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01 Prayer as a Strategic Resource in Mission (Part 2)

By John D Robb

Prayer can often be the missing link in our efforts on behalf of the unevangelized world. As important as good organization, planning, and strategy are in world evangelization, in our busyness for God we may have neglected to link up with His power and direction to carry out that particular part of His mission given to us. And that is a crucial omission!

While doing some research at the Fuller Seminary library, I was startled to discover amidst their sizeable holdings on missions to discover no book specifically on the subject of prayer and missions. True, there were passing references to prayer in volumes on the history of missions and the theology of missions. But the great bulk of books dealt with issues of mission strategy, organization and planning. Could this unwitting omission at one of the great schools of missiology be reflective of a more general neglect of a critical factor in the accomplishment of world evangelization?

In musing over the failure of his generation to evangelize the world by 1900, A.T. Pierson attributed this failure not only to a lack on consecration in the church evidenced by a lack of giving, faith, personal holiness, but most of all to the lack of prevailing prayer. He wrote:

"Every time the church has set herself to praying there have been stupendous movements in the mission world. If we should but transfer the stress of our dependence and emphasis from appeals to men to appeals to God-from trust in organization to trust in supplication-from confidence in methods to importunate prayer for the power of the Holy Spirit, we should see results more astounding than have yet been wrought."

"There is...too little simple looking unto that real source of success, the power of God in answer to prayer, first to open doors of access, then to raise up and thrust forth laborers and then to break down all opposition and make the truth mighty in converting, subduing, saving and sanctifying."

Participants at the Northfield Convention of 1885 expressed the same sentiment:

"But above all else our immediate and imperative need is a new spirit of earnest and prevailing prayer. The first Pentecost crowned ten days of united, continued supplication. Every subsequent advance maybe directly traced to believing prayer and upon this must depend a new Pentecost. We therefore earnestly appeal to all fellow disciples to join us and each other in importunate daily supplication for a new and mighty effusion of the Holy Spirit upon all ministers, missionaries, evangelists, pastors, teachers and Christian workers and upon the whole earth; that God would impart to all Christ's witnesses the tongues of fire and melt hard hearts before the burning message. It is not by might not by power but by the Spirit of the Lord that all true success must be secured. Let us call upon God till He answereth by fire!"

Twenty-five years later the year 1900 had come and gone. At the conclusion of the great Edinburgh Conference on Mission in 1910, Jonathan Goforth expressed his disillusionment with the missions movement for generally failing to follow through in making prayer an ongoing priority in world evangelization:

"Listening to the addresses that day one could not but conclude that the giving of the Gospel to lost mankind was largely a matter of better organization, better equipment, more men and women. Symptoms indeed were not lacking that a few more sparks might have precipitated an explosion. But no, the dethronement of the idol of ecclesiastical self-efficiency was apparently too great a price to pay....We still refuse to face the unchangeable truth that 'it is not by might nor by power, but BY MY SPIRIT.'"



Perhaps the Edinburgh Conference Report also betrays a recognition that prayer had not been given its due in the years before and after 1900: *"When the church sets itself to pray with the same seriousness and strength of purpose that it has devoted to other forms of Christian effort, it will see the Kingdom of God come with power."*

Whether or not prayer became a missing link in the world missions effort before and after 1900 is a question for further research. Nevertheless, we face the same danger today of falling into the trap of thinking that if we were just better organized, just better coordinated, just better deployed with our people and resources, we would be able to accomplish world evangelization. Pierson and Goforth were right. They realized that world evangelization above all is an issue to be decided by spiritual power, the power of the Holy Spirit released in response to the prayers of His people.

Arthur Matthews, the late former missionary of the China Inland Mission, put his finger on the reason that we often do not emphasize prayer enough: "The concept that treats prayer as if it were a supplemental booster in getting some project off the ground makes the project primary and the prayer secondary. Prayer was never meant to be incidental to the work of God. It is the work." Could we and other mission strategists be guilty of treating prayer as if it were a nice add-on to the other "strategic" things we are up to? Could it be that we have ignored the most strategic activity in accomplishing world evangelization? Reasons from Scripture, the history of missions and current missionary experience all compel us to contend that prayer is our most strategic resource in missions.

John Robb, IPC Chairman

(Excerpted and adapted from the article by John Robb "Prayer as a Strategic Weapon in Frontier Mission" published in the International Journal of Frontier Missiology in 1991)

02 He is (The Names of God) – (Return of Majesty Trilogy)

This is a magnificent reminder of whom we are praying to, the Awesome God, presented in all His names. This beautiful recounting of His diverse names in Scripture will uplift and encourage you to meditate on and pray to the Lord of Eternity.

<https://youtu.be/NschCa395-M>



03 Honoring the Passing of a Great Man of God: Billy Graham

In one of his many interviews, Billy Graham said that as a busy international evangelist, if he had his life to live again, he would devote more time to prayer and study of God's Word.

Let's pray that we may follow his example and that the rich legacy of this world-famous yet humble, loving and wise man of God will continue to impact our world not



only during this coming week during his funeral but also in the future.

