

<http://worldnewsdailyreport.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/catholic-priest-syria.jpg>

The man was believed to be dead for hours before he suddenly came back to life, recalls priest Hermann Groschlin, who discovered the body of the young man. As the man came back to his senses, he reported to priest Hermann Groschlin of the visions he had whilst in the afterlife, an event that profoundly changed the 32-year old jihadist and eventually led to his conversion to Christianity days later.

"He told me that he was always taught that to die as a martyr would open him the Gates of Jannah, or Gates of Heaven" recalled the priest. "Yet, as he had started to ascend towards the light of the Heavens, devilish entities, or Jinns he called them, appeared and led him to the fiery pits of Hell. There he had to relive all the pain he had inflicted upon others and every death he had caused throughout his entire life. He even had to relive the decapitations of his victims through their own eyes", images the jihadist claims will haunt him for the rest of his life, admits the priest.

"Then Allah, or God, spoke unto him and told him that he had failed miserably as a human soul, that he would be banned from the Gates of Heaven if he chose to die, but that if he chose to live again, he would have another chance to repent of his sins and walk along God's path once again" The young man claims he was brought back to life moments later and eventually converted to Christianity days later, believing he had been misled throughout his religious life under the worship of Allah.

The young man, who's wounds have surprisingly healed in a very short time, has chosen to live amongst the members of the Catholic presbytery who rescued him from the desert and hopes his story will help other ISIS fighters change their ways and convert to the one and only true God, the priest told local reporters.

World News Daily Report, February 23rd, 2015

Pakistan: Stemming the tide of hate

The local police tell you to leave immediately; a violent mob of 3,000 people is on its way and you need to flee before they attack. By the next morning your home and church have been burnt to the ground and what little you had is now gone.

We wish we could say this is just a story, but sadly it isn't. It's what happened to one of the poorest Christian communities in Pakistan, when a violent mob went on the rampage.



We really want to stop this happening ever again. That's why we need your help...

Sowing the seeds of hate

The seeds of hate are sown throughout Pakistani society. Whether through the media, in the education system, via social media or public discourse, prejudice is tolerated and bred to such an extent that the environment is ripe for an attack on religious minorities. These expressions of religious hatred, or hate speech, pervade society and are one of the main reasons for the persecution, harassment and violence towards religious minorities, including Christians.

When hate speech erupts with violence

Over 100 Christian homes were torched and destroyed when a violent mob of 3,000 people targeted the Christian community at Joseph Colony in Lahore, in March 2013. The violence was sparked after a young Christian man was accused of blasphemy and local imams openly called for him to be killed. What followed was a devastating attack that left Joseph Colony completely ruined. What little they had was destroyed by hate.

Today, almost two years on, Joseph Colony's Christians still live with the aftermath of the attacks, struggling to rebuild their lives. What of the people who destroyed their homes? Well, they're still freely going about daily life as they did before. The only person in prison is the man whose alleged blasphemy triggered the riots.

The answer: countering prejudice with positive speech

So what's the answer? At CSW we believe that to stop the rising tide of attacks on minorities, we need to get to the root cause and tackle hate speech. Only once we change the culture and mindsets within a society that allow religious hatred and intolerance to breed, can we stop the violence which is devastating minority communities across Pakistan and elsewhere. CSW is supporting and working with partners in Pakistan who are working directly with religious leaders to help change society at a grassroots level, encouraging them to speak tolerance in place of hatred. We're also calling on Pakistan's government to put into action their promises to protect religious minorities, by implementing the recommendations made last year by their Supreme Court which set out clear steps for creating an environment of religious tolerance. As part of our advocacy, we're looking to help create an unbiased education in Pakistan and working with local organisations to make that a reality.

Christian Solidarity Worldwide, 19/12/2014

Please pray for the overthrow of Pakistan's unjust blasphemy law that is being used to persecute and kill believers in Christ.

Pray also for a series of special prayer initiatives in various cities of the nation this month that Christians of all denominations and their leaders will come together in reconciliation, repentance and united intercession for their troubled nation.

