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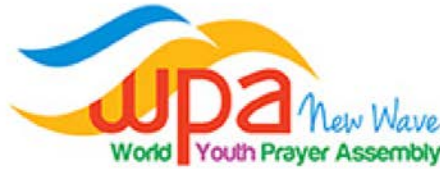
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Greetings!

We are pleased to bring you IPC Connections for March 2019.

We trust you will be blessed and encouraged as you read the editorial this month, in which I share some thoughts on Praying in the Authority of the Name of Jesus.

Our Colleagues from the **United Prayer Rising Europe** event have asked for our readers' help in two ways. Firstly, they are looking for sponsorship for delegates from Eastern European countries who without assistance, would not be able to attend. The team are also asking for help with getting their invitation message out to the furthest reaches of Europe and are looking for connections in the Balkan and several of the Eastern European countries. If you can assist, please be in touch with andy@uprisingeurope.org. **UPRising Europe** will be held on 8-11th July, 2019 at Ashburnham Place, in the UK. Full details about **UPRising Europe** can be found below and on their [website here](#). We continue to uphold this movement that aims to encourage and mobilise the younger generations into prayer and mission.

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Thank you for partnering with us in prayer in these crucial times.

Wishing you His continued blessings, equipping and guidance in 2019.

Jason Hubbard - Executive Coordinator | John D Robb – Chairman - International Prayer Connect

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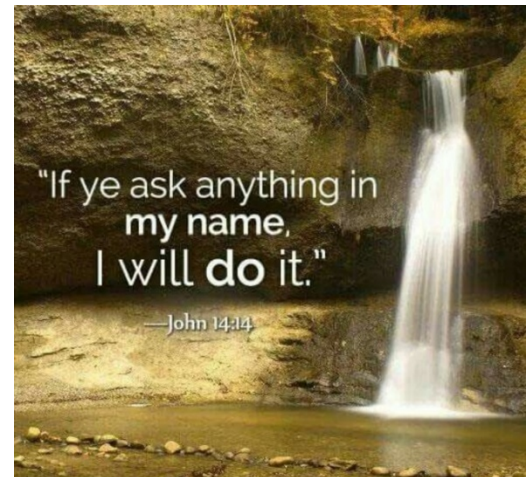
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01 Editorial: Praying in the authority of Jesus' name!

One of the leaders in our prayer ministry begins his prayers, "Father, we come before you in Jesus' name . . ." Three words that people traditionally use to conclude their prayers are used at the beginning by this brother. Rightly so. "In Jesus' name" was never designed to be a tack-on at the end of our superficial requests. Rather, "in Jesus' name" is a reality that changes why, how, and what we pray, from the very opening moment of our communion with God! According to Jesus one of the keys to answered prayer is praying 'in his name.'

John 14:13-14, "Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it."



John 15:16 (ESV), "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you."

John 16:23-24 He states, "And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you. Until now, you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full."

So what does Jesus mean when he says, "ask in his name?"

I see three primary things. **First** it is worship-based prayer focused on the character and renown of Christ. **Second**, we come on the basis of Christ's merit. **Third**, we are authorized to be Christ's representatives praying with his delegated authority!

Worship-based prayer

Ultimately God will answer prayer when it will magnify his name and his character! As Dr. Randal Roberts writes,

"Praying in Jesus name means to pray in a manner consistent with His values and purposes . . . It is to pray with the glorification of God as the supreme motive; It is to pray as Jesus would pray if He was in our circumstances; It is to pray as His followers who have been appointed as instruments of fruit-bearing in the outworking of His mission . . . It is learning to ask for the good things that He delights to give from the devoted heart that He delights to bless."

Praying 'in Jesus name' means we pray that the reputation of Jesus would be enhanced. Jesus Christ would be more clearly seen and savored, revealed and revered. We pray that the name of Jesus would be treated as infinitely valuable here on the earth as it is in heaven!

One major assumption when we pray is this:

There's always MORE --OF Christ, FROM Christ, and FOR Christ! As David Bryant shares, the one major GUARANTEE our prayers will be heard and answered is this: Will the answers to our prayers help...

EXALT Jesus' NAME?

SPREAD Jesus' FAME?
EXTEND Jesus' REIGN?
INCREASE Jesus' GAIN?
RATIFY Jesus' CLAIM?

Christ's Merit

Praying in the name of Jesus is no formality. We approach God in prayer through Jesus because Jesus is the grounds upon which God chooses to hear us. God chooses to hear us because we have loved Jesus and believed that God sent him. God answers those who ask of him on the basis of Jesus and his gospel work. You and I have no claim on God, but Christ does.

He merited the blessing of the Father's favor by his perfect life of obedience and sacrifice of the cross. Our access depends solely on what Jesus has done! When we pray in Jesus' name we are asking the Father, 'grant this request, because your Son the Lord Jesus has earned it!' May Jesus see the travail of his soul and be satisfied! May the Lamb who was slain receive his due reward. He is All-Deserving! Rev. 5:12

In our praying, it is God's name that is at stake! Jesus is telling us that His Father always acts in ways that honor his Name! He would never want the rumor to go out that when someone came asking in the name of his Son, that he was turned away.

Can you imagine going to God the Father in the name of God the Son and asking for more of the power or joy of the Holy Spirit, and be told to go away? Jesus says, 'it is impossible!' The Father will get up and give you as much of himself as you need and as you desire! So we pray, God vindicate your name in the nations of the earth!

Authorized as 'Christ's representatives'

Third, when we are praying in 'Jesus name' we are coming as those who are authorized to act in his place. Since we 'represent' him, Jesus authorized us to use his name in prayer. He gave us authority over his accounts. He asked us to exercise control over his estate-the kingdom of God!

We exercise our authority through prayer. By prayer we ask the Father for all we need to get the job done. By prayer we ask God to bind and destroy all demonic strongholds that are contrary to his will! By prayer we ask for justice, making wrong things right! By prayer we ask God to shatter evil regimes and expose corruption! By prayer we ask him to direct his grace and power for the advance of the gospel in the nations of the earth! To pray in Jesus name and with his authority ultimately means praying according to his will not our own.