Here is a brief tribute and some timeless quotes from Dr. Graham:

*EDITOR'S NOTE: **The Rev. Billy Graham passed away at the age of 99** on February 21, 2018.*

Billy Graham preached the message of Christ's freedom and forgiveness around the world, reaching over 200 million people in more than 185 countries. He led hundreds of thousands of people to pray to receive Jesus Christ into their lives as Lord and Savior. His integrity and wisdom opened doors to offer spiritual support and guidance for United States presidents from Eisenhower to Bush. He was a friend to celebrities, politicians, athletes, and leaders, such as Martin Luther King, Jr., Bono, Muhammad Ali, Johnny Cash, Larry King, and WWII hero and Olympian Louis Zamperini. Billy Graham was named by Americans as "One of the Ten Most Admired Men in the World," a record-breaking 59 times with the Gallup poll. He was known through the years as not only a world-renowned evangelist, but as a kind, non-judgmental, accepting, and humorous soul.

His message is timeless, powerful, and relevant for today. The phrase, "the Bible says," resounds throughout his sermons, and the truth he preached for years still transcends all barriers of denominational differences, age, nationality, and culture. It has stood the test of time and generations, pointing millions to Christ.

The Reverend Billy Graham preached God's Word with conviction and passion for over 60 years. Here are just a few of his words of wisdom.

On Heaven:

"My home is in **Heaven**. I'm just traveling through this world."

"Heaven is full of answers for which nobody ever bothered to ask."

"God will prepare everything for our perfect happiness in heaven, and if it takes my dog being there, I believe he'll be there."

"The moment we take our last breath on earth, we take our first in heaven."

On Jesus:

"God proved his love on the Cross. When Christ hung, and bled, and died, it was God saying to the world, 'I love you.'"

"Christ not only died for all: he died for each."

"We say to our children, 'Act like grown-ups,' but Jesus said to the grown-ups, 'Be like children.'"

"The only hope for enduring peace is Jesus Christ."

"Without the resurrection, the cross is meaningless."

"The cross shows us the seriousness of our sin—but it also shows us the immeasurable love of God."

On God's Will and Purpose for Us:

"The will of God will not take us where the grace of God cannot sustain us."

"God never takes away something from your life without replacing it with something better."

"Take one day at a time. Today, after all, is the tomorrow you worried about yesterday."

"God has given us two hands, one to receive with and the other to give with."

On How to Live with Eyes Fixed on Eternity:

"I've read the last page of the Bible, it's all going to turn out all right."

"There is nothing wrong with men possessing riches. The wrong comes when riches possess men."

"If a person gets his attitude toward money straight, it will help straighten out almost every other area in his life."

"The only time my prayers are never answered is on the golf course."

"When wealth is lost, nothing is lost; when health is lost, something is lost; when character is lost, all is lost."

"Knowing we will be with Christ forever far outweighs our burdens today! Keep your eyes on eternity!"

"World events are moving very rapidly now. I pick up the Bible in one hand, and I pick up the newspaper in the other. And I read almost the same words in the newspaper as I read in the Bible. It's being fulfilled every day round about us."

On Loving God and Loving Others Well:

"It is the Holy Spirit's job to convict, God's job to judge and my job to love."

"A real Christian is the one who can give his pet parrot to the town gossip."

"Sin is the second most powerful force in the universe, for it sent Jesus to the cross. Only one force is greater—the love of God."

"The framers of our Constitution meant we were to have freedom of religion, not freedom from religion."

"They asked her (Ruth Graham) did she ever think about divorce and she said, 'No, I've never thought of divorce in all these 35 years of marriage, but,' she said, 'I did think of murder a few times.'"

"Our society strives to avoid any possibility of offending anyone – except God."

On Evangelism:

"We are the Bibles the world is reading; we are the creeds the world is needing; we are the sermons the world is heeding."

"I have never known anyone to accept Christ's redemption and later regret it."

"Tears shed for self are tears of weakness, but tears shed for others are a sign of strength."

"Being a Christian is more than just an instantaneous conversion – it is a daily process whereby you grow to be more and more like Christ."

"The message I preach hasn't changed. Circumstances have changed. Problems have changed, but deep inside man has not changed, and the gospel hasn't changed."

On Suffering:

"Comfort and prosperity have never enriched the world as much as adversity has."

"Mountaintops are for views and inspiration, but fruit is grown in the valleys."

"When we come to the end of ourselves, we come to the beginning of God."

"Someone asked me recently if I didn't think God was unfair, allowing me to have Parkinson's and other medical problems when I have tried to serve him faithfully. I replied that I did not see it that way at all. Suffering is part of the human condition, and it comes to us all. The key is how we react to it, either turning away from God in anger and bitterness or growing closer to him in trust and confidence."

"Believers, look up – take courage. The angels are nearer than you think."

"Quit beating yourself up. We all live under grace and do the best we can."

From Billy Graham's 9/11 Message at the Washington National Cathedral:

I've become an old man now. And I've preached all over the world. And the older I get, the more I cling to that hope that I started with many years ago, and proclaimed it in many languages to many parts of the world."

That hope he speaks of so passionately, is the powerful message of Christ and the cross.

"The cross tells us that God understands our sin and our suffering, for he took them upon himself in the Person of Jesus Christ. From the cross God declares, 'I love you. I know the heartaches and the sorrows and the pain that you feel. But I love you.'

*The story does not end with the cross, for Easter points us beyond the tragedy of the cross to the empty tomb. It tells us that there is hope for eternal life, for Christ has conquered evil and death and **hell**. Yes, there is hope."*

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" (**John 3:16**).

