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Welcome to the August 2017 edition of IPC Connections!

We have re-designed the full version of this monthly newsletter as an easy print pdf download that is available [HERE](#). We would encourage those of you using social media to add / like us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#). We will be building our use of these channels over the coming weeks.

This email brings you introductions with prayer suggestions for each article (where appropriate). The full articles can be read by clicking the 'Read More' links on any article.

1. Editorial: Partnering with God through Prayer to Reach the Unreached

Prayer is about God and His purposes for our world. It is not just a devotional activity or punching the clock to satisfy a sense of religious duty. It is getting in sync with Him for the joy of that most intimate of relationships and out of that prayer partnership to see our personal situation, community, nation, or far-off people groups changed in favor of His kingdom and values. It is the way we transact business with God to see His kingdom manifested in our day-to-day lives, our own neighborhoods, and at the other side of the world where there is pain, suffering or lostness.

Jesus taught that we should pray that His “kingdom come” and “will be done on earth as in Heaven”. He gave staggering promises about the power of prayer to groups of people, always using the plural “you” to underline the importance of *united* prayer for seeing breakthroughs to transform our communities and world. In Matthew 18:18-20, He affirmed that “whatever” we bind or loose on earth, even just two or three of us, will be bound or loosed in heaven. In this way, whatever we agree about, “anything”, can be affected deeply by such praying. Prayer with others is therefore the most powerful thing we can do as His followers. It is the most important way we become agents of His transformation for our darkened and desperate world because it brings the God of the impossible into situations that are way beyond human solution.



United prayer was the culture of the early church. They “joined constantly together in prayer” (Acts 1:14). All the breakthroughs, from Pentecost on, came out of this culture of prayer agreement as the Spirit led them. In order for us to see modern-day breakthroughs in reaching the remaining unreached peoples, we also need to start with God in prayer. Missions is a supernatural business, involving His intervention in the calling of the right people to go as missionaries, the binding of principalities and powers that hinder, and the receptivity of the target people to the Gospel. The integral involvement of the Spirit of God all the way through is of paramount importance, and that is why engaging in prayer for His clear guidance, strategy and help is so essential. If we want the same results of the early church that “turned the world upside down” through their mission efforts, we need to connect with the same source of power and wisdom they had.

This year at the *Finishing the Task* event, for the first time ever there will be a specific track dealing with this issue-- the linking of prayer and mission. We will deliberate together as to how we can achieve a greater convergence between the prayer and mission movements and how an ongoing culture of prayer can become practically integrated in efforts to disciple the remaining unreached peoples for Jesus Christ. *Please pray with us for an effective time towards these ends.*

Even now, let’s obey Jesus and pray to Him, the Lord of the harvest and the Lord of breakthrough. Enlist others to pray with you. Let’s also be encouraging churches, prayer groups, and especially the younger generation of youth and children, to adopt these peoples for ongoing prayer until they are reached. (Excellent prayer cards for this purpose can be found at <https://joshuaproject.net/resources/prayer.>)

John Robb

IPC Chairman

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2. North Korea: Prayer and an Encouraging Sign from the Lord at the DMZ

We are sharing this word about North Korea, from Rick Ridings who many readers will remember from the World Prayer Assembly:

My friend Dutch Sheets sent out a call to prayer and prophetic word concerning North Korea yesterday on July 7th. That same day, I was with a team at the border of North Korea to pray. I had been speaking for a conference in Seoul, and the Lord had spoken beforehand to go after my speaking to the DMZ, the “Demilitarized Zone” along the cease-fire line that became the border with North Korea. **I have ministered in conferences in South Korea many times in the past seven years, but never felt I had a release from the Lord to go to the DMZ. But this time, I felt a compulsion to go there for a specific ‘prophetic action’.**



We went as a group of five, including a pastor who had escaped from North Korea, and who leads a church in the area near the DMZ. Two other local Korean pastors joined us there, making a team of seven praying on 7.7 on the Gregorian calendar and during the year 5777 on the Hebrew calendar.

I felt strongly that I was to drop a plumb line there, and proclaim from Isaiah 28:14-18 over the regime of North Korea. These verses speak of floods of water “overflowing” hidden lies, exposing them and sweeping them away. It says that the flood will come in waves like a whip against those evil rulers, and annul their covenant with death.

When I proclaimed the same verses in Washington, D.C., in January 2016 (Patti and I were leading worship in “David’s Tent”, a place of 24/7 worship and prayer at the base of the Washington Monument), I stated that flooding would happen in Washington as a sign that the Lord would do this spiritually. Immediately afterward, heavy rains started, and the next day the Washington newspapers reported flooding there, and soon after that many political secrets were exposed.

The same thing happened along the DMZ region bordering with North Korea! As I finished proclaiming these spiritual floods to expose the lies and sweep away the North Korean regime, a heavy downpour of rain started (during a time they had been experiencing unusual drought), and the next day, the news reported flooding in that area along the DMZ.

I had taken a small piece of the Berlin Wall that I threw over the barbed wire fence declaring that the same LORD who brought down the Berlin Wall and Soviet communism in a sudden surprise, would bring down the barrier between North and South Korea to reunite them and bring healing to the Land.

I was in prayer conferences in Germany during the time preceding the reunification of Germany. I had heard their sincere confession of the sins of their forefathers and their nation towards the Jewish people. And we proclaimed at that time, as they had humbled themselves in many corporate gatherings and confessed the sins of the nation (as in 2 Chronicles 7:14), that the LORD would heal their divided land as He promised.