Jesus is King of Kings and Lord of Lords! He has been given the name that is above every other name! He is the Sovereign Son of the Father, reigning at His right hand forever and ever. All authority in heaven and earth has been given to him and he has asked us to exercise his delegated authority in the place of prayer! He is the triumphant victor over every foe-sin, death, Hades.

He is the Glorious Conqueror! Therefore, we are praying from the victory that he has secured through the cross. He is the Righteous Judge of peoples and nations, to whom all must give an account. He is the Undeniable and Gracious Ruler of history, overseeing its path and its outcome from beginning to end! He is the Incomparable King of a Kingdom that will ultimately cover the earth as the waters cover the sea! Hab. 2:14

Expect Results!

What happens when we pray in Jesus' name? What is the ultimate purpose and result? According to Jesus' multiple commands in this Upper Room Discourse, the outcomes of praying in His name are:

The Father will be glorified in the Son!

We bear fruit that remains!

Our joy is full!

God's will is done on earth as it is in heaven!

He promised if we prayed in his name, he would do it! Let's believe it and pray until we see the results!

What a glorious privilege to pray "In Jesus Name!"

Dr. Jason Hubbard
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Prayers for the World:

02 India vs. Pakistan: Dangerous standoff between two nuclear-armed countries

"The war level between India and Pakistan is high. **PRAY for peace between the two nuclear countries.** In the last two days tensions have reached a dangerous level.

It is hard to know what is happening. Each side is, of course, blaming the other. And each side has reason to blame the other one.

Pakistan's Prime Minister Khan is newly in office and talking about trying to get peace with India. Any time Pakistan talks about peace the Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) terrorists create trouble in India to try and stop peace talks.



The Prime Minister of India Modi is up for elections and is not doing too well; people are getting fed up with him. The way a leader gets people behind him is to build up war with the other side. This has created wars between the two countries in the past.

Positive is when Prime Minister Khan of Pakistan came on national TV and addressed the people of Pakistan and Prime Minister Modi of India. He said they all need to come to their senses and pull back or the government would be taken from their hands and given to another (i.e. the military).

President Trump is trying to get peace with North Korea. But most of the news today was about the congressional testimony of lawyer Cohen. Pakistan and India were hardly heard of. It was like the devil was working, hidden underground, while the world was occupied in other things.

A few years ago a very insightful article was written on the "Zero Line" claiming that this was probably the most dangerous borderline in the world. This is the borderline in Kashmir between these two countries. The article went on to say that these two nuclear countries, in a flash, could go to war, drawing in much of the world.

This situation needs to be covered in PRAYER.

Please pray for peace along what has been called the most dangerous border in the world.

Links:

BBC News - <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-47366718>

DAWN - <https://www.dawn.com/news/1466347/ispr-dg-press-conference-all-three-indian-pilots-arrested>

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03 The Oikos Initiative

A Sweeping Global Evangelism Strategy by Every Home for Christ

2019 is a critical year for the Every Home for Christ ministry, as it marks the beginning of the OIKOS Initiative. Since 1946, Every Home for Christ has labored to serve the Church to reach every home on the earth with the Gospel and in that time we have seen over four billion presentations of the gospel in nearly every nation on the planet, with many millions turning to the Lord for salvation. Now, with the OIKOS Initiative, we are putting a stake in the ground and asking a bold question – Is it possible to present the gospel to every home on the planet within one generation? We think it is possible and as a result are mobilizing all the resources of the ministry to this grand objective – the evangelization of the world in our generation.



FROM HIDING TO THE HARVEST!

Because we know how their stories ended, it can be hard for us to comprehend just how overwhelming the Great Commission was for the Early Church. Jesus commissioned His disciples to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to all creation. Yet they were only 12 young men, mostly poor and uneducated. And only days earlier, they had been hiding behind locked doors, fearful and discouraged. Suddenly they go from hiding to the harvest! Their assignment - “All nations” and “every creature!”

Indeed, when the Holy Spirit empowered these men to boldly proclaim the Gospel, they turned the Roman world upside down. Since those days, the Great Commission has passed from generation to generation. As Keith Green reminds us, “This generation of Christians is responsible for this generation of souls on the earth.” Of course, task gets more difficult with each passing day. When Every Home for Christ began in 1946, there were only about 2.5 billion people alive. Today, there are 7.4 billion! That’s 7.4 billion names and faces and stories, 7.4 billion people loved by God and created in His image, 7.4 billion souls He died to save - and you and I (and other Christ-followers of this generation) are responsible for reaching them.

That’s why Every Home for Christ (EHC) is launching the Oikos Initiative, a strategic plan to reach every family on earth with the Gospel by 2038. This task may seem overwhelming, but the same Holy Spirit who empowered the early Church disciples is also empowering us.

WHAT IS OIKOS?

One might appropriately ask, what is the significance of using the Greek word *oikos* as the focus of this initiative? *Oikos* is a Greek word that's been around for many centuries and in the last several years even has become the trademark name for a popular brand of yogurt. Of course, to us at EHC the word is significant because it is used in ancient Greek texts to signify a house, household, family or even dwelling. Luke, the physician-historian recorded in Acts chapter five this statement of the early disciples: "And daily in the temple, and in every house [*oikos*], they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ" (Acts 5:42, NKJV).

Those Early Church disciples conducted the first Every Home Campaign! Acts 5:42 reminds us that everyone lives someplace, and the best way to measurably reach everyone with the gospel is to go directly to where they live — whether a conventional home like we generally envision, or a cardboard makeshift dwelling in a Mexican garbage dump, or even the sewer in a third-world city under some street where unwanted children sleep nightly. In the rainforests of Africa, our indigenous Central African evangelism team launched what they termed the "Every Tree Crusade" to reach the Pigmies whose homes were, quite literally, in the trees! They even modified our motto "We will not stop until we reach the last home on earth with the gospel" to "We will not stop until we reach the last tree on earth with the gospel!"