Just as I am.

All is grace.

(From "Forty Powerful Quotes of Billy Graham" by Debbie McDaniel^[1] Crosswalk.com Contributing Writer)

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Watch a Live Stream of Billy Graham's preaching from the Billy Graham Evangelical Association:
<https://memorial.billygraham.org/live-stream/>



04 King Abdullah of Jordan believes in Jesus the Messiah!

King Abdullah clearly announced that he believes in a recent media interview.

<https://youtu.be/NMMvswyDlpl> (TRUNEWS Christian News media in Miami)

Let's pray for other political leaders of Middle Eastern and other nations to come to faith and speak out boldly, giving their citizens the freedom to also confess and practice their faith!



05 1 in 6 children now living in areas affected by conflict

"Denis* was just six years old when his house in Ukraine was hit by a shell, leaving him with shrapnel wounds to his skull and body. Doctors were unable to remove all the shrapnel over fears it could cause nerve damage and leave him without movement in his arm, so the remaining fragments remain under his skin.

He is one of at least 357 million children who are now living in areas around the world impacted by armed conflict, a report by the Save the Children charity has revealed.



Since 1991, the number has increased by 75 per cent, with one in six children globally now considered to be living in areas where they are vulnerable to grave violations of their human rights.

Such violations include killing and maiming, sexual violence, the recruitment and use of children, abductions, attacks on schools and hospitals and the denial of humanitarian assistance...

The number of United Nations-verified cases of children being killed or maimed has increased by almost 300 per cent since 2010, while incidents of the denial of humanitarian access have increased by more than 1,500 per cent, the "War on Children" report said.

The rise has been fueled by a growing lack of respect for the rules of war and indiscriminate violence in countries such as Syria, Afghanistan and South Sudan.

The report found children have increasingly been used as suicide bombers, while schools and hospitals have been deliberately targeted and children maimed and killed as a result of the widespread use of indiscriminate weapons, such as cluster munitions, barrel bombs and improvised explosive devices (IEDs).

Two in five children in the Middle East live in a conflict zone, the highest rate globally, while one in five children is affected by conflict in Africa. Asia has the highest overall number of children affected by conflict.

Syria, Afghanistan and Somalia were the most dangerous conflict-afflicted areas in the world to be a child in 2016, the last year for which comprehensive data is available.

Keven Waters, CEO of Save the Children, said: "The marked increase in the number of children living in conflict-affected areas, combined with the worsening violations against those children by warring parties, should worry all of us.

"We face a stark choice. Do we stand by while more children die in school attacks or in their hospital beds - or are denied life-saving aid - or will we tackle the culture of impunity and end this 'war on children'?"

Samuel Osborne, Helen Hoddinott, Thursday 15 February 2018, Independent.co.uk

Please pray for the United Nations and governments of the world community to work together to end the multiple wars that are destroying the lives of so many children and their families right now. Agree in faith that Satan, the murderer and destroyer, will be bound and that Christ's peace will come in and rule these conflicted situations. Here are some of them in the news right now:

1) Syria

The United Nations has called for an extension of Russia's daily five-hour pause in military activity in the besieged eastern Ghouta area while the European Union has urged Russia, Iran, and Turkey to fully implement a UN order for a cease-fire.

"Five hours is better than no hours but we would like to see any cessation of hostilities be extended," UN spokesman Stephane Dujarric said on February 26.

Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu said on February 26 that President Vladimir Putin ordered a "humanitarian pause" from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. local time, Russian news agencies reported.

A humanitarian corridor will be opened in Ghouta to allow civilians to leave, Shoigu also said.

Yury Yevtushenko, a Russian official based in Syria, said on February 26 that Syrian government troops would not carry out any air strikes during the daily five-hour-long pause.

The announcement comes after the UN Security Council on February 24 passed a resolution demanding a 30-day cease-fire "without delay" to allow aid deliveries and medical evacuations in Syria's conflict areas.

The move followed a week of intense bombardment by Syrian government forces in the besieged area near Damascus that killed more than 540 people, according to activists."

Russia has ordered a daily pause in fighting on the rebel-held enclave of eastern Ghouta to start from tomorrow after a UN-ordered ceasefire failed to hold.

Vladimir Putin's demand to his ally Bashar Assad offers hope for residents inside the contested zone to escape - and for humanitarian aid to come in.

Children were among those killed and injured a fresh wave of what are said to be chemical attacks on the area today. A UN Security Council resolution passed at the weekend which called for a 30-day cease-fire across Syria **failed to stop the carnage** in the eastern Ghouta region.

Nearly 90 have been killed since the vote was taken since Saturday.

The priority now is to get urgent humanitarian relief to those in eastern Ghouta.

That is more likely to be possible, thanks to Russia's demand for a five-hour pause in military operations in the area each day.

Russia's Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu said Putin has ordered daily "humanitarian pauses" between 9am and 2pm, starting from Tuesday.

But in a war where ceasefire deals have failed many times before, those inside eastern Ghouta are still watching and hoping to see if it holds.

Radio Free Europe and ITV News

2) Yemen

"A proxy war between Iran-aligned Houthis and the internationally recognized government of President Abd-Rabbu Mansour Hadi, which is backed by a Saudi-led alliance, has killed more than 10,000 people since 2015, displaced more than 2 million and destroyed much of the country's infrastructure, including the health system...