I have now been in, and know of, many conferences where South Koreans have confessed the sins of their nation, and felt this was the time I was to proclaim that the LORD has heard and will bring about the reunification of Korea with a sudden event. Only afterward, did I find out that Dutch Sheets had sent out on the same day we prayed at the DMZ (July 7th) a prayer alert where he explained that he had recently prophesied in South Korea that “...the man-

made barrier between North and South Korea would be removed, and the rebirth/rebuilding/ restoration of all of Korea would happen so amazingly fast that it would be a sign and a wonder to the world”.

I believe that Satan would love to use North Korea to bring great devastation upon the world, and to hinder the LORD’s calling on all of Korea to be a great missionary sending nation, especially impacting the Middle East. But our God is greater! Let us pray for His plumb line of justice and righteousness to continue to be extended over North Korea, for His floods to expose their regime’s lies, to “annul its covenant with death”, and to bring about its collapse and the liberation of North Koreans to worship the LORD. Let us pray for all of Korea to be one reunited, healed and mighty missionary sending nation!

Rick Ridings

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3. US National Security Foreign Affairs Update



Russia: 755 U.S. Diplomatic Staff to be Expelled, President Says. Russian President Vladimir Putin said Russia will expel 755 U.S. diplomatic staff and could consider imposing additional measures against the United States as a response to new U.S. sanctions, Reuters reported July 30. Moscow ordered the United States on July 28 to cut hundreds of diplomatic staff and said it would seize two U.S. diplomatic properties after the U.S. Congress approved new sanctions on Russia. Putin said in an interview that the diplomatic and technical staff would have to leave Russia by Sept. 1. When it comes to responding to Washington's actions, Moscow has creative options for retaliation.

U.S.: Bombers Fly Over Korean Peninsula. The United States flew two supersonic B-1B bombers over the Korean Peninsula in a show of force on July 30 after North Korea's recent tests of intercontinental ballistic missiles, the U.S. and South Korean air forces said, Reuters reported. The bombers took off from a U.S. air base in Guam, and were joined by Japanese and South Korean fighter jets during the exercise. The flight was in direct response to the July 28 North Korean missile test and the previous July 3 launch of the "Hwansong-14" rocket, a U.S. statement said.

Another successful THAAD test as tensions over North Korean threat grows. NBC reports the U.S. conducted a test of its Terminal High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) defense system in Alaska by launching a ballistic missile over the Pacific Ocean. The target was fired by a U.S. Air Force plane and intercepted by THAAD, according to the Missile Defense Agency on Sunday. This was the second such test in a month by THAAD interceptors. The U.S. has deployed THAAD in South Korea to guard against North Korea's shorter-range missiles, an action that angers China, which claims the system's radar can probe deep into its territory.

ISIS claims attack on U.S.-backed troops. The Atlantic reports ISIS claimed on Friday to have attacked a U.S.-backed formation near Raqqa, the group's de facto capital in Syria. The alleged attack against Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) – a Kurdish group allied with the U.S. – took place in the Homs province. ISIS

claims it destroyed two armored vehicles and killed 53 Kurdish fighters. Meanwhile, SDF claims to have captured 40 percent of Raqqa and ISIS jihadi are in retreat.

CONSEQUENCES

Iran's expanding influence across the Mideast. BuzzFeed reports Iran has tens of thousands of Shi'a representatives who are armed and decisively engaged across the Middle East seeking the regime's singular objective of growing the Shi'a crescent, stretching from Afghanistan to the Mediterranean Sea. Those jihadi form a dominant force in the region, enabling Tehran to execute its coherent strategy, upstaging a coalition of Sunni dominated nations and the White House's strategy for the region. Much of Iran's success is attributable to the secretive Quds Force of the IRGC and its commander General QassemSuleimani.

PACOM commander focuses on three major regional threats. The Military Times reports Navy Adm. Harry Harris said his command is focused on three major threats: North Korea, China's interactions in the South China Sea and the spread of ISIS to the Philippines. These distinctive threats are a serious challenge to the command's reach and stretch its resources in the vast Asia-Pacific. Adm. Harris told the Japan-U.S. Military Statesmen Forum in Washington, D.C., on Friday that North Korea is an "immediate threat to our alliance." "While I don't know if those missiles can actually hit what they're aimed at, but like in horseshoes and hand grenades, getting close is all that's needed when you're dealing with nuclear weapons." Note: I've twice visited the Asia-Pacific command this year and I have seen the growing anxiety there over the many challenges on their plate.

U.S.- Iran tensions rise as Washington imposes new sanctions on Tehran. Agence France-Presse reports Iran vows to press ahead with its missile program in spite of new U.S. sanctions, fueling the rhetoric between the two countries. Meanwhile, Tehran and Washington accused each other of the latest provocative manoeuvres in the Persian Gulf where a U.S. helicopter deployed flares. The U.S. Navy said it responded to an IRGC vessel that raced at high speed and came too close to one of its vessels. An Iranian government spokesman said his country "will continue with full power our missile program....We consider the action of the U.S. as hostile, reprehensible and unacceptable, and it's ultimately an effort to weaken the [2015] nuclear deal."

North Korea celebrates latest ICBM Launch and warns U.S. against sanctions. Yonhap News Agency reports North Korea on Sunday warned of "a stern action of justice" if the U.S. seeks more sanctions in response to the Friday's ICBM test. "If the United States sticks to its military adventurism against us and super-intensive sanctions schemes, we will respond with a stern action of justice as we have already declared," a North Korean spokesman said.