Also interesting, is a Greek expression used in another of the frequently quoted passages associated with the return of Christ and the Great Commission—Matthew 24:14. We read: "And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come." The Greek expression translated "all the world" (*oikoumene*) in this passage has its roots in the word *oikos*. The word *oikoumene* literally means "every inhabited place in the world." Frank Kaleb Jansen, a former Norwegian ship captain and past leader of Adopt-A-People Clearing House said of Christ's use of the word *oikoumene* in Matthew 24:14..."I believe Jesus is actually saying the gospel of the kingdom shall be proclaimed to every home."

LEAVING NO ONE BEHIND

Through the *Oikos* Initiative EHC is embracing this "all the world" and "every creature" mentality of the Early Church. We have made a commitment to leave no one behind in this twenty year period – and that means tirelessly laboring to work systematically and ensure that every person has a chance to hear the Gospel explained in a way that they can understand.

All across the world for the last twelve months, our field leadership has been praying and strategizing about how we are going to complete the *OIKOS* Initiative region by region and country by country – a goal we have always had, but now with added urgency due to the timeline of "one generation". This means reaching every home in the approximately 150 nations that we are currently present and starting work in the approximately 50 where we are not present – it means planning for a presentation of the gospel for over 8.5 billion people.

The ministry of EHC involves a lot of small things – but when added together they are a symphony to heaven. The very nature of our ministry lends itself to statistics. EHC Missionaries (8,000 supported staff and an average of 60,000 or more monthly volunteers) are every day going home to home with the good news of Jesus and as a result, we hear back on a continual basis from the over 150 nations where we are active that we are presenting the gospel daily to some 350,000 homes. The challenge with statistics is that they don't communicate what this actually looks like...

...What it actually looks like is 240 conversations happening every minute of every hour in multiple languages around the world – can you just imagine the cacophony of voices right now. It looks like a repeatable gospel message (often two—one for adults and one for children) being left as a clear message of salvation only through Jesus Christ in a home.

What it actually looks like is followers of Jesus talking to people who do not know him. It looks like some people violently rejecting the conversation and some people thinking deeply about the truth that has been shared, with many responding (indeed more than 16 million just last year) to know more about Jesus. It looks like individual lives being redeemed by a loving savior; it looks like whole families or even whole villages coming to a knowledge of the truth.

It looks like men and women being faithful to step out, share their story and distribute gospel resources, even if nobody sees because they long for others to find healing, salvation and a purpose-filled life. Statistics are sometimes hard to grasp – but grasping the individual story of a life now saved is something we can perhaps relate to a little easier. And the Oikos Initiative doesn't stop with just the proclamation of the gospel in millions of homes annually. In villages and towns where few or no churches exist, the fruit of the local harvests results in new believer fellowships called Christ Groups being planted. This past year represented the ninth consecutive year of the EHC's church planting arm seeing more than 20,000 new Christ Group fellowships planted in each of those nine years. This, too, is the Oikos Initiative.

NO "ALL" WITHOUT "EVERY!"

Of course, the bottom line of this global launching in 2019 is the embarking on a serious journey to see the "every" in the name of our ministry become a very literal reality over the next two decades. It is to see "this generation of believers" set out to reach "this generation of non-believers" quite literally—right where they live—with the gospel of Jesus Christ. All of this is not to change who we are but to refine what we do with a God glorifying, Christ honoring, and Holy Spirit-saturated motivation.

It is to hone in on the vision God has entrusted to us for 72 years with a laser-sharp focus that, as already stated, leaves no one behind. It is to take the words "all" and "every" of the Great Commission very seriously—and quite literally (Matt. 28:19-20 and Mark 16:15). In this process it's good to remember there cannot be the "all" without the "every!" The dictionary definition of the word every reads: "Each taken individually and separately and including all." Interestingly, "all" is part of the definition of "every." The definition for every continues: "The fullest possible extent; all that there possibly could be."

STAYING ON POINT

A critical part of the global "every" in EHC's Oikos Initiative involves reaching at least 130 million households (oikos encounters) in 2019. That's an achievable goal, as 125 million were reached in 2018. That means visiting at least 350,000 homes each day. Reaching that number will keep us on point for the two-decade goal of the initiative. At EHC we recognize there are many other God-honoring and worthy mission endeavors. We applaud them all. We rejoice in that each of these has a unique purpose in carrying out the Lord's commission to "go, disciple the nations."

We likewise recognize that Every Home for Christ has its unique calling. In some ways it is uniquely unique. It is also uniquely challenging. It is to go to the tough places. As Paul Vincent Donovan suggests: "Evangelism is a process of bringing the gospel where they [the lost] are, not where we would like them to be. When the gospel reaches a people where they are, their response to the gospel is the church in a new place." Thus, our goal for 2019: to take the gospel directly to where lost people are—their homes—some 2.5 million every week; 130,000,000 by year's end. And where a person responds, and experiences the transforming grace of our Lord, a new seed of the church has been planted in that place! We're preparing for as many as 19 million such responses in 2019, and 27,000 new Christ Groups. That is the Oikos Initiative.

We are calling far and wide for others to link arms and join us on the journey. If you're a ministry, a church, an evangelist, even a denominational leader or simply a believer with a heart to reach everyone on earth right where they live with the gospel, we'd love to hear from you.

We need people to pray for this initiative, we need people to support it financially and we need volunteers to join the Oikos initiative in spreading the Good News globally.

Please pray with EHC and their staff that they with the help of many other partners will be able to reach every family on earth with the Gospel by 2038.

Go to www.oikos.global to enlist. More about Every Home for Christ: www.ehc.org

04 Erdogan's plans in Iraqi Kurdistan may backfire

The news that Nechirvan Barzani will not continue as prime minister of the Kurdistan Regional Government in Iraq is causing Turkey to worry that the new KRG Cabinet will not be formed of allies of President Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

For about 10 years, the Kurdistan Democratic Party (KDP), which controls Erbil and Dahuk provinces in Iraq, has enjoyed close working relations with the Turkish government on trade, energy and security. The main architect of this opening has been the KDP's Nechirvan Barzani. The KDP, unlike other Iraqi Kurdish groups, has also acted as a counterweight since the 1990s to the formidable Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) guerrilla movement — Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's archenemy — by allowing Turkey to establish a number of military bases to monitor PKK activities.