Yemen relies heavily on food imports and is on the brink of famine. The United Nations says more than 22 million of Yemen's 25 million population need humanitarian assistance, including 11.3 million who are in acute need.

Salama said the country had also had an outbreak of diphtheria, a vaccine-preventable disease that usually affects children and which has largely been eliminated in developed countries.

Both cholera and diphtheria outbreaks are a product of the damage to the health system in the country, he said, adding that less than half of Yemen's health facilities are fully functioning.

"We're very concerned we're going to go from a failing health system to a failed one that's going to spawn more infectious diseases and more suffering," Salama said."

3) South Sudan

“South Sudan is close to another famine, aid officials said on Monday, after more than four years of civil war and failed ceasefires in the world’s youngest nation.

Almost two-thirds of the population will need food aid this year to stave off starvation and malnutrition as aid groups prepare for the “toughest year on record”, members of a working group including South Sudanese and U.N. officials said.

“The situation is extremely fragile, and we are close to seeing another famine. The projections are stark. If we ignore them, we’ll be faced with a growing tragedy,” said Serge Tissot, from the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization in South Sudan.

A total of 5.3 million people, 48 percent of the population, are already in “crisis” or “emergency” - stages three and four on a five point scale, according to a survey published by the working group.

The oil-rich east African nation has been torn apart by an ethnically charged civil war since late 2013, when troops loyal to President Salva Kiir and then-Vice President Riek Machar clashed.

Since then, more than 4 million people have been forced to flee their homes, creating Africa’s largest refugee crisis since the 1994 Rwandan genocide...”

Tom Miles; Editing by Peter Graff and Andrew Heavens for Reuters.com

Please hold up these tragic and horrible conflicts before the Lord, asking that He bring about peace negotiations, effective humanitarian relief, and willingness by the combatants to declare ceasefires that hold, bring about reconciliation and become lasting peace agreements. Only God in His mercy can bring about a real solution as His people pray, both within these affected nations and around the world.

He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth.

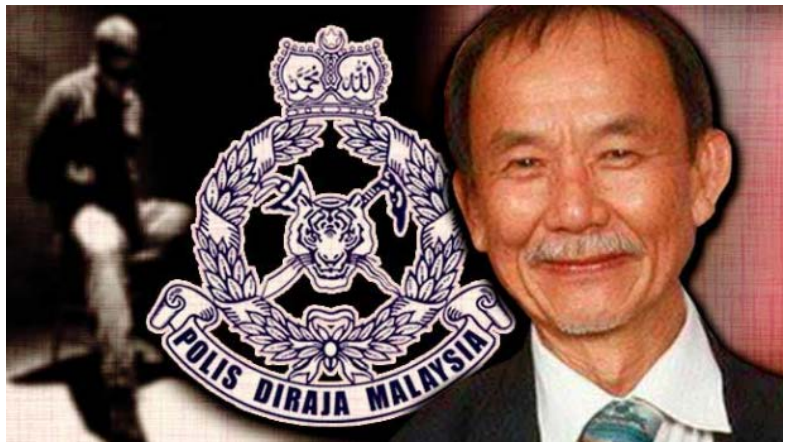
He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields^[d] with fire.

*He says, “Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth.” (Psalms 46:9-10)*

06 Pray for Malaysia

Malaysia at the southern tip of the Asian land mass is a colorful and endearing country of SE Asia. It is now at a tipping point in its history as a multi-ethnic democratic experiment, now going into its crucial national elections anytime between now and June 23rd.

1. **Please pray for a free and fair election with honest results and that serious governmental corruption will be overthrown as a result.**



2. Pray for the honest resolution of the unresolved case of the abduction of Pastor Raymond Koh and his release from captivity if he is still alive. February will be the 1st anniversary of his abduction. There are concerns about a possible cover-up by the police and authorities that were supposed to investigate the case. Three other Christian leaders and social activists were also kidnapped a couple months earlier and are also still missing.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Raymond_Koh

For a more in-depth article, click this recent update marking the anniversary on 13th February: <http://www.malaysia-chronicle.com/malaysia-under-najib-no-longer-safe-for-christians-pastor-koh-betrayed-abandoned-amid-rising-tide-of-anti-christian-sentiment/>

3. The freedom of the Christians to use the word “Allah” for God (Jill Ireland 'Allah' court case decision on 23 March, 2018)

<https://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2017/10/jill-ireland-back-court-malaysia-considers-christians-right-call-god-allah/>

4. Favor for the Gospel and Christians within the majority Muslim population due to increasing 'anti-Christian' sentiments among Muslims

<https://www.nst.com.my/news/nation/2018/01/321899/other-countries-encouraged-emulate-malaysias-way-combating-terrorism> (Christians are equated with ISIS)

<https://www.themalaysianinsight.com/s/5196/> (Call to outlaw evangelicalism)

5. Pray that Malaysians of all the diverse ethnic groups will get to hear His Good News and that His messengers in that land will be bold and fearless in making Jesus Christ known to all.

07 Who's Really Winning the North Korea Standoff?

Victor Davis Hanson

There have been wild reports that the United States is considering a "bloody nose" preemptive attack of some sort on North Korea's nuclear arsenal. Such rumors are unlikely to prove true.