South Korea asks U.S. for more powerful ballistic missiles. The Atlantic reports South Korean president Moon Jae-in asked the U.S. to open negotiations that would allow South Korea to build more powerful ballistic missiles to counter North Korean aggression. Evidently Pyongyang's Friday launch of yet another ICBM nudged President Moon to make the request which evidently was welcomed by the U.S. national security advisor H.R. McMaster. This is a remarkable turn-around for Moon who won his office on a platform that favored dialogue with North Korea and opposed to hosting U.S. missiles. Predictably the request upset China which issued a statement saying that "THAAD won't solve South Korea's security concerns, won't solve the related issues on the Korean Peninsula and will only further complicate issues."

RELATED ISSUES

Iraq: Shiite Leader Muqtada Al-Sadr Visits Saudi Arabia. Iraqi Shiite leader Muqtada al-Sadr arrived in Saudi Arabia on July 30 in what is his first visit in nearly 11 years, Al Arabiya reported. The Saudi minister of state for Gulf affairs greeted al-Sadr on his arrival. Al-Sadr enjoys a wide base support as leader of al-Sadr political movement. Al-Sadr last visited Saudi Arabia in 2006. The trip highlights Saudi Arabia's interest in Iraq, which has developed ties with the kingdom's regional rival, Iran.

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4. 15 Days Prayer for the Hindu World: 8-22 October 2017

The NEW annual Hindu World Prayer Focus calls Christians and churches worldwide to take 15 days October 8-22 to learn about and pray for our world's over one billion Hindu friends. That period also encompasses the significant Hindu Festival of Light (Diwali). The informative prayer guide booklets will help Christians to know how to pray for the people(s) growing up within this major and very diverse world religion.



Diwali (or Deepawali) is known as the Festival of Lights, and is one of the most important annual celebrations for Hindus, lasting about 4-5 days. While (similar to Christmas celebrations in the Christian world) it has historical and religious roots, Hindus celebrate it by lighting and displaying rows of small oil lamps, participating in family gatherings, consuming special sweets and watching fireworks.

It is not our intention with this prayer focus to disparage India or the Hindu religion in any way. We recognize that both are far too complex and too full of great traditions to simply or easily condense, explain or take lightly within a mere booklet.

At the same time, as Christians, we long that all the world's people(s) will have an opportunity to freely see, hear and understand the grace of God incarnated in Jesus Christ. To this end, we inform ourselves, pray for and want to support opportunities to make that grace known also within the world's Indian and Hindu communities.

Won't you join us? For more information and a short introductory video www.pray15days.org Already in a growing number of languages/nations, if you don't see yours, why not offer to translate and/or distribute in yours? Email+ jeevinprayerguide@protonmail.com

5. Finishing the Task Conference Invite: 5-7 December 2017

Global Prayer and Missions Leaders from around the world are linking together in unprecedented ways. There is a great need in this season to see how we



can collaborate together in more effective ways. We would like to share this opportunity with you.

As a part of this conference there will be a Prayer Track

You will be fully engaged and embedded in this influential and impactful network conference (Ephesians 3:20). We will look at how to be more effective and intentional together (Luke 10:2).

Global prayer and missions leaders will be sharing on the value of collaborating together (John 17:20-23). You will hear from top mission leaders as they share current stats, trends and prayer needs of finishing the task (Matthew 24:14).

As we spend the week together we will become familiar with what is still needed to see a shift from NO Scripture, NO Missionary, NO Church, NO Known Believers, to adoption and an intentional strategy toward getting the Gospel where it has not been previously (Revelation 5:9 & 7:9).

Who Should Attend?

If you identify with one or more of the following categories, this conference is for you!

Sending Organization/Church

You want to send (or help send) gospel workers to plant multiplying churches among Unengaged, Unreached People Groups (UUPGs).

Resource Provider

You indirectly engage UUPGs by gathering resources (i.e., finances, training, or media tools).

Mission Mobilizer

You promote the engagement of UUPGs by increasing awareness, vision-casting, and connecting potential gospel workers and resources with engagement opportunities.

Prayer/Prayer Leader or Mobilizer

You promote the engagement of UUPGs through prayer in building a platform of prayer, awareness building, vision casting and connecting prayer as a foundational aspect and resource with opportunities among UUPGs.

Registration Information:

Early Registration: \$175/person (ends November 14th)

Registration: \$200/person

Note: Registration cut-off is December 2, 2017

Register and find out more information about travel, lodging, transportation, etc. by visiting:
www.finishingthetask.com

6. PRAY FOR PAKISTAN

My word ...will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. Isa 55:11

TRANSLATION OF THE SCRIPTURES

This is one of the areas that the devil tries the hardest to stop. People come to believe through God's Word. It is very hard to sustain a church (new believers) unless they have the Word in their own language. Those doing this work are asking for prayer for each of the groups they are working in.

Translation is being done for 15 different groups, some are large groups, others are smaller. In two of the groups each time a project like this was started the devil blocked it.



PRAY

Pray that the work might not be blocked by the evil one by sickness, death, family problems, or in any other way.

