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## Report from Herrnhut: the International Prayer and Mission Leaders Consultation

Thousands of children from India and Indonesia along with others prayed for the Consultation that happened in the little town of Herrnhut (the Lord's watch), May 8-12. Thank you if you were part of that intercession. The Lord did far more abundantly than we could have asked or imagined! It was

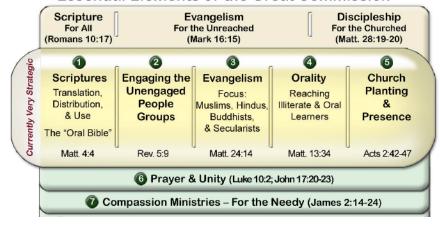


such a joy and blessing to be with 120 key leaders from across the world, who are on the cutting-edge of His Kingdom's work. YWAM younger missionaries in training and members of the Jesus Haus community in the town also took part. Powerful, heart-stirring presentations from the most conflicted, challenging countries brought tears to our eyes and a strong response in united, fervent prayer.

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# **Next Steps in Linking the Movements of Prayer and Missions**

#### **Essential Elements of the Great Commission**





Paul Eshleman Herrnhut Consultation May 2017

During the wonderful Prayer Conference in Herrnhut, we introduced several lists of unreached people groups to give us all an introduction to the work of prayer and missions that still remains throughout the world. Our thesis was that when we pray specifically, we can see specific answers to our prayers. And, when we concentrate our prayers toward the unreached peoples and nations we see remarkable results.

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# **Invitation to Prayer Leaders for the North American Prayer Summit**

Strengthening our Partnership in Prayer for His Revival and Transformation of North America



For the leaders of prayer networks and ministries in North America

You are invited to the North American Prayer Summit!

One of the great joys experienced since the launch of the International Prayer Council in 2002 has been the development of various regional prayer summits that have united prayer ministry leaders to build friendships and pray together for their regions. In North America, we have already met several times as prayer leaders from each nation have taken turns to host three-day gatherings to learn about the issues of each of the three nations in order to connect our hearts in the unity of the Spirit and pray with a new depth of understanding and empathy. These times in the manifest presence of the Lord have marked both us and our nations through their powerful effects as the God answers such united intercession, doing the things only He can do, bringing revival to His people and transformation in the challenging situations each country faces.

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Please pray with us for the right network and ministry leaders to be able to come. For the provision of funding for those who still need assistance and for His powerful presence and anointing to be upon all who participate as we seek His face for our three nations and our continent.

## Urgent Prayer Required: UN Aid Chief: 20 Million People in 4 Countries Face Starvation, Famine

The United Nations says it needs \$4.4



billion by July to prevent famine in Yemen, South Sudan, Somalia and northeastern Nigeria. U.N. humanitarian chief Stephen O'Brien, who just returned from field missions to the affected countries, told Security



Council members Friday that *the United Nations is facing its largest humanitarian crisis since the organization's creation*. He said that without the necessary funding and full, safe and unimpeded access for aid workers, people will die. <a href="Read More">Read More</a>

Let's pray for God's intervention. This is truly a God-sized crisis that so often is not even mentioned in the media. Pray for His deliverance of these dear people that will die if they do not get relief in time. Pray for an end to these senseless conflicts, for the UN and for the humanitarian organizations as they seek to bring aid and that those caught in this unbearable situation-adults and children- will find both spiritual hope and physical deliverance through faith in Jesus Christ.

# Call to Pray for Lebanon, A Country of Compassion with a Huge Opportunity

Lebanon has taken in about as many refugees from Syria and the conflict there as there are Lebanese themselves. What a hospitable and kind nation! Let's pray with these requests sent from one of the intercessors there:



Please pray for wisdom and vision for the leadership of the CHURCH.



- Pray for real revival in Lebanon and the Middle East. May the spirit of the Lord move over and give deep and real repentance to the elected people to accept Jesus Christ.
- Pray that the Lord raise a new generation of dedicated faithful leaders and pastors to be equipped for the ministry.
- Pray that Christ's church moves out in planting new churches in all the region. And those from the underground church be strengthened in the faith.
- Pray for the believers to be a blessing to others, especially the
  refugees. As it happened in the first century, the people of God
  scattered because of the persecution, but they reached out with
  the gospel to others. Now close to two million refugee people are
  in Lebanon because of the war in their country, we pray that the
  Lord give wisdom and faithfulness to the church in Lebanon to
  reach out to the refugees and be a blessing to them.