However, Barzani, prime minister of the Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) since 2012, was not nominated by the KDP to form the next KRG Cabinet. This is causing Erdogan to worry about the fate of a 50-year secretive energy deal made with Barzani in 2014.

Turkey does not want to see another self-administered Kurdistan on its doorstep that spends millions of dollars annually on lobbying in Washington and other Western capitals. Since 1992, Turkey has faced numerous problems with the Iraqi Kurds from whose territory PKK fighters cross the border into Turkey and attack Turkish security forces and their Kurdish collaborators. In the first decade of Kurdish rule in northern Iraq, Turkey enticed Kurdish peshmerga to fight a bloody battle against the PKK fighters in the mountains of Iraqi Kurdistan; still, the Iraqi Kurds, feeling more anchored and connected internationally, have become more independent actors.

The issue of the Syrian Kurds is a big headache for Erdogan; another one involves the activities of the PKK in the Sulaimaniyah area, the seat of the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK). Since August 2017, when the PKK abducted two senior officials of the Turkish intelligence agency near Sulaimaniyah, Ankara has placed tremendous pressure on the PUK to limit PKK activities. Turkey also has continued a ban on flights through its airspace to the Sulaimaniyah airport that started after the Iraqi Kurdish independence referendum in September 2017.

Ankara says there is no coherent rule in PUK-controlled areas, unlike in KDP-controlled areas under Barzani. A Turkish diplomat told Al-Monitor that this has created a vacuum the PKK has exploited to increase its activities. A Turkish diplomat told Al-Monitor on condition of anonymity that the main stumbling block is “financing and sending new recruits to the mountains, which is done in safe houses in Sulaimaniyah.” Still, the PUK has intensified its crackdown on PKK activities, leading to the arrests of dozens of people affiliated with the groups close to the PKK in Sulaimaniyah. Turkey is allegedly prepared to lift the ban on use of its air space for flights to Sulaimaniyah later this month following the recent visit of Iraqi President Barham Salih, who is a senior member of the PUK.

Turkey apparently also has concerns about PKK activities in KDP-controlled areas as well as the activities of Gulen educational institutions. “The KRG has taken over all our institutions, and we are not operating anything there,” a Gulen movement official who operated in Kurdistan until two years ago told Al-Monitor via Facebook from a Western capital. “The terror that Erdogan unleashed against us made life unbearable for us in Kurdistan.”

Erdogan’s overzealous drive to strike hard at opponents in and around Turkey will undoubtedly win him votes inside the country, but Turkey is bound to be troubled by the Kurdish issue for years to come as demonstrated by the changing US position on the Kurds of Syria.

The PKK is a powerful transnational armed organization and further pressure from the PUK on its activities and activists in Sulaimaniyah area could propel the group into reacting, which could have devastating consequences for the stability of the Sulaimaniyah region.

As for the formation of the next KRG government, negotiations are dragging on. Erdogan's ally Nechirvan Barzani has been nominated to be KRG president, a post that is expected to be less important than prime minister. There is no clear indication as to how he and his cousin Masrour Barzani will share power.

By: Fazel Hawramy (Al-Monitor, Iraq Pulse 1/16/2019)

Read more: <http://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2019/01/iraq-kurdistan-nechirvan-barzani-turkey-erdogan.html#ixzz5dOBbMQON>

Pray that even after Prime Minister Nechirvan Barzani, there would be continued peace between Kurdistan and Turkey.

Pray that Erdogan and the current Turkish government would deal peacefully with the upcoming new Kurdistan government.

Pray that God's kingdom and His righteousness and His divine order would come upon both Turkey and Kurdistan.

05 Afghanistan Peace Deal and Suicide Attempts on the Rise

U.S. peace envoy to Afghanistan Zalmay Khalilzad (pictured) says that although talks with the Taliban have produced the framework for a peace deal there is still a "long way to go" before a final agreement.



Speaking at the U.S. Institute of Peace in Washington on

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February 8, Khalilzad said he was "hopeful" a peace deal could be finalized before Afghanistan's presidential elections in July, but warned that there remained "a lot of work" to do.

"We are at the early stages of a protracted process," said Khalilzad, who has met with Taliban negotiators for a series of talks in the Middle East in recent months.

Khalilzad held six days of talks with Taliban negotiators in the Qatari capital, Doha, last month, culminating in the basic framework of a possible peace agreement.

The agreement calls for the Taliban to prevent international terrorist groups from basing themselves in Afghanistan and for the United States to withdraw its forces from the country.

The Taliban has yet to make concessions on two key U.S. demands -- implementing a cease-fire and agreeing to negotiate directly with Afghan government representatives as part of an Afghan-led, intra-Afghan peace process.

The Afghan government has been absent from the U.S.-Taliban talks, prompting anger and frustration in Kabul.

The Taliban considers the Kabul government a Western puppet and has so far refused to directly negotiate with it.

But Khalilzad said the next phase of the peace process will have to be Afghan-led, saying Washington role's will "decrease" as Afghans from the warring sides hammer out a possible deal through an "inter-Afghan dialogue."

Khalilzad said there were indications that the Taliban could sit down with government representatives in a "multiparty format."

The former U.S. ambassador said there was "positive change" in Pakistan, which Washington and Kabul have long accused of sheltering the Taliban.

Khalilzad said Islamabad had helped facilitate recent talks between the militants and the United States, although he said Pakistan should "do more."

Russia hosted a second peace conference in Moscow from February 5-6, attracting representatives of neighboring countries, powerful Afghan power brokers, and Taliban officials.

U.S. officials have accused Russia of attempting to muddle the U.S.-backed peace process.

Khalilzad said the Russia-backed talks were "positive" as long as they helped facilitate intra-Afghan talks, not if they "polarize Afghans further."