Pray for health for all those involved

Pray for those teaching them how to do this work, that they may be able to stay in country and not lose their papers

Pray for those learning to learn quickly and well

- Persistence - this is a long process
- Completion of each project

JESUS FILM PROJECT

The translation of the film for Muslims. Changes are being made on physical things in the film that are offensive to them (like Jesus going into the temple with shoes on, hand actions, etc). Some of these changes could cost up to a million dollars, but the suggestions have been well received. Then language is needed that is acceptable and not offensive. Pray for this huge project Pray for wisdom from God to see and make the right suggestions.

STABLE GOVERNMENT

The Prime Minister is being accused of money laundering and corruption (he has been thrown out twice before for this). Opposition parties are against him. A high percentage of the lawyers are against him. It has been on the floor of Parliament again and again, and is supposed to come up for the final time on the 17th. PRAY God's will: If he is thrown out who would take his place? It would probably be much harder for Christians and foreign workers.

Thanks for PRAYING for PAKISTAN!!

7. A Genderless Child?



There are many stories these days of government trampling parental rights, but what happens when parents are the ones doing the trampling?

Recently on BreakPoint we talked about the tough case of recently deceased Charlie Gard—the terminally ill baby whom British courts decided should die in the hospital rather than travel to America with his parents to seek experimental treatment for his rare condition. In that commentary, I said that the government had overstepped its authority, taking away the right of Charlie’s parents to make decisions for their son.

But another story shows that there’s another side to this coin. The parent of a Canadian newborn not only wants to make a crucial life decision for him or her, but also force the government to recognize that decision. Now I say “him or her” because it has been hidden whether little Searyl Doty of British Columbia is a boy or a girl. Only the child’s mother, who identifies as a “non-binary trans person” and is taking male hormones, knows the truth.

Searyl made international news when this baby received what his or her mother is calling the first ever “genderless” document issued by any government. The Gender Free I.D. Coalition, an activist group Searyl’s mother participates in, seeks to “remove all gender/sex designations from identity documents,” and in this case, they appear to have gotten their wish. The card issued by British Columbia lists Searyl’s sex as “U,” presumably for “unknown” or “unclassified.”

Searyl’s mother (who, again, would prefer I call her a “parent,”) said in a statement that “It is up to Searyl to decide how they identify, when they are old enough to develop their own gender identity.”

Doty believes so deeply in liberating children from biological sex that she’s a complainant in a case currently before the province’s Human Rights Tribunal, arguing for genderless government I.D. She’s also applied for judicial review of her child’s birth certificate, which British Columbia still says must list either male or female.

Doty’s lawyer says requiring such a designation violates the baby’s rights “as a Canadian citizen to life, liberty and security of the person.” And by the way—folks, I promise I’m not making this up—this lawyer refuses to use capital letters in her name because it’s oppressive.

Now why am I telling you all of this? Because in contrast to the Charlie Gard case in which the government overstepped its sphere of sovereignty, this is a case of a parent overstepping her sphere of sovereignty as well as crossing the line into abuse.

And no, I don't think "abuse" is too strong a word for a mother who refuses to acknowledge the biological reality of her child's sex, and to raise him or her in denial of such reality. The potential for harm here is great, and not only should government officials refuse to accommodate it, they should stop such practices, even if necessary, removing the child from that home.

Of course, I don't expect for a moment the Canadian authorities will actually do this. But they should. And Christians shouldn't be afraid to say so.

And just as there are limits to the state's authority over the family, there are limits of the family's authority over the state. A parent doesn't have the right to force the government to violate its responsibility to recognize reality either.

God designed the family before all other institutions to produce, nurture, and protect children. The state isn't competent to do this, and neither is the market, the academy, or even the church. But when the family fails to fulfill its God-ordained role—when parents try to deny a fundamental and biological truth about who their children are, they've failed.

It's awful to watch governments steamroll one family to end Charlie Gard's life, while failing to intervene in Searyl Doty's life. Because children are helpless against our social experimentations, Christians can't simply retreat from the public square or concede the clash of worldviews. The bad ideas of adults in any sphere of authority often have small victims.

NEXT STEPS

Bad ideas and faulty ideologies have consequences, and they also have victims. Children shouldn't be those victims. As John has urged, let's not retreat but rather be pro-active in the public square, encouraging families to nurture and protect children, promoting reality and the truth of God's design.

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More and further discussion at <http://breakpoint.org>

8. International Prayer and Mission Leaders' Consultation Recap

Dr. Jason Hubbard, Director of the Light of the World Prayer Center brings us a summary of the recent gathering at Herrnhut, Germany:

The International Prayer and Mission Leaders' Consultation, May 8-12th convened together 120 of the world's top prayer and mission's leaders from 34 nations. We partnered together with the International Prayer Council, www.ipcprayer.org led by John Robb. In John's words, "Together, we transacted business with the King of Kings for His world."



John Robb and the IPC council asked us at Light of the World Prayer Center to administrate and organize the event, together with his oversight and leadership! John is an amazing leader and it was truly an honor to work together with him! Jamie Frey, one of our full-time staff members, and I started planning back in

August of 2016. Over the next number of months we helped create a vision statement and set goals for the event, drafted an invitation email to key leaders, launched a website to share vision and process registrations, and put together complete color programbooklets for the each of the delegates.



The impact of the Moravian community, both the intercessors and missionaries, is undoubtedly one of the greatest stories in church history! We have patterned our house of prayer and prayer strategy in the 'spirit of the Moravians.' Our vision is become a modern-day expression of this inspiring community, linking together night and day prayer, revival and mission to the remaining unreached, unengaged peoples on the earth!