Preemptive attacks usually are based on the idea that things will so worsen that hitting first is the only chance to decapitate a regime before it can do greater damage.



But in the struggle between Pyongyang and Washington, who really has gotten the upper hand?

With its false happy face in the current Winter Olympics, North Korea thinks it is winning the war of nerves. Yet its new nuclear missile strategy is pretty transparent. It wants to separate South Korea's strategic interests from those of the United States, with boasts -- backed by occasional missile nuclear tests -- that it can take out West Coast cities.

Pyongyang could then warn its new frenemy, Seoul, that the United States would never risk its own homeland to keep protecting South Korea. Thus, it would supposedly be wiser for Koreans themselves, in the spirit of Olympic brotherhood, to settle their own differences. A failed but nuclear North Korea ultimately would dictate the terms of the relationship to a successful but non-nuclear South Korea.

North Korea might even insincerely offer to dismantle some of its nuclear assets, if the United States would just pull out its forces from the demilitarized zone at the 38th parallel. This strategy would also send the message to the United States that it should have little interest risking a nuclear exchange over a distant and largely internal Korean matter.

The playbook is that of the old Soviet Union during the Cold War, when it habitually tried to separate Europe from the United States. Moscow warned neighboring Europeans that America would never risk its cities to keep the Red Army out of Germany. At the same time, it advised the United States simply to let Europe go and not risk its homeland for such ankle-biting ingrates.

Meanwhile, North Korea's patron, China, also thinks time is on the communist side. Beijing still believes that if Pyongyang can tone down the rhetoric a bit and cut back on the missile testing, things can return to the nuclear status quo of the last decade, which serves China's interest.

North Korea can continue to be a passive-aggressive Chinese pit bull that diverts American time, attention and military assets. China can still offer plausible deniability that it has any control over the rogue North Korean government.

Time, however, may actually be on the American side. The situation in 2018 will certainly be better than it was in 2016. Under the prior policy of "strategic patience," Washington apparently accepted having North Korean missiles pointed at the West Coast. But things are changing in several ways.

First, Japan, South Korea and the United States are rushing to expand several missile-defense systems that may soon not just end North Korea's first-strike capability, but China's as well.

Second, there is serious talk in Japan about developing nuclear weapons. Obviously, Japanese missiles would be pointed at North Korea and China, not the United States. The world has assumed over the last 20 years that unstable regimes such as North Korea, Iran and Pakistan would go nuclear and threaten Western democracies. The next round of proliferation is more likely to be among Western democracies themselves. A nuclear Japan (or South Korea or Taiwan) would not be in China's interest.

Third, there is evidence that tough new sanctions are eroding an already anemic North Korea. The U.S. economy is booming; North Korea's is collapsing. China already is preparing for a flood of refugees across the Chinese-North Korean border.

Fourth, the United States has an array of ways to ratchet up pressure on China to force North Korea to denuclearize -- ranging from tougher trade sanctions to denying visas to thousands of Chinese students and property holders.

Fifth, Donald Trump's approval ratings are up somewhat. And with an improving economy, the Trump administration is gaining clout at home and abroad. On foreign matters, Trump is letting subordinates such as Secretary of State Rex Tillerson, Secretary of Defense James Mattis, National Security Adviser H.R. McMaster, Ambassador to the U.N. Nikki Haley and CIA Director Mike Pompeo do the talking. And they are lining up the world against North Korea.

It would be a mistake at this time to stage a preemptive attack on North Korea. Bombing the North Koreans would trigger a wider war and disrupt the world economy. But most importantly, it would be an act of desperation, not an act of confidence.

In the current nuclear standoff, the United States is insidiously gaining the upper hand while North Korea becomes even poorer and more isolated. The world may not recognize it, but the U.S. is slowly winning.

https://www.realclearpolitics.com/articles/2018/02/15/whos_really_winning_the_north_korea_standoff_136279.html

Let's continue to uphold the standoff with North Korea in our prayers that the Kim Jong Un regime will fold under pressure and be willing to denuclearize and enter the community of nations. May the governments of South Korea, Japan and the USA have God's wisdom to act in concert to bring about this result!

08 Why Don't We Care About the Slaughter of Nigerian Christians?

Thousands of Christians are being butchered in Nigeria and whole villages being destroyed.

**Why are we so unconcerned?
Why don't we care?**

I believe the biggest reason is that we simply don't know about what's happening there. Well, now you know. Here are the facts.

For the last several months, one of my good friends, a Christian missionary serving the poorest of the poor in Nigeria, has been sending me emails with terrifying news. Fulani tribesmen raping and killing villagers. Children being used as Islamic suicide bombers, resulting in scores of casualties. One horrible report after another.

Yet with each email I received, as I scoured the major news agencies in the West, I found nothing reported. Not a word.

At the same time, Nigerian news sources were ablaze with reports of the latest atrocities.

Today, I saw this shocking headline on Jihad Watch: "Nigeria: Muslims wipe out 15 villages in mass slaughter of Christians, government does nothing."

The article began with this quote, "Despite several calls to the governor and his deputy, and other security apparatus, the government remained silent as the atrocities continued. The Fulani were able to carry out their deadly attack. They stayed for hours in the vicinity, moving at will, unchallenged."