"I'm not seeking to monopolize" the Afghan peace process, Khalilzad said, adding that regional countries should play a role in resolving the 17-year conflict.

As we go to print, we are hearing that following significant meetings in Doha, Qatar on Feb 26, a spokesman for the Afghan Taliban has said the group is close to reaching an agreement with the United States on the withdrawal of U.S. forces from Afghanistan.

More here: <https://www.rferl.org/a/taliban-hopeful-on-possible-agreement-on-u-s-afghanistan-pullout/29792382.html?lflags=mailer>

Pray for wisdom and guidance for Zalmay Khalilzad as he seeks to broker an end to the fighting and insecurity.

Pray for meetings between politicians, tribal, ethnic and religious groups that they will build reconciliation and trust.

Pray that the superpowers will co-operate and not compete in the peace process.

Pray for the support and positive engagement of neighbouring countries.

Pray that the recent attacks in disputed Kashmir (between Pakistan and India) will not affect this peace process. Pray that the tensions between Pakistan and India will also be resolved.

Pray for lasting peace in Afghanistan.

More at: <https://www.rferl.org/a/afghanistan-khalilzad-u-s-envoy-says-long-way-to-go-before-peace-deal-with-taliban/29759907.html?ltflags=mailer>

Suicide Attempts on the Rise

Officials said domestic violence, forced marriages and lack of awareness are among main reasons behind the suicide attempts.

The Public Health Directorate in Herat province, in the west of Afghanistan, has recorded almost 1,600 cases of suicide attempts since last March, showing a 10 percent decrease in the figures compared with the last solar year – March 2017 to March 2018.



The figures by the Directorate show that 50 of those who attempted suicide lost their lives and those who attempted suicide aged between 15 to 25 years old.

Moreover, of the 1,600 individuals who have attempted suicide, at least 300 of them are men while others are women and girls.

The health directorate's assessments show that domestic violence, forced marriages, lack of education and poverty are among the main reasons behind suicide attempts among the young generation in the province.

The head of Herat Hospital's Burn Unit, Haidari, said lack of awareness about life is also among the main reasons behind suicide attempts by the youths.

Meanwhile, statistics by the provincial Women's Affairs Directorate show that at least 600 cases of violence against women have been reported in the province since last March.

Herat Women's Affairs Directorate Sumayya Taheri said women prefer to commit suicide "instead of suffering domestic violence".

"The graph of suicide attempts and self-immolation cases is high in Herat and most of such cases are not registered," Taheri said. "The statistics of the Public Health Directorate show an increase in suicide attempts and self-immolation cases in Herat which is concerning for us."

Please keep Afghanistan and its long-suffering people in your prayers for peace and life to return to their land which has so long known much death and destruction through war and despair.

Pray too for deliverance from the false ideology of radical Islam that has fueled this tragic situation.

May His Gospel speed on and triumph there so that everyone may hear!

More: <https://www.tolonews.com/index.php/afghanistan/suicide-attempts-rise-herat>

06 New York City & United Nations Updates

Let me begin by saying, I believe New York City has a birthright to birth Intercession to the Nations, with this gifting of birthing comes a great responsibility in what we export to the Nations. Many looking from the outside would say not much good comes from New York City. But God.....



Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more, Romans 5:20

Recent updates in the natural do not paint a pretty picture such as the new law passed by NY City Council, which states. Beginning on Jan. 1, 2019 anyone who was born in New York City has the ability to have the gender marker on their birth certificate changed to X, rather than simply male (M) or female (F), and is able to do so without a doctor's note or medical assessment.

The New York City law doesn't allow parents to select X at birth, but they will have the ability to change the gender marker on the certificate any time before the child is 18 years old. People over the age of 18 have the ability to make the change themselves.



On Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2019 the NY State Legislature passed the "Reproductive Health Act" and Governor Andrew Cuomo signed into law this late term abortion bill on the 46th Anniversary of the landmark court ruling of Roe v. Wade U.S. Supreme Court decision. Advocates said the measure is needed to protect abortion access in New York in the event the Supreme Court overturns Roe v. Wade. That evening the Freedom Tower was lit up pink at the sight of 9/11 Memorial. This a memorial to the thousands of innocent lives lost, now celebrating the choice to end innocent lives of babies...

I believe there is a progression of sin that leads to Gods judgments, when we go from sin, not knowing that we are sinning against God, to rebellion - choosing to do what is wrong, to iniquity which is making laws that are against God's Biblical mandates.

Several days after this we in NY received a prophetic word from Chuck Pierce

There would be an earthquake in New York and 1,000 people killed for every abortion. He then followed up

This thing with New York - let me tell you something - God is God! And the blood speaks. That blood will get so loud in New York, it will jar those bridges! You write it down! That heartbeat will get so loud it will make Scrooge in that movie where he's visited by those demons, look like patty-cake. I know God too well and I know how He works. When you decide to run with demons, they're going to come back for you eventually.

This drastic move by the enemy has awoken a somewhat complacent church in NY. Leaders across the state are now seeing opportunity for a real Unity arising between Upstate and NYC, which we did not have after 9/11. It was much easier for people to go back to their so-called normal lives disconnected from the trauma of 9/11. But in this case this law is affecting everyone's conscience and spiritual beliefs.

We ask for your prayers that we the ecclesia will unite in a **unified strategy to turn our state from the culture of death to a state that Champions a Covenant of Life**. We are launching a 40 day campaign of fasting, prayer, and action beginning Wednesday, March 6, 2019 and ending on Sunday, April 14, 2019.

.... but the people who know their God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits. Daniel 11:32b

UNITED NATIONS

There have been and continues to be many ministries focused on the United Nations. Some have specific focuses to Ambassadors, others to staff of the Secretariat, and still others as NGO lobbyist groups whose targets are Conferences and events. I believe it is important to honor and bless those who have gone before us, as well as those who are presently ministering at this Global Gate.

Last September, President Donald Trump during his speech in the General Assembly made a profound statement.