It was a such a joy to travel together as a family, Kristie, Gracelyn and Joshua. It was the first international trip for Gracie and Josh! Kristie connected much with our amazing friend Sue Williams, sharing tea together and praying for one another. Sue served with us for a year at LOWPC as our staff development leader and now is one of the primary leaders at the Jesus Haus (house of prayer and retreat center where the Consultation gathered). Gracie sang with Sue on the worship team on Wednesday night, and Joshua helped Michael Lienau in capturing the Moravian story on video. We are praying for the provision to produce a full-length documentary on the history of the Moravians!



Mark Iblings, LOWPC board president, and Tim Scott, one of my prayer partners and our Education sphere leader both came to help serve the 120 leaders, carrying bags and escorting/driving many of them around during the event! They were such a huge help!

Tom Victor, director of the Great Commission Coalition, who serves as one of our advisory board members also joined us. From Tom's perspective, "The International Prayer and Mission Leaders

Consultation in Herrnhut was, from my perspective, one of the most powerful mission and prayer gatherings of our day. Bringing together key leaders from the global prayer and mission movements as well as leaders of the children in prayer and youth prayer movements was so strategic, especially in light of the history and heritage of the Moravians and Herrnhut."





Paul Wemmer, author, historian, and one of our original leaders at LOWPC, was also with us and donated a copy of his book on Count Zinzendorf and the Moravians to each of the 120 delegates.

Serving together with Jamie Frey, Mark Iblings, Tim Scott, Tom Victor, Paul Wemmer, Sue Williams, and our on-site intercessors in Whatcom County...What a joy! I am so proud of our team...All for the Glory of the Lamb!

The vision for the consultation was to gather key mission and prayer leaders from around the world to ask God how the global prayer and mission movements could unite in our day - to accelerate the fulfillment of the Great Commission. I have personally never been in a gathering before with such humble men and women of God, young and old, who truly longed to encounter the Lord together, and grow in loving and serving one another!

Dick Eastman, the president of Every Home for Christ, was one of the 120 leaders. The ministry of Every Home for Christ sees about 20,000 decisions for Christ every day around the world, giving Dick a unique perspective. After the consultation he wrote, "I am more convinced than ever that the Moravian movement of prayer and missions was the greatest such movement in the history of missions, especially in light of the challenges they faced in that unique time in human history."

Dick shared that this gathering was "the most personally significant gatherings he had been a part of in his 5 decades of full-time ministry." Wow!

We sensed the Lord's leading to gather in historic Herrnhut, Germany to learn from the Moravian story of a canopy of 100 years of continual prayer, beginning in 1727, which launched the start of a Protestant Missions Movement across the earth! At its core, the motivation and watchword of the Moravian prayer and missions movement was this: "May the Lamb who was slain receive the due reward of his sufferings!" He is truly All-Deserving!



As we walked through the Moravian cemetery (pictured here), we were on historic ground. The graves here honor 6000 intercessors and missionaries who had fully embraced God's heart for missions. They had joyfully taken the gospel to those who had never heard, many at the cost of their lives. These radical Moravian missionaries launched over 5000 missionary settlements around the world!



The legacy of Count Nicholas Zinzendorf, the leader of the Moravian prayer and missions movement, is astounding. Zinzendorf was famous for saying, "I have but one passion, and that is Jesus, only He." The seal of the Moravian church has in its center the white Lamb of God. He holds a staff with a victory banner displaying the cross. In a circular band on the outer edge it says: "Our Lamb has conquered, let us follow Him!"

During the consultation, descendants of the Moravians shared with us about the lifestyle of prayer and missions that emerged in Herrnhut, and the powerful role that children and youth

played in the movement. It was truly an honor to be with the elders and leaders of both the church and the Jesus Haus. We love them and stand with them as they continue to see day and night prayer and worship established together with the sending of missionaries to the ends of the earth to share the good news of Jesus!

A request went out to leaders of children in prayer around the world, asking them to pray as we met in Herrnhut. 1,000 Royal Kids in Chennai, India, committed to pray for 100 hours and then added another 50 hours while we met!

Royal Kids Praying for the Herrnhut Gathering



We were so aware of the prayers of thousands of children around the world. It was an honor to meet and learn from Anton Cruz, the leader of this amazing orphanage in Chennai, India. Here is a powerful video clip of the children praying for our gathering!



Paul Eshleman, with Campus Crusade for Christ, (CRU), founded the Jesus Film Project, the most watched movie in the world. He currently serves as the Executive Director of Finishing the Task Network and as President of the Issachar Initiative, passionately calling us to make our lives Count for Zero, that there would be Zero unreached people groups without a witness for Christ.

Paul challenged us with research showing that, with more than 2.7 unreached people, Asia is the focal point for the global mission challenge. While other regions of the world have on average one missionary for every 1,000 unreached people, Asia has only one missionary for every 46,000 unreached people! There are currently 1570 remaining unreached/unengaged people groups yet to hear the good news of Jesus, and 521 of the largest remaining unreached people groups on the world map have over 500,000! We also learned that 90 percent of the missionary force and finances today goes towards the reached world. We came away with the passionate conviction and cry, "Lord of the Harvest, send forth laborers into the remaining harvest fields of the world!" (Matt. 9:37)



A final personal highlight for me was gathering together at the Bertlesdorf church. This historic church, known as the church of reconciliation, is where the Holy Spirit was poured out among the Moravians, young and old, in a powerful way during a communion service on August 13th, 1727. We celebrated communion together there, and reconciliation took place on several fronts! I truly believe we experienced a 'baptism of love' for one another. Coming away from the gathering, we had such a sense of family and affection for one another, desiring to continue to partner together in prayer and mission across our various denominations, generations and nations! The Lord truly knit our hearts together and I believe much fruit will come in the generations to follow!