## **Bhutan Prayer Initiative Coming Up!**

During our time in Herrnhut, some of us met with a former Tibetan Buddhist monk from the Himalayan nation of



Bhutan that we will call "K". K has come to Christ and has a deep burden to share the Gospel with other monks back home. Please pray for him and others on his team as they conduct a prayer walk around their beautiful but spiritually dark country for 10 days, starting from August 17-26 and also again in September 11-20. Next year they hope to do the same.



They invite people who are really

interested to pray for the Buddhist world to support this initiative. He writes: "We really want to see nation change by power of prayer. Bhutan need lots of prayer. Please join us."

With love from your brother in Christ, K

# Facts About Christian Persecution from the 2017 International Religious Freedom Report

The State Department recently released its International Religious Freedom Report for 2017. A wide range of U.S. government agencies and offices use the reports for such efforts as shaping policy and conducting diplomacy. The Secretary of State also uses the reports to help determine which countries have engaged in or tolerated "particularly severe violations" of religious freedom



in order to designate "countries of particular concern."

#### **Read More**

Pray for our persecuted brothers and sisters in Christ in these five countries which are among the worst abusers of Christians. Pray they will be strong and faithful to the Lord who called them and that these regimes will change their attitudes and pass laws protecting religious believers that live under their rule.

## Jakarta's Christian governor jailed for blasphemy against Islam

"Jakarta's Christian governor has been sentenced to two years in jail for blasphemy, a harsher-thanexpected ruling critics fear will



embolden hardline Islamist forces to challenge secularism in Indonesia, the world's largest Muslim-majority nation.

Tuesday's guilty verdict for Basuki Tjahaja Purnama comes amid concern about the growing influence of Islamist groups, who organized mass rallies during a tumultuous election campaign that ended with Purnama losing his bid for another term as governor."

"Ahok" as he is called decided to resign his position as governor on May 23.

Reuters, May 10 and May 23, 2017

Let's pray that God will bring good out of this evil as he did in the unjust imprisonment of Joseph. May multitudes of Indonesian Muslims have their eyes opened by this blatant injustice perpetrated by radical Muslims and corrupt politicians so that the Gospel continues to speed on and triumph in this far-flung island nation.

# RiseUp-Now Arab Europe Prayer Gathering



Beloved Brothers and Sisters,

RiseUp-Now is a voice crying out loud calling Christian believers from different European countries both national and immigrants specially (from Arab background) to stand together in prayer before the Throne of Grace asking the Lord for the times of refreshment and revival.

As we remember 500 years of reformation in Germany we come to Leipzig from the 15<sup>th</sup> to the 17<sup>th</sup> of June to ask for the later rain to flood the church in Europe with new refreshing water of the Holy Spirit and from there we go out to collect the harvest and we lift up our voice declaring to the cities of the 51 countries of Europe "Behold your God is coming". (Isaiah 40:9)

Come and invite everybody to the place of prayer.

The RiseUp-Now Team
Below are some links and an invitation
June 2017 Prayer Conference https://youtu.be/JpPtLwFiJCY
Testimonials
Website: www.RiseUp-Now.com

## **Afghanistan Still Needs Lots of Prayer**



"Two people were reportedly killed in Afghanistan and another abducted from a Kabul guesthouse late Saturday, the BBC reported citing a spokesman for the interior ministry.

Among the two people dead, are a German woman and an Afghan guard. The woman abducted meanwhile is reportedly from Finland. This comes after an Australian aid worker was kidnapped in the capital of Afghanistan, last November...

#### **Read More**

Please continue to pray for an end to the Taliban insurgency that is causing such widespread harm to the nation and that these wicked, violent Islamic terrorists will be defeated and brought down. Pray for the protection of the humanitarian community working with great love at the risk of their lives to serve the Afghan people. Pray that those still being kept as hostages will be liberated quickly, especially this young Finnish woman that was kidnapped only several days ago.

Just received news of a terrible bombing in the diplomatic area of Kabul that has killed over 80 people and injured hundreds. Pray for His peace and deliverance for this tormented nation and that the Afghans will turn to Christ through these horrors.

## **Islamists Mean To Conquer The World**

"Atlanta Pastor Michael Youssef was born in Egypt, lived there and among Muslims many years, and knows Islam inside out. He warns that millions of radical Muslims believe it is their religious duty to dominate all other political systems and religions. He says they are firmly set on setting up a long-prophesied global caliphate to rule a conquered world.