How could this be? According to Robert Spencer at Jihad Watch, it's because "Nigerian President Muhammadu Buhari clearly has no sympathy for the victims. He shares the world view of the jihadi attackers."

When I emailed my friend in Nigeria to ask if this was true, she wrote back immediately:

"This article doesn't state which villages, so I am not sure. It is happening every day. The worst this year was the New Year's Day massacre, followed by a mass burial of 73 victims. There have been many attacks since then. Villages razed, girls and women raped, men butchered. Cutlasses have been replaced by AK-47's. The military has, at times, seemed complicit.

"The president only gets upset when there are reprisal killings of Fulani. He himself is a Fulani man and a cattle-rearer. The stated reason is grazing rights. If you object to cows eating your crops, you, your village and maybe surrounding ones will be attacked. It is in every paper, every day. The nation is smoldering. Only Jesus." (Her closing sentence meant, "Jesus is our nation's only hope.")



She also sent me this YouTube link, viewed over 180,000 times at present, in which a Nigerian social commentator who lives in the States blasts the president's alleged inaction (and, worse still, alleged wrong actions).

The video begins with a clip from a pastor, boldly denouncing wickedness in the government and stating plainly that, "The killing, the killing that is going on in Nigeria shows the irresponsibility of the president called Buhari."

And the pastor urged every Nigerian to fight back, not with weapons but by getting their voter's cards, urging the people not to let wicked men in government to decide their fate. Yes, he bellowed, "Enough is enough!"

As a result of his sermon, we are informed that a warrant was issued for his arrest.

Outrageous? Absolutely. But Nigeria is a nation divided, with a Muslim majority in the north and a Christian majority in the south, with terrorist groups like Boko Haram still on the prowl, and with systemic governmental corruption. And as Christianity continues to spread across the nation at an exponential pace, so also persecution is spreading. As reported by Christian Today in 2016, "Muslims are converting to Christianity in northern Nigeria amid rapidly rising levels of Christian persecution, which has seen more than ten thousand Christians killed in five years, according to a new report released today.

"While much media attention has been focused on Islamic State and the plight of persecuted minorities in the Middle East, 11,500 Christians in northern Nigeria were killed in five years between 2006-2014, and 13,000 churches were destroyed, forcing 1.3 million Christians to flee to safer areas of the country."

As devastating as these statistics are, they are more likely under-reported than over-reported, which again begs the question: Why don't we care? Why aren't we raising our voices? Why aren't we standing with our fellow-believers in prayer?

Again, I believe it is largely because of our ignorance.

But if you've read this article, you can't claim ignorance any more. And the first thing you can do to help combat these atrocities is share this article with your friends. Let's get educated, let's get praying, and let's get the word out to the rest of the world until the Nigerian government does what is right - or is replaced by leaders who will.

http://prophecynewswatch.com/article.cfm?recent_news_id=2033

Please pray for the protection of these suffering fellow followers of Christ in Africa's most populous nation that is beset by Christian-Muslim tensions. Pray for the president and government to intervene to stop this slaughter of His people and for the Gospel to continue to bring large numbers of Muslims to faith in Jesus.

09 Pressure on Pakistan's Support of Terrorism is Helping

<https://clarionproject.org/pressure-pays-trumps-threats-pakistan/>

"Although Pakistan claimed it was fighting terror (the military says it lost more than 7,000 soldiers fighting al-Qaeda, the Pakistani Taliban and ISIS since the 9/11 attacks), you rightly said it wasn't enough.

The country's obvious support for the Afghan Taliban, the Haqqani network (another Afghani terror organization) and Lashkar-e-Tayyaba was more than enough reason for you to tighten the purse strings.



Not to mention the threat that Pakistan could be the next country added to the travel ban.

So, not only did Pakistan's president order the detention of Saeed and start enforcing the country's anti-terror laws, he also appointed a new head of the military, Gen. Qamar Javed Bajwa, who insiders say has a reputation for being religiously progressive and pro-democracy."

Let's continue to pray that Pakistan will completely root out radical Islamic terrorist sympathizers and supporters from its government and society.

Christian Post has highlighted that as many as 1,000 Christian families are fleeing their homes in Lahore, Pakistan, fearful of extremists who've threatened to set their houses on fire in the wake of a mob demanding a Christian teenager be hanged for alleged "blasphemous" Facebook posts.

More here: <https://www.christianpost.com/news/1000-christian-families-flee-after-mob-demands-pakistani-teen-be-hanged-for-facebook-post-218995/>

Let's also pray for Masih and all those affected by this situation.

Pray that the country's blasphemy law will be overthrown and that the Christians' lives and rights as a minority will be protected by the government.

10 Pray for Lesotho, a Tiny Nation with a Great Calling

Lesotho's Redemptive Purpose is that 'It is the Lighthouse of the Region', this naturally links us with South Africa because we are land locked within her but let me focus on Lesotho for now.

Prophetically, the LORD is mightily at work in Lesotho. Spirit of Prayer is intensifying.

The LORD is already giving specific assignments and I am presently involved in one, we are a team of 12.



Through this team the LORD is addressing specific areas/issues.