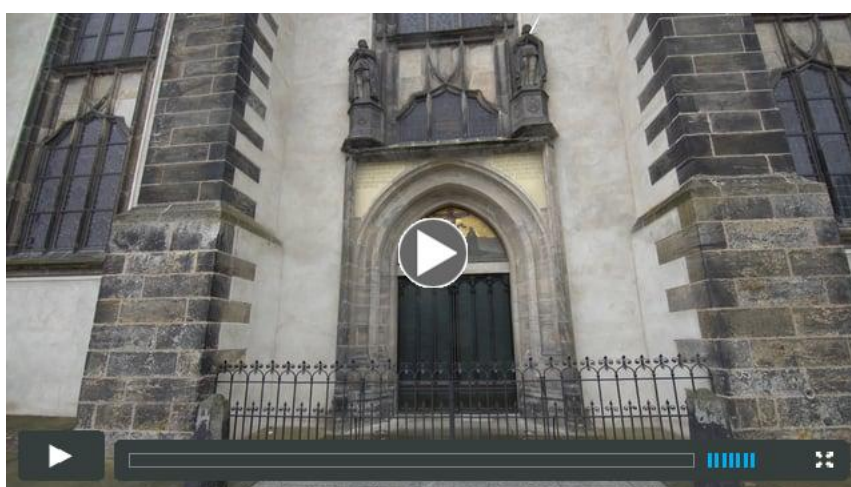
"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:34-35).

We only love to the degree that his love, most fully revealed at the cross, is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit (Rom. 5:5). Just as Zinzendorf

and the Moravians were compelled by the Glory and Love of the Lamb, to pray 24/7 and go on mission, I believe the Lord is calling forth a "Lamb's Reformation" in the church in this hour - a new reformation that will lead to a great transformation!

Lamb's Reformation

Prayer: "Father, I believe that the hour has come for your Son, the Lord Jesus to be honored, and treasured as the Worthy Lamb who was slain! Even as the Lamb is in the center of the throne in Heaven, we declare and decree that it's time for the Lamb to become the center of the throne on the earth! Father, we know that you are always looking at the wounds of your Son and we ask for a Lamb's Reformation in the church that would wake us up again to his cross, to bring your Son the reward he deserves for giving his life as a Lamb!"



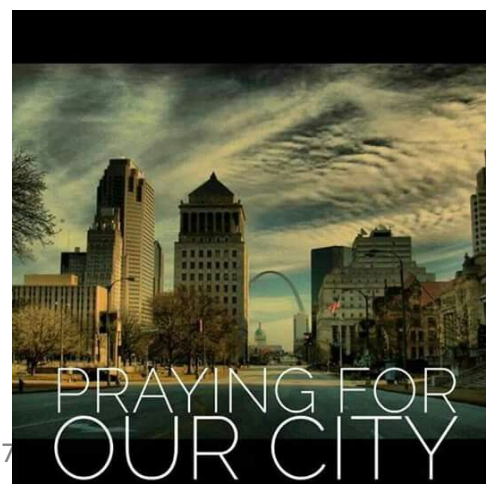
"Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, 'Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power, and wealth, and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing' (Rev. 5:11-12).

**For the Supremacy of Christ in all things,
Jason Hubbard**

9. Praying for our City

This abbreviated article is taken from Crosswalk and written by Debbie Przybylski of Intercessors Arise International,

"The days are coming," declares the Lord, "when the reaper will be overtaken by the plowman and the planter by the one treading grapes. New wine will drip from the mountains and flow from all the hills." (Amos 9:13).



Community transformation is when a culture is impacted by the presence of God. His supernatural power flows into the city and affects every level of society. Our cities are filled with spiritually homeless people who don't know who they are or where they are going. There is an emptiness without God and we must invite Him into our cities.

Our communities are looking for identity and God's presence is our identity. We must believe that revival and transformation will affect everything. We need a sense of purpose and the authority of God in our city. Only Jesus can change a city and a nation. Jesus told His disciples, "Without me you can do nothing." One day God will rule the whole world because He is God of all (Ezekiel 48:35, Isaiah 62:4).

There is evidence that God is bringing transformation to communities around the world. George Otis, Jr. (producer of the Transformation Video series) has witnessed evidence of God's willingness to transform spiritually barren communities in areas where believers have determined to exchange passive dissatisfaction for active, prevailing prayer. But history tells us that people do not change until they are aware of an imminent crisis or an immediate opportunity. We as humans must be persuaded that our present circumstance is desperate and that time is running out quickly. We must realize that our condition is not only broken or painful, but very dangerous.

If we are only disappointed, most of us won't change. We think our condition is only temporary or that time is on our side. Our society will change and we will take action in prayer only when we get desperate. Then we will be willing to do the impossible.

Then we will fervently pray for our cities. We need to ask ourselves: "Are we desperate enough for revival and city transformation?"

How to Pray for Transformation in Your City

"Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over you" (Isaiah 60:1-2).

Transformation is the reflection of God's character coming forth in every way possible. This is what we want in our cities. Let us not draw back at such a critical hour. We are now at the desperate stage in our cities. Let us move forward in prevailing, passionate prayer by the grace of God and seek Him for transformation and revival! This is an opportunity that we must grasp now.