"America is governed by Americans. We reject the ideology of globalism, and we embrace the doctrine of patriotism".



Because of this statement and the actions of the United States the Globalist who's whole agenda is for a One World Government are now in a state of chaos, which is why I believe we are seeing an opening like many of us have not seen in all the years we have been laboring at the UN.

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. Romans 1:16

I ask that you focus your prayer for those who will be attending and hosting events during the sixty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women which will take place at the United Nations Headquarters in New York from March 11, 2019 to March 22, 2019.

There are thousands of individuals who come from around the world to this conference, they are seeking answers to the Global Challenges, yet we know there is only one place to find those solutions that is from the King Of Kings and Lord of Lords. Pray for those with Kingdom solutions to have access to World Leaders and those who counsel them.

Secondly, pray for those in our government who work in collaboration with the United Nations and its organizations, they are currently pushing the most pro-life agenda then any previous Administration.

Finally, pray for the confirmation of Kelly Knight Craft who has been nominated to be the next UN Ambassador, this is a very influential position and carries a weighty responsibility; we desire God's person to be brought forth.

In closing, I want to thank you in advance for your prayers on behalf of NYC and the UN; I believe we serve a Big God who wants us to pray Big Prayers! I look forward to sharing the Glory Stories of Kingdom Advancement in the near future.

JODY WOOD

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07 UK: ‘nascent alliance’ between Islam and political Leftists

“Former Labour leader Tony Blair has admitted there is a ‘nascent alliance’ between Islamists and the political left in Britain.” This alliance has actually been established for a long time. Many Leftists have been found to be working closely with Islamic supremacist organizations with established connections to jihad terror groups such as Hamas, including the American and Canadian supporters of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) and its allies.



It is peculiar, however, to see Tony Blair admit that this is happening across Europe:

And you can see this not just here in the UK, you can see it across Europe — and yes, it gives rise to anti-Semitism. It’s not your old traditional anti-Semitism of the old kind of right-wing nature of, you know, not wanting Jewish people in golf clubs and that type of thing, but it’s every bit as pernicious and, you know, to have a situation where you’ve got Labour MPs worried because they happen to be Jewish, I mean...”

It is critical to note is that CAIR and other such groups are stealth purveyors of anti-Semitism; their links to Hamas are just one indication of this. Western Leftists who ally themselves with such groups should be marginalized. Instead, they themselves work to silence those who speak the truth.

“Tony Blair Admits to ‘Nascent Alliance’ Between Islamist and Left-wing Politics,” by Jack Montgomery, Breitbart, February 12, 2019:

Former Labour leader Tony Blair has admitted there is a “nascent alliance” between Islamists and the political left in Britain.

In a wide-ranging interview focusing mainly on his desire to overturn the British public’s vote for Brexit in 2016, the controversial 65-year-old told Sophy Ridge of Sky News: “There is, I’m afraid, there is a kind of nascent alliance between what I would call bits of the sort of Islamist type of politics and the left.”

“And you can see this not just here in the UK, you can see it across Europe — and yes, it gives rise to anti-Semitism. It’s not your old traditional anti-Semitism of the old kind of right-wing nature of, you know, not wanting Jewish people in golf clubs and that type of thing, but it’s every bit as pernicious and, you know, to have a situation where you’ve got Labour MPs worried because they happen to be Jewish, I mean...” Blair added, trailing off.

Several of Labour’s Muslim politicians have been implicated in anti-Semitism scandals in recent years, such as Shadow Minister of State for Women and Equalities Naz Shah.

Shah was briefly suspended from the party over posting anti-Semitic remarks such as “The Jews are rallying” on social media — although she was not disciplined for liking and retweeting a comment saying that “abused girls in Rotherham and elsewhere just need to shut their mouths for the good of diversity” at a later date.

Hard-left party leader Jeremy Corbyn, too, has come under fire for previous remarks that British-born “Zionists” struggle to understand “English irony”, and for allegedly participating in a Tunisian wreath-laying ceremony for the Black September terrorists who murdered Jewish athletes at the 1972 Summer Olympics in Munich.

Blair seemed confident that there would be no issues with Labour and anti-Semitism if he was still in charge, asking Ridge: “Can you imagine that, when I was leader of the Labour Party, having a conversation with me about whether anti-Semitism is in the Labour Party or not?”

Pray for this alliance between Leftists and the political Left in Europe and the Americas to be exposed, disrupted and brought to an end.

Pray that the false ideologies of Socialism and Islam will be shown up for the destructive forces they are and rejected across our world.

BY: CHRISTINE DOUGLASS-WILLIAMS

More: <https://www.jihadwatch.org/2019/02/tony-blair-admits-to-nascent-alliance-between-islam-and-political-leftists>

08 China: Persecution Rising

And Things Could Get Worse

“The steadily deteriorating state of religious freedom in China has been a frequent topic of late, both here on BreakPoint and other media outlets. The picture is bleak. An estimated one million Muslim Uighurs have been detained in what are essentially re-education camps, as part of an attempt to erase their religious and cultural identity.



There’s also been a strong assault on Chinese Christianity. What little freedom Chinese Christians had is now being taken away: Provincial officials have demolished crosses, cracked down on house churches, arrested pastors, and put officially-recognized churches under tighter control.

Thus, the recent report out of Liaoning province, a region near the border with North Korea, shouldn’t surprise us. It should trouble and appall us, but not surprise us.

According to the Australian website MercatorNet, the Education Bureau of Lishan district” in Liaoning “issued a plan for the campaign to resist religious beliefs in kindergartens.”

The plan prohibits schools from “hiring [new] teachers who hold religious beliefs.” With regard to existing teachers, it calls for increased supervision, including “comprehensive inspections of teachers’ preparation for lessons in order to root out any and all religious content.”

But the plan doesn’t stop with teachers. Students, as well as teachers, are now required to “sign a commitment statement promising they won’t browse religious websites or participate in religious forums.”

The statement reads in part, “I will adhere to the correct political direction, advocate science, promote atheism, and oppose theism.”

These are kindergartners!