Praying for China On the Occasion of Chinese Lunar

New Year, Feb 19, 2015

By Jane Chua, Prayer Surge Now

I am Chinese, but it took 28 years for that to take on a whole new meaning. I was living in Hong Kong in 1990 when there was a huge gathering in Hong Kong to commemorate the first anniversary of Tian An Men. I wanted to cut across the huge crowd to collect my dry cleaning. As I took in the scene before me I was suddenly hit by the belated realization that these are my people. "I am CHINESE!" Strong emotions came over me and it seemed like in that moment thousands of years of Chinese history became a part of me. I was from an ultra traditional Chinese family, but grew up in a very British- influenced culture and school in post-independent Malaysia. I suppose that can describe a lot of people today, but for me, I know it was an appointed wakeup call of the Lord. It was ordained. We are all ordained. We are where we are and doing what we do as ordained and positioned by our Lord.

About 4 years ago I started reading up on Chinese history in my free time. I can't give you a detailed summary of the history of China here. Perhaps a few quick historical facts:

- With thousands of years of continuous history, China, or "Middle Kingdom" as it is called in Chinese, is one of the world's oldest civilizations. Its first dynasty was in 2070-1600 BC.
- Much of Chinese culture, literature and philosophy existed before 1045 BC.
- Written records of its history can be found from as early as 1200BC.
- There were 15 dynasties and states since the 1700BC. And since 1949 the "Middle Kingdom" has been known as the People's Republic of China.
- During the Qing Dynasty, which was the last dynasty that ruled China for 267 years until 1911, it was a capital offence punishable by decapitation to leave the country. Yet starting in the late 1800s many left. That dynasty was coming to an end and political instability provided the great push for emigration.
- Chinese people have a great awareness of God. But they embraced many counterfeits and integrated those teachings into their culture. The decades under communist rule forbade practice of religion and stopped the practices of idol and ancestral worship, but in the past decade with its economy outperforming most other nations, newfound wealth brought new lifestyles and new idols. There is also a noticeable return to the old ways, the old traditions.
- The government sanctioned church in China is the 3 - Self Church. The three principles are self- governance, self-support (financial independence) and self-propagation (indigenous missionary work). Yet it wasn't the Chinese, or communist government, who created the system, but a western missionary in the 1800s.

The dates are important to me. During my history and Bible classes in grade school I used to ponder the significance of the dates as they superimposed one upon another. Biblical and historical persons in those lessons lived about the same time. I used to wonder, "did they know God?" So as I prepared for the prayer hour for China and the Chinese people, I thought again if they knew God those thousands of years ago! Because I know God knew them.

Key prayer points for Chinese people scattered among the nations:

- **Pray for the church in China and the nations where Chinese people are settled. Pray that they be a blessing to the nations they call theirs.**
- **Pray for the leaders to know the Father's heart. "If you love Me feed My sheep." They covert the prayers, support and encouragement of those who will draw alongside them. Whilst they are received by other local church leaders, they remain exclusively confined to pastoring Chinese congregations. They are frequently overworked and their resources overstretched. Like in Scandinavia, most pastors frequently travel to small house churches in the region. Pray that they are refreshed and receive a fresh anointing, a new wineskin.**
- **Pray for the harvest - "... the fields are white with the harvest.." New immigrants need comfort and support. The church becomes the source of support and assistance for them and where they gather. Pray that these churches move beyond harvesting Chinese people to harvesting in all nations.**
- **Pray for laborers "... the laborers are few." - These churches and congregations are generally in need of help, support, resources and welcome those who are committed. Pray for the congregation to rise up to the call of God on their lives.**
- **Pray for unity within the churches and with other churches.**

Some thoughts about the future of IPC

By Gloria Au Yeung, member of the IPC Leadership Team

- 1. The IPC is strategic in bringing the Body of Christ into the Oneness of unity across the nations.**



Never has there been a time in human history that kingdom partnership and unity are so desperately needed. No unity, no authority! Sad to say that the world sometimes knows better than the church the value of the power that we have in agreement with each other (Genesis 11:6). Business people realize that unless their corporations merge together into joint ventures, they can hardly even survive, not to mention expand, in such present times of global shakings, competition and challenges.

Pray that the IPC would seek to see the fulfillment of Jesus' prayer of the Oneness of His followers (John 17:21). Pray that greater and stronger unity would be built up, firstly more within the IPC leadership team and further established between network leaders across the nations. Pray that we can have a new understanding and wisdom at this critical stage of transition.