The following are principles that can bring life to your city. They are adapted from The Quickening DVD:

***Pray and invite God into your city.**

God wants to be invited into our communities. He wants His presence to become so strong that men see themselves as lost and start coming to Him. If God is to increase our spiritual appetite, we must ask Him. First we must be emptied of our own satisfaction and feel the awareness of our emptiness. We are "undone" like Isaiah which will cause a cry from our heart (Isaiah 6:5-8). As God's watchmen, we must call on the Lord and invite Him into our cities.

"I have posted watchmen on your walls, Jerusalem; they will never be silent day or night. You who call on the Lord, give yourselves no rest, and give him no rest till he establishes Jerusalem and makes her the praise of the earth" (Isaiah 62:6-7).

***Pray for holiness and humility.**

God is drawn to holiness and humility. If we want to be change agents in the city, we must be changed agents. The humble and the poor in spirit He brings to himself. The biggest thing that impedes unity is our own pride. What is ready to die? We have to make the basic decision, "I will not be offended by others." God uses humility and broken people. A sincere heart cuts into the frozenness of the world.

"Has not my hand made all these things, and so they came into being?" declares the Lord. "These are the ones I look on with favor: those who are humble and contrite in spirit and who tremble at my word" (Isaiah 66:2).

***Pray for corporate revival.**

It begins with individual obedience and solitary decisions. The most important thing is that we begin. It's not what we do but why we do it. Man is impressed by activity but God is impressed with obedience. We will encounter resistance and get discouraged, but God is focused on us. We must make that commitment ourselves and search out a core group who have that commitment. It starts with a few who won't give up, press on and keep praying and crying out to God month after month with fasting, prayer and humility. This will have a domino effect.

"Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective" (James 5:16).

***Pray for unity.**

Biblical unity is a majority with God. It's not based on numbers. Unity is a byproduct of relationships. When kingdom connection occurs, we then live under kingdom rule.

Where two or three hungry hearts join together in the cause of revival, God is there.

The presence of God unites people in a supernatural unity. Leaders must be committed to a community.

"How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity... For there the Lord bestows his blessing, even life forevermore" (Psalm 133:1, 3b).

***Pray for fervent prayer among the churches in your city.**

Breakthrough, fervent prayer releases destiny. It's desperation and humility, a foundation of fervent, persevering prayer when we become desperate for God. People of travailing prayer have a determination with a desperation that says, "We will not let go of you until we hear from you." Allow Him to break and mold you. Pray for your city's destiny. We forget that God is the God of destiny, and we are people of destiny. Prayer has to be more of a priority, and we must hear the trumpet call.

"They all joined together constantly in prayer" (Acts 1:14).

God is looking for leaders who will stand in the gap for their nation who don't care who gets the credit. They are not stakeholders but shareholders. They give God the glory. Revival leaders are often unlikely choices. The measure of leadership is not influence with the public but influence with God.

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10. Welcome the King of Glory: Jerusalem - 9-13 October 2017

Brothers and Sisters in the Lord Jesus Christ, 2017 is a very special year on God's calendar, especially for Israel:

- 120 years from the First Zionist World Congress
- 100 years from the Balfour Declaration
- 70 years from the UN Resolution 181
- 50 years from the Six-Day war and unification of Jerusalem

Many messianic leaders in Israel have been convicted by the Holy Spirit that this is the year to worship and welcome Messiah, the King of Glory to Jerusalem at a special gathering on 9-13 October in Jerusalem together with brothers and sisters in Christ from all continents and nations.

It is the first time that the Messianic Body of Christ extends an invitation like this to the church from the nations. We believe this is of prophetic significance and therefore encourage all brothers and sisters in the Lord Jesus Christ and their friends to join us in Jerusalem this October.



For more details please see the invitation letter of Messianic leaders that follows, and please visit the www.wtkog.com website.

Looking forward to seeing you in Jerusalem October 9-13, and please also distribute this invitation within your churches and networks.

In Christ

Ioan Peia (Romania)
Berthold Becker (Germany)

October 9-13, 2017 - Ramat Rachel Resort, Jerusalem, Israel
The holy Convocation in Jerusalem to welcome the King of Glory!

Dear Family of God from the Nations!

Shalom from Jerusalem, the City of the Great King!

Two thousand years ago our Lord and Messiah, Yeshua, commanded his disciples to take the Gospel from Jerusalem to Judea, Samaria and to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8; Matthew 28:18-20). Six hundred years before this, the prophet Isaiah saw that the glory of God would reach even to the islands from the rising of the sun (east), and also to the "ends of the earth" (Isaiah 24:15, 41:5, 42:10).

In our generation, these prophecies of the Great Commission are being fulfilled. The

Gospel has reached to the distant islands of the Pacific, exactly on the other side of globe from Jerusalem. And now, peoples from every tribe, tongue and nation, are desiring to bring the Good News and the Glory back to Jerusalem - all in preparation for His glorious return!

We are a group of Israeli, Messianic leaders who have come together to “Welcome the King of Glory.” King David was the first to welcome the King of Glory when he brought the Ark of the Covenant into Jerusalem. He did this both as an individual worshiper, but also on behalf of his people, Israel.

For many reasons, we believe that this year of 2017 is prophetically significant. Together with a remnant of believers from many tribes, tongues and nations, we desire to welcome the King of Glory into Jerusalem once more. We believe we are on the cusp of a new season of His glory residing in His Body worldwide - according to Isaiah 60. We also believe that this will mark a new season of God’s presence among His people in Israel, and the beginning of a season of the fulfilment of many End Times’ events. (We are not necessarily declaring this season as the time of His Second Coming!)