Our immediate prayer needs include:

1 Need to be in unity under guidance of the Holy Spirit whenever we are together on the assignment.

2 Need to be totally yielded to God's leading in terms of time and where to be and what to do.

3 Lesotho as a Nation including our leaders to hear and return to God and His ways.

4 The Church to be about God's Kingdom business not own agenda.

From Nthuntsi Borotho, a local prayer leader

View the PrayerCast Prayer Video on Lesotho: <http://www.prayercast.com/lesotho.html>

Use the Operation World online prayer resource: <http://www.operationworld.org/leso>

11 Papua New Guinea Earthquake flattens villages

Whole villages were flattened and water sources spoiled by a powerful earthquake on February 26th that killed at least 20 people, residents said on Wednesday as rescuers struggled to reach the hardest-hit areas in Papua New Guinea's remote, mountainous highlands.

The magnitude 7.5 quake rocked the rugged Southern Highlands province some 560 km (350 miles) northwest of the capital, Port Moresby, triggering landslides, damaging mining, gas and power infrastructure, and cutting communications.

Most of the confirmed fatalities were in or around the provincial capital of Mendi, where television pictures showed collapsed buildings and landslides, and the town of Tari, according to authorities and residents contacted by Reuters.



Pray for those affected by the quake and especially the bereaved.

Pray for the relief efforts and for the authorities as they approach rebuilding the villages and infrastructure.

More at: <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-papua-quake/papua-new-guinea-officials-say-whole-villages-flattened-by-deadly-quake-idUSKCN1GC0C9>

12 Report from Global Uprising planning in Jakarta



Thanks to those of you who were able to cover the Global Uprising (United Prayer Rising- World Youth Prayer Assembly) when the international team met with the Indonesians last month.

It was an anointed, valuable, productive gathering that brought us to consensus about calling on-fire youth and others in the prayer movement who would like to take part to Jakarta, October 17-20, 2018.

The team is projecting that up to 4000 will take part and is currently looking to finalize a good venue for the assembly in that city. The theme will be ***"Receiving the Moravian Lampstand: PRAYER + MISSIONS"***.

How exciting that youth from around the world will be together to hear His call into their unique missions in life!

What could be more strategic for His Kingdom and our world?

Would you please keep the planning team for the Global Uprising in your prayers over the coming months and also encourage youth and others you think should consider coming to go to the Uprising website to find out more about this magnificent gathering: www.unitedprayerrising.com.

View the United Prayer Rising Vision video presented by Pastor Jerome Ocampo:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fb89ot9n5_U&feature=youtu.be



13 Crucial Upcoming California Prayer Events

California is almost like a country of its own due to its large size, population, and economy. It is also perhaps the most powerful trend-setter for the rest of the USA and the world as the home of Hollywood.

Some prayer leaders in California are asking us to pray about some key upcoming efforts there.



1. *Awaken California!*

Coming out of *Awaken the Dawn*, the 50-state prayer and worship effort at the Washington DC Mall last year, the core ATD team leaders are envisioning *Awaken California*. A local prayer leader writes: “We have an invitation-only gathering of 20-30 ATD California worship teams gathering February 23-25 to become family and move toward *Awaken California*.”

The following week we will be traveling with David Hershey (David’s Tent) and Pia Jo (National Mobilizer for ATD) to tour California (beginning in Sacramento on Feb. 25 and ending in San Diego on March 2) to cast vision for *Awaken California* and *Tent America 2018* (a prayer effort for all 50 state capitals to have 24/7 prayer and worship tents at the end of September).

Here are a few prayer requests:

- 1) God is building true family and relationship across California under Christ's headship. Pray for humility and alignment as we connect with one another.
- 2) We are commanded to love one another as He has loved us in John 13:34. Pray that we would truly begin to walk this out. That we would learn to value one another, to prefer one another, to show up and support one another. That our actions would speak louder than our words.
- 3) Pray for favor as we encourage Latino, Chinese, and African American leaders across our state.
- 4) Pray for provision, protection for our trip.
- 5) Pray that Jason Hershey from *David’s Tent* and Pia Jo Reynolds from *Awaken the Dawn* would feel honored and valued during their time in California.

2. *Welcome the King of Glory into California!*

This will be another key effort for California next month, Friday, March 23- 24, 2018. It will be a **Holy Convocation to WELCOME the KING of GLORY into CALIFORNIA**. The organizers write: “God is moving powerfully in our nation...manifesting His intention to bring us back to the very foundations upon which He brought us forth 242 years ago! We who are His...are moving with Him...cheering Him on as He engages in a wondrous WARFARE OF LOVE for the United States!

On behalf of the people of our nation, as representatives of the Ekklesia, the 24/7 National Strategic Prayer Call is hosting a Holy Convocation to WELCOME the KING of GLORY into CALIFORNIA on March 23rd- 24th at the ROCK Church in Anaheim, CA.”

For more information about attending, please see the event website:

<https://www.facebook.com/WTGOGCA/?ref=settings>

Please pray for His strong anointing, for wonderful unity in the Spirit, and for significant breakthroughs for this pivotal state to come out of both of these united prayer initiatives. It will bring blessing to our world from this powerful, trend-setting state!

14 UPRISING Bolivia Update

Blessings UPRISING family,

We haven't stop seeing a divine intervention in the country of Bolivia after UPRISING.

Certainly heaven and earth are crying out for manifestation of the sons of God. A powerful prayer movement of unity among the body of Christ and the people have started in Bolivia!