It’s not only in that province. Students in other parts of China have also been coerced into signing anti-religious pledges. And there are reports of students who, because they refused to sign, have been beaten.

Unfortunately, short of divine intervention, it may be that things will get significantly worse. As I’ve told you before on BreakPoint, Xi Jinping has become the most powerful Chinese leader since Mao. Like Mao, Xi has fostered a cult of personality. He calls himself lingxiu, a reverential term for “leader” not heard since the days of Mao. It’s very similar to what Fuehrer means in German. Fawning coverage of Xi in official media borders on self-parody.

Christians have been in the crosshairs of the Xi Jinping cult. Believers in south China have been forced to take down pictures of Jesus from their walls and replace them with pictures Xi Jinping.

Not only is he a jealous would-be god, he’s also an insecure one. To understand why, you need to understand that the source of the Communist Party’s legitimacy has been economic growth. For the past forty years, the Chinese people have been asked to trade certain freedoms that we take for granted, such as freedom of speech and religion, for increasing prosperity. That trade has preserved a measure of social order.

But now, many economists see signs that the good times are coming to an end in China. In fact, that may be an understatement. It could be something even worse. As the Wall Street Journal reports, “China’s consumers and businesses are losing confidence. Car sales have plunged. The housing market is stumbling. Some factories are letting workers off for the big Lunar New Year holiday two months early.”

In other words, the Communist Party may not be able to keep up its end of the bargain. If they fail, ordinary Chinese people could remember everything they’ve had to put up with and get angry. Very angry.

So how will Xi respond to this? We already know the answer to that question. He will crack down even harder. Cult leaders don’t admit mistakes, much less give up their power voluntarily. They look for scapegoats and hunt for heretics.

In China, Christians qualify as both. As adherents to what many Chinese regard as a “Western” religion, their loyalties can be called into question. And they’ll likely not join Xi’s cult of personality, so they will be ideal targets.

All of this is why our brothers and sisters there need our prayers. And our voice. We must urge our government and U. S. corporations that do business in China to use their influence on behalf of persecuted Chinese Christians.

by: John Stonestreet & Roberto Rivera

More: <http://www.breakpoint.org/2019/02/breakpoint-persecution-rising-in-china/>

CHURCH LEADERS AROUND THE WORLD URGED TO ADD THEIR SIGNATURES TO DISSIDENT CHINESE PASTOR’S DECLARATION



Church sanctuaries decked with national flags and leader's photos. The Ten Commandments edited. Bibles retranslated as state church leaders emphasize the need to free Christianity from its 'foreign cultural captivity'. These are the reports emerging from China today. According to many Chinese religion analysts, they represent not a return to the Cultural Revolution but to something even earlier.

"Put the photos of 1930s German church sanctuaries and 2019 Chinese church sanctuaries side by side. Put the speeches of the leaders and officials side by side. The similarities are striking," says the Rev. Dr. Eric Foley, CEO of Voice of the Martyrs Korea, part of a worldwide fellowship of organizations aiding persecuted Christians worldwide with roots dating back to World War II.



"Xi Jinping calls it Sinification—freeing Christianity and other religions from foreign cultural entanglement. Hitler called it Nazification. Both pledged freedom of religion to those who would hang national flags and leader's portraits in their sanctuaries.

Both trotted out theologians who insisted the Bible needed to be retranslated to be properly understood. Both accused those who disagreed of seeking to subvert the state."

"Think Stalin and Hitler, not Mao," says the Rev. Dr. Bob Fu, founder and director of China Aid, a US-based organization that helps Chinese Christians and reports on human rights and religious freedom developments in China. "China is now taking a page from the 1930s totalitarian playbook. Whereas before the government's goal was to stamp out Christianity, now all efforts are directed at co-opting the moral influence of Christianity and other faiths to advance the Communist Party's social agenda."

Foley and Fu see a parallel not only in the actions of the governments but in the response of the faithful Christians of both eras. They are calling on church leaders around the world to offer today's dissident Chinese Christians things their earlier suffering German and Russian counterparts were unable to receive: solidarity and global theological endorsement.

"There was no Internet when the German 'Confessing Church' wrote the Barmen Declaration in opposition to Hitler's attempt to redefine Christianity," says Foley. "Today the Barmen Declaration and those who wrote it are revered. But at the time they were cut off from the Body of Christ around the world and forced to suffer while their 'Confessing Church' was crushed."

That has Foley and Fu calling on Christian leaders worldwide to add their names to a declaration of religious freedom written by the former law professor and now-jailed Chinese pastor of the Chengdu Early Rain Church, Wang Yi. The document, entitled "A Joint Statement by Pastors: A Declaration for the Sake of the Christian Faith", was originally published in September 2018 with signatures from 439 Chinese pastors.

"As the author of this important document, Pastor Wang and Early Rain were also the ones responsible for gathering the signatures of pastors for it," says Fu. "Now that Pastor Wang Yi and the Early Rain leaders are in prison and many pastors who signed the statement are facing similar difficulties, we as Christian leaders worldwide must carry on the good work they began. We must sound a global 'amen' that the Christianity for which they are now suffering is 'the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.'"

The document written by Wang Yi and signed by the Chinese pastors contains four declarations:

1. Christian churches in China believe unconditionally that the Bible is the Word and Revelation of God. It is the source and final authority of all righteousness, ethics, and salvation.
2. Christian churches in China are eager and determined to walk the path of the cross of Christ and are more than willing to imitate the older generation of saints who suffered and were martyred for their faith.
3. Christian churches in China are willing to obey authorities in China whom God has appointed and to respect the government's authority to govern society and human conduct.
4. All true churches in China that belong to Christ must hold to the principle of the separation of church and state and must proclaim Christ as the sole head of the church.

The full declaration is available at www.chinadeclaration.com, the website created by Voice of the Martyrs Korea and China Aid to enable pastors and church leaders to add their own names to those of the 439 Chinese pastors.

Those wishing to sign the declaration should do so, along with their church name, role, and a contact email, by the end of March. Voice of the Martyrs Korea and China Aid will verify each signee and present the 'signed' document to the Chinese Embassy in Seoul.