- 2. The IPC is instrumental to connect generations together in the global prayer movement.**

Deep appreciation to those founders, respectable leaders and all who have sacrificially committed themselves in pioneering this strategic prayer network of IPC since 2001. Their labor and sacrifice would never be in vain, and instead, this is a time of harvest and to bring their vision into reality to fulfill their ancient dreams "to see the knowledge of the glory of the Lord filling the earth as the waters cover the sea" (Habakkuk 2:14). With the increasing focus of the 4/14 window movement, the World Youth Prayer Assembly, and the rising up of youth leaders, the IPC is now very strategic

in connecting generations together, especially in prayer, which is the most basic foundation of unity of the Body of Christ.

Four generations, including the elderly, adults, youth and children should be connected in prayers in a new and intimate way, like the four different parts of an arrow (the feather, the rod, the head and the tip respectively) need to be first re-connected in the Spirit for its effectiveness of shooting out as one. Thus, apart from the youth and children, we need to further seek the Father of how to more effectively recognize our previous generations and to include and mobilize them together into this movement, like Moses lifted his hands over the mountain for Joshua to win the battle together in generational partnership (Exodus 17:11). In fact, the world population is increasing in age, especially in China and many countries of Asia.

3. The IPC is also strategic in bridging the gap between the West and the East in preparing the way for the fulfillment of the Great Commission.

Under the precious blessings from the West in the past, the world is now shifting rapidly much more to the East. This is especially crucial for the Body of Christ worldwide to realize that in order to fulfill the Great Commission, possibly in this generation, global networks of prayers, especially in the East, should be kept in pace with global evangelization. This is strategically important especially in Asia, across the Middle East and "Back to Jerusalem" if we want to catch the coming New Wave! So, the question here is: how can IPC further help to develop this global network through the WPA and afterwards to connect quickly and strongly with each other, to cover each continent, especially in Asia, so as to build "highways" and finish the last baton of the race together.

4. The IPC is catalytic in facilitating transformation movements in cities and nations.

To prepare the way for the return of our coming King Jesus, we need not only to finish the Great Commission, but also to see transformation happen in every part of the world for the knowledge of the glory of the Lord to be shown on earth. However, transformation will not occur unless we the Church firstly humble ourselves and repent and pray together in unity (2 Chronicles 7:14). There is power in praying persistently together. IPC could play a key role in mobilizing prayers with leaders of different localities to target the transformation of cities and nations.

5. The IPC leadership is crucial in demonstrating a new model of leadership of walking together in a Family Journey for the fulfillment of our Father's dream in this generation.

The time has come for the Body of Christ to have a new revelation to see that we are sons and gathered as One in His Family across nations and generations. As His Bridal Warrior to be established in His Army, we cannot finish the coming Battle unless it is together! Leaders from different nations and different generations need to come together regularly in a "family journey", walking together to seek and to follow the Father's guidance (Psalms 33:1-12) in the anointing of love and power for corporate worship, intercession, listening and radical obedience.

In worship, prayer and corporate listening, we seek His face together as sons for our Father (Psalms 2) and discern together the voice of our Chief Commander for continuous new directions of how to fight as an Army, rather than just doing a prayer ministry, a mission or for a planned event. The Battle belongs to the Lion of Judah! If we are going to finish the race of faith together, we need heavenly warfare strategies from above that could only be revealed to us through the opening of the Scroll in the atmosphere of "Harp and Bowl" mentioned in the book of Revelation, concerning every

tribe, language, people and nation (Rev 5:1-10). This model of leadership is exceedingly more powerful than the one mentioned in Acts 13.

Conclusion:

The future of IPC is predestined by the Father and should not be determined by just individual ideas or human discussion. This is a time to think of increase and not to decrease, to further "step up" in faith, boldness, courage and humility, and not to "step down"! As the IPC leadership team, we really need to humble ourselves and to seek the Lord corporately for His face and His power. We also need to love and encourage one another if we want to win the battle together. By His grace, we are more than conquerors! Amen. (1Pet 4:7).

Thanks for your prayer partnership with us in the IPC. Please give us your feedback as to how we can serve you better and let's continue to trust the Lord together for His wonderful works in the nations!

Karen Covell: 'The Hollywood Prayer Network'

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Three Ways to Measure the Growth and Success of a Corporate Prayer Gathering

By David Smithers

No one wants their prayer meeting to be awkward, unorganized or poorly attended. Every prayer leader would prefer to host a well-organized and popular prayer event. However, effectual prayer and organizational efficiency are not always the same thing. The biggest and most organized meetings aren't always the most spiritually significant.

How then can we measure the success of our prayer event? A successful Collegiate Day of Prayer gathering can be summed up with three simple words-agreement, allies and answers.