#### **Read More**

Let's pray that Western governments and the churches will wake up and reject the political correctness that has blinded them to what



radical Muslims real intentions are. Pray for wisdom and firmness in national policies that result in effective protection of the nation from Islamic efforts to penetrate and indoctrinate them into this false, Christ-denying ideology that brings so much harm and backwardness wherever it gets a stronghold.

# **Christians Leaving Mideast in Record Number**

"Christians are leaving the Middle East in record numbers, driven out by terrorism by the Islamic State and laws in countries the U.S. considers allies. By 2025, Christians are expected to comprise a mere 3 percent of the population in the Middle East, whereas they represented 13.6 percent a century ago.



**Read More** 

Pray for Christians in the Middle East region for His courage and grace to continue to be a witness to Christ in the midst of such challenging and sometimes dangerous experiences. May the Gospel spread like a mighty wave through their bold, anointed stance for Jesus among tens of millions of lost people around them! Thank God that He is bringing many in this region out of the bondage of Islamic delusion to joyous, triumphant faith in Him!

## **Loving Muslims for Christ**

MANCHESTER: THE
"MAHABBA" LOVE
CHALLENGE.
(MAHABBA=LOVE IN ARABIC)
I woke up on Tuesday with my



heart churning about Manchester. As a Mahabba team across the UK, we were respectfully remaining silent to give Manchester time to grieve and find a way to respond. However, it became so obvious that we could not remain silent: Read More

## **The Balkan Call**

The **Balkan Call** is taking place in conjunction with a network called Balkan Networks in **Prishtina**,

Kosovofrom October 26-28, 2017. This past Fall the first Balkan Call took place for prayer, worship, and networking for the purpose of building and



strengthening a greater network of prayer and love in an area torn by war over the decades and centuries. About 150 people gathered from at least 6 Balkan nations, and other European nations as well (and America, Uganda, etc.). This year we are praying that multiple houses of prayer will also be established near borders of some of the more difficult relational areas (border of Kosovo-Serbia, Greece-Turkey-Bulgaria etc.), and that family prayer altars will be established throughout every nation.

This year Chris Vennetti and Chris Leeper are planning on attending and doing some training on intimacy with God, building personal, family, local,

and regional prayer altars for the sake of transforming the nations.

We would like to invite all of you from the Balkans, or anyone else who has a heart for the Balkans, to be praying for this conference with us in unity, and to pray into participating as well in Prishtina, Kosovo from October 26-28.

If you have any questions, please let us know.

In Christ, Steve Beiler Albanian Prayer Network Balkan Networks sbeiler@eurasiaregion.org

## **Pray For Revival In Europe**



During the Herrnhut Consultation, we had a strong focus on praying for revival in Germany and Europe. Here is an encouraging word. Eric Metaxas notes some trends that point to an increased spiritual hunger among Europeans and asks: "Has the demise of Christianity in Europe been greatly exaggerated? There are some encouraging signs of life." Read More

Let us pray that God sends much-needed rain to both sides of the Atlantic."

### **IPC Calendar**

2017 25 May thru 4 Jun - Thy Kingdom Come www.thykingdomcome.global

2017 15-17 June - The 2017 Prayer Conference registration@riseup-now.com

2017 27 May thru 25 Jun - 30 Days of Prayer for the Muslim World

http://pray30days.org/



2017 17 thru 26 Aug and 11 thru 20 Sept Bhutan Prayer Initiative

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

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

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### The IPC Website

The IPC website is part of a hub that aims to equip and inform the Church worldwide. 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 administrator at office@ipcprayer.org.

## **About International Prayer Connect (IPC)**



#### **OUR VISION:**

"Compelled by God to seek Christ's glory worldwide for the blessing, healing, and transforming of the nations, International Prayer Connect exists as a coalition of prayer networkers and mobilizers working together to motivate, develop and equip national movements and local churches to fill all nations with prayer for the fulfillment of the Great Commandment and the completion of the Great Commission."

### **HOW WE OPERATE:**

The IPC is not an organization as such. We are a fellowship of people involved in mobilizing prayer throughout the world. We function as an international "network of networks", connecting international, regional, and national prayer ministries and networks. We also arrange or support special prayer initiatives that bring prayer leaders together from time to time to pray for matters of regional and global concern to the Body of Christ. Regional prayer summits have been arranged or supported by the IPC in most regions of the world as well as international prayer initiatives for the United Nations, Hollywood, and other issues.

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.

## **Donating to IPC Through PayPal**

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