Important events this month (UPRISING Bolivia Prayer Network):

- Feb 4 : March for Jesus in Santa Cruz the churches united to pray and worship God.
- Feb 4-8 The main river of Cochabamba overflows and floods the Tiquipaya sector destroying almost the entire area.
- The overflow of other rivers affect other sectors of Cochabamba, such as Quillacollo
- Feb 9 : The church of Cochabamba is ONE in supporting the victims of the floods. Before UPRISING it was very difficult to see the churches working together serving the community. Even The Red Cross of Bolivia made a public recognition to pastors in regards this matter.
- Feb 12 : It begins another wave of Prayer & fasting convocations in various churches, in plazas and in several cities of Bolivia.
- Feb 21 : Across our beloved Bolivia women, men and children haven't stop praying and taking to the streets to defend our faith and democracy. February 21st 2016 commemorates when a majority of the population voted NO to



the re-election of Evo Morales who is still attempting to become president indefinitely by all means possible: bribery, propaganda and brute force, using the resources of the state to do so.

Bolivia went into a National civil strike today. The church and people of Bolivia say NO and will continue to say NO to his leftist regime. We say YES to JESUS! Bolivia will NOT be Venezuela. Bolivia will NOT follow the path of Cuba.

- Today, for the first time we see the unity of the Body of Christ reflected in the unity of the Bolivians.

Prayer requests:

Please pray that the will of God over our nation is revealed.

Pray that all violence, revenge, lies, deaths, injustices in every political and social spheres, covenants to the occult, and pacts with nations that can misuse our resources to their benefit, but to our economic detriment, are all uncovered.

Please pray that the People of God in our nation do not get weary, and continue the intercession in love and self-sacrifice.

Pray that all the natural disasters occurring through floods and devastation will continue to be an opportunity for the Bolivian Church to bring the Gospel of love, restoration and salvation in the Lord Jesus. Muchas gracias !

Peace,

Judith Yanira González
Executive Team
International Prayer Council

15 South East Asia Prayer Council 09-12 October 2018

SEAPC is a United Prayer Initiative for the Healing of the SEA nations in order to affect the 7 spheres to bring forth the Testimony of the Kingdom causing an "Awakening" to those who listen to His voice as they serve in their gifting in the different Spheres such as the Church, Family, Education, Government, Media, Arts and Business.

When God's People are United, Power is released.

The theme of the 15th SEA Prayer Council to be held on 9-12 October 2018 in Batam, Indonesia is 'RESTORATION of All THINGS'.

Speakers will include the co-founders of Succat Hallel, Jerusalem, Pastor Rick & Patty Ridings. They are respected leaders in the global prayer and worship movement. Rick has presented on God TV and spoken at conferences in 40 nations.

Also speaking will be Pastor Djohan Handojo, Senior Pastor of Bethany Church Singapore, GBI City Tower Jakarta and GBI Gatot Subroto's field mission and apostolic ministry of foreign affairs. He is also the co-ordinator of the Eastern Gate Prayer Convocation, a prayer movement for 40 countries located in Asia.



**15TH SEA PRAYER
COUNCIL 2018**
Batam, October 09 - 12
**“RESTORATION
OF
ALL THINGS...”**

Batam's Key Role:

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent.
For Jerusalem's sake I will not remain quiet
Isaiah 64: 1-4

To serve.... take a stand in God's prophetic plan...

In a world where feelings and opinions are held in higher esteem than the truth, it is easy to get lost in the midst of false prophecies and confusion. The infallible Word of God is the only source of reliable truth to help us navigate these tumultuous days.

Are we ready to connect with God's divine opportunity to make an impact in the different cultures and the spheres of influence so that the fire and the power of the Holy Spirit is manifest as we speak?

Continuing our journey from strength to strength, from glory to glory from last year's SEA Prayer Council in Subic, Philippines, 'Roadmap to Divine Destiny - Christlikeness' to Batam SEA Prayer Council 2018 'Whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which God has spoken since the world began. Acts 3:21

Come prepared for an appointment to listen and to value God's voice.

As we gather and unite in the power of the Holy Spirit let us eagerly anticipate and welcome The Glory of His Presence in Batam!

More information and to book:

<http://www.seaprayercouncil.faith/107seapc/index.php>

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16 IPC Calendar

Highway 19 Prayer Summit 2018 - for the Middle East

Feb 28 - March 3, 2018. The Ark Hostel, Yerevan, Armenia

Contact: evantagana@yahoo.com

New Year's Day SUNRISE PRAYER RELAY 1 Jan 2019

<http://www.sunriseprayerrelay.org/>

South East Asia Prayer Council – Batam, Indonesia

9-12 October 2018

<http://www.seaprayercouncil.faith/107seapc/index.php>



United Prayer Rising Events:

UPRISING Chennai, India - March 2018

UPRISING Toronto, Canada - August 8-11, 2018
www.uprisingcanada.com

UPRISING South Africa – 4th to 6th October 2018
<http://www.uprising-south-africa.org/>

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

UPRISING Global: Jakarta, Indonesia - October 17-20 2018 (WYPA)
<http://unitedprayerrising.com/>

UPRISING EUROPE – Date for 2019 To be advised shortly



17 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.



www.ipcprayer.org

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.

18 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

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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

19 Donations

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