We want to invite you, your family, your tribes and nations, to come up to Jerusalem for this special gathering during Sukkot 2017.

More info and to register: www.wtkog.com

11. G20 – Report

Friends, here is an update from Bernd Oettinghaus, the coordinator of the prayer effort in Hamburg and Berthold Becker of Kainos Ministries on what has been happening there during the recent G20:

Thanks for all who responded to our spontaneous prayer initiative joining in with the many initiatives mobilizing prayer around the globe.



The G20 finished peacefully and in a positive spirit which is an answer to prayer. Also on Saturday around 75,000 people were able to demonstrate peacefully and present their issues.

Saturday night there were riots again but much less than expected. This was certainly an answer to prayer. The force of the riots was extreme, much damage and around 470 police injured. However, the Lord hindered more evil.

The government leaders promised unbureaucratic help and compensation for all damage done over this weekend. On Sunday thousands of people of all ages spontaneously followed a grass roots initiative to clean up the streets.

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It was great to be in a net of international intercession. The results of the Summit are less bad as expected. The heads of the 20 nations keep talking instead of walking alone or against each other. But we have to continue in prayer for the world leadership.

In my nation we are cleansing the political arena and weeping out a hidden sympathy for the extrem left wing and asking questions about the strategy of the police, why they let the anarchy situation on Friday night grow for 3-4 hours.

One other result is: The radical left-wing movement and their open-ness for violence is no longer accepted, which helps to stand against it, but on the other side as the danger in it to move in the underground scene.

We will have a prayer conference from 1st to 3rd September 2017 in Berlin where we want to target the leftwing spirit from the 68revolution including the philosophical movement of Adorno and Horxheimer „Frankfurter Schule“, the terroristic movement of the „Red Army Fraction“ from the 90th. The beginning of this movement is over now for 50 years, and we want to deal with all this socialist movements, kommunist and maoisem/leninism in our nation and in Europe. We also invite Chinese prayer leaders to help in this issue. www.waechterruf.de

We take those days of the G20 as a God given insight in the chaotic powers behind this still alive movement in Europe/the world. We do not want a new wave of radical violent movements in Germany and Europe. Not on the right wing and also not on the left wing.

We do not want a police, which is not under the political control of democratic forces, even no unique individuals or groups among the police fighting their own battles.

We want to learn as the Body of Christ in my nation, to stand together in Prayer alongside the political leaders and the police forces. On 24th September 2017 we will have a national vote.

Blessings and thanks to all prayer warriors

Bernd Oettinghaus / Berthold Becker
www.waechterruf.de / www.kainos.de

12. IPC Calendar

2017 21 thru 24 Aug - North America Prayer Summit
St. Johns, Newfoundland
MaDonna Eason madonna@linkinghearts.ca

2017 8-22 15 Days Prayer for the Hindu World
www.pray15days.org

2017 9-13 October Welcome the King of Glory
Ramat Rachel Resort, Jerusalem, Israel
www.wtkog.com

2017 26 thru 28 Oct - Balkan Call
Prishtina, Kosovo
sbeiler@eurasiaregion.org
www.ipcprayer.org



2017 5-7 December Finishing The Task Conference 2017

Saddleback Church, Lake Forest, CA

www.finishingthetask.com

Uprising: United Prayer Rising Events

UPRISING Davao City, Mindanao, Philippines -
September 8 -11, 2017

UPRISING Gauteng Province, South Africa -
September 27–Oct 1, 2017

UPRISING Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia - October 5-8,
2017

UPRISING Cochabamba, Bolivia - November 29 -Dec 2, 2017

UPRISING Chennai, India - March 2018

UPRISING Toronto, Canada - first quarter 2018

UPRISING Ashburnham Place, East Sussex, UK - June 2018

UPRISING Sao Paulo, Brazil- October 10-13, 2018

And the GLOBAL UPRISING 2018 JAKARTA, INDONESIA - October 24 -26

www.unitedprayerrising.com



13. The IPC Website

The IPC website is part of a hub that aims to equip and inform the Church worldwide.



www.ipcprayer.org

We run it as a service to our partner organisations and ministries to help them to publicise their prayer alerts, news, events and resources.

We would invite you to get involved.

If you have:

1. News / Events: news of international prayer-related interest such as upcoming initiatives and conferences
2. Regional Prayer Requests: strategic prayer requests and alerts for your nation or region
3. Resources: teaching articles, media or testimonies

... we can, in most cases add them to the website. Please send copy along with images and hyperlinks to any existing online content that we can point people to for further information.

Articles for inclusion should be submitted to the IPC Connect Team at editor@ipcprayer.org

14. 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.

The IPC is led by an international leadership team, now called the International Prayer Council, is composed of twenty leaders who coordinate regional prayer networks or international prayer initiatives of various kinds. We seek to be catalysts and connectors within the global prayer movement towards the fulfillment of Habakkuk 2:14- that "the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea."

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

15. Donations

PayPal is an online banking service that can receive donations from over 30 currencies worldwide through automatic draft and credit cards. It is safe and secure.

International Prayer Connect is a non-profit ministry funded through the Transformation Prayer Foundation and relies on individual donations to keep the work going. If you are willing to provide support, please click below.



Thank you for your sacrificial gift to IPC!

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