Agreement

One of this generation's greatest needs today is not just more prayer, but rather more agreement in prayer.

According to Matthew 18:18-20, Christ's promise to move heaven and earth through prayer depends more on our prayer agreement than the number of hours we pray. Unity and agreement is always one of the best ways to

measure the health and strength of a successful prayer movement. Yes, this is the crowning grace of a good prayer meeting!

However, coming together at the same time and place does not always result in true agreement. We must beware of letting all the little administrative details of our physical meeting distract us from our larger kingdom goals. The visible gathering is only an outlet for the deeper work of the Spirit of unity. Above all the logistics involved in organizing a smooth prayer event, we must always seek to work and pray together like a team. God is looking for intercessory integrators-prayer mobilizers who can unite individual believers, campus ministries and local churches to storm heaven for this generation. A good prayer meeting is a united and focused prayer meeting!

The Collegiate Day of Prayer is a clarion call to agree in prayer for the spiritual needs of this generation. Let's unite our prayers around seeking God for another mighty spiritual awakening throughout the world of higher education.

Allies

All our goals of agreement in prayer will mean little without the strength of spiritual allies. The most effective prayer meetings are usually a close-knit group of kingdom friends and coworkers. The more they pray together the stronger and more effective they become. Additionally, genuine united prayer is a team activity, and demands we learn how to reach out to new and different kinds of praying believers with grace, humility and respect.

Our goal is to have every college community in America (including faculty) thoroughly covered in fervent prayer. This goal will never happen by only enlisting the help of other college students. True prayer saturation can only be achieved as America's fathers, mothers, grandparents and church leaders from every class, culture, and denomination begin to cry out for this generation. A successful Collegiate Day of Prayer builds bridges, opens locked doors, and establishes new friendships and prayer allies!

This is much more than just strategic networking and good logistics-God is asking us to open our hearts to Him and His whole Church-to walk and work together like a real family. The spiritual needs of this generation are crying out for us to pull down every wall that divides and weakens us. If we can find a way to do this we are halfway home. New kingdom friendships and allies are a sure sign that God is beginning to crown our prayer efforts with lasting grace and victory!

Answers

Ultimately, a successful prayer movement is not judged by its goals, organization, or passion, but by tangible answers to God's biblical promises. One of the initial ways we know God is beginning to answer our prayers is by giving us a strong sense of His presence. This is usually evident by an increased sense of faith, urgency, and greater freedom in intercession. These are all good signs that the Father is drawing close, listening and blessing our corporate prayer efforts.

Another indicator that God is honoring our prayers for revival is by a growing desire to be still, tarry, and worship in God's presence for extended periods of time. When this is accompanied by conviction, as well as brokenness and repentance, we know that God's answer is on the way. This is both the biblical prescription and description of all the great historical revivals. When this spiritual process is sustained long enough to produce lasting joy, peace, and true transformation we know God is blessing our prayers for revival.

Yet, our hopes and prayers shouldn't stop with just the refreshing and empowering of believers. True revival should always mobilize God's people to share the Good News with the lost and unreached. We know God is answering when there is a widespread turning to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Such a move of the Holy Spirit will transform our college campuses, restore a morally broken generation, and rescue our whole nation.

But when these prayers are fully answered it won't stop there. The ANSWER to the hopes and dreams of God is nothing less than the evangelization of the whole world-every tongue, tribe and nation turning to Jesus Christ in this generation. This is the ultimate crown and answer to all of our united prayers!

Let's seek God to answer our prayers for another great move of the Holy Spirit on each of our campuses, be in agreement in this pursuit, and invite as many friends and allies to intercede alongside us as possible. Our most fruitful CDOP may be just around the corner.

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INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN INTERCESSORS CONFERENCE

Aug 6-9, 2015

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This ICIC we are inviting houses of prayer from every nation to come. Our heart vision and focus is on Malachi 4:6. We have seen God releasing the Father's heart over these children and on our international delegates every year. But this year we will receive Houses of Prayer run by adults as the FATHERS and the Children Houses of Prayer as the CHILDREN in accordance with Malachi 4:6

We believe, when houses of prayer representing the fathers and children come together, revival will spark in every nation. Let generations connect and the heart of the Father be established among His people.

It's time to release children. It's time for the fathers to pass the batons to their children.

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<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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6-9th August, 2015 - International Children Intercessors Conference

Place: Chennai, India

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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.
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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."

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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."*

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