"It's important to note that the declaration written by these Chinese pastors is entitled 'A Declaration for the Sake of the Christian Faith'," says Foley. "This is about more than China. It is about the Christian faith. An attack on the integrity of the Christian faith anywhere at any time is an attack on the integrity of the Christian faith everywhere at all times."

"439 Chinese pastors signed this declaration," says Fu. "We are asking the Lord for each signature to yield a hundredfold harvest, which means we are praying for 43,900 pastors and church leaders around the world brave enough to sign this document in suffering solidarity with the pastors of China."

To make a donation to ChinaAid, please click here:

<https://secure3.convio.net/china/site/R?i=F9MeEUcylGvJsaalUzaqHw>

Please pray about the steadily deteriorating state of religious freedom in China and that the oppressive hand of the Chinese government as well as the cult of personality of its leader will be broken over Christ's people and the other people of this most populous nation.

Pray for believers languishing in prison or labor camps for their faith that they will be strengthened and victorious, winning many more to Christ in the midst of their current trials.

09 Israel: A new government in April

"The present Israeli government, which held on longer than most, came to an end a few months ago (a full term would have lasted until November). Early elections will be April 9th...

The past month has seen parties splitting or dissolving, new ones coming into being. At present, Prime Minister Netanyahu's Likud ["Consolidation"] appears well in front in the polls, but a new party called



Hozenl'Yisrael ["Israel Resilience"] lead by former General and Chief of Staff of the Military Benny Ganz is rapidly gaining ground. The YeshAtid ["There is a Future"] party of YairLapid is third. Yet much can change within the next month-and-a-half.

We will say here that it is not at this time clear to us who should be our next leader. Of course, Mr Netanyahu is the only candidate with experience in the office (at this time he is Israel's second-longest serving Prime Minister), he is a brilliant statesman, respected around the world. He has a fierce loyalty to Israel and to the Land. And up until now, he has been a prime minister in whom the people have trust regarding national security. That said, his position is presently weakened by serious allegations against him related to abuse of his office—corruption, including fraud and bribery.

The Attorney General appears set to recommend indictment, perhaps before the elections. If this occurs, it would seriously impair his ability to continue to devote his energies to administering his office with the integrity and freedom necessary. Another issue which concerns us is Mr Netanyahu's historical inclination to bring the ultra-Orthodox parties into his government, and, having done so, invariably to grant the portfolio of Ministry of the Interior to the ultra-Orthodox Shas party. Among other things, this ministry decides "who is a Jew" for purposes of Aliyah (emigration)...

The dramatic appearance of Mr Ganz is bringing an unexpected threat to Netanyahu and the Likud. He is a respected military leader, he presents a likable image, reasonable and a left-of-center choice against Netanyahu's right-of-center position. But the problem is that so far he is keeping his cards covered regarding his position towards some of the hot issues. He recently seemed to voice approval for the "way things were done" in the Disengagement from Gaza.

It is unclear what his stance is regarding Israeli sovereignty of the land—Judea and Samaria, and the current Israeli presence there. Might he countenance further "disengagements" from the very land in which the divine covenants were made? Ehud Barak was the most-decorated soldier in modern Israeli history, yet proved a terrible Prime Minister, who was willing to barter away almost all of the territory gained by Israel in 1967.

We believe that it is essential at each election to come to Our Lord seeking His counsels for choosing the next leader, whatever our own personal leanings. It is He who knows what lies ahead, who is more equipped to lead the country in His ways. It is He who establishes rulers, who knows who will be more likely to receive His wisdom; He knows what lies hidden, and Light dwells with him (Daniel 2:21-22).

In Exodus 18:21, when Moses' father-in-law is expounding to him the tenets of a system of government which will bring order and righteous judgment into the leadership of the society, he instructs him, "You shall select out of all the people able men who fear God, men of truth, those who hate dishonest gain." The word "select" or "choose" is an interesting word in the Hebrew, *techeze*. It isn't the regular Hebrew word for "choose" as appears later in verse 25, but rather a prophetic word, related to clarity of vision. As the Everett Fox translation puts it, "You are to have the vision (to select) from all the people men of caliber, holding God in awe, men of truth, hating gain..."

There is only one Source for such vision – for the insight necessary to make the proper choice for our leaders."

PLEASE PRAY:

*** For the Lord to raise up the party and leaders for the next government in Israel—and that He in mercy grant vision to a majority of the electorate to select the leaders of His own choosing—among them a Prime Minister who will lead in humility, integrity, righteousness.**

*** That a strong government come into place in Israel—one which will lead the people and govern all of the Land God has entrusted to them with equity, justice, integrity and truth.**

*** That Benjamin Netanyahu fulfill the days which the LORD (upon whose shoulders rest all government) has allotted to him to govern the land and people. That if there is “dishonest gain” which warrants exposure, it come to light; if not, that he be vindicated.**

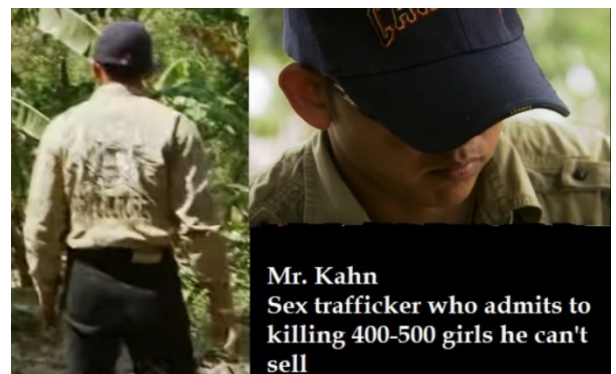
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Jerusalem**

10 Bangladesh: Trafficker admits to killing hundreds of children

In this video from his Extreme World documentary, Kemp tracked down and interviewed Mr. Kahn, a child trafficker in India who is being investigated for over 25 different offences.

<https://youtu.be/2x91H3eFKVI>

Kahn says he has been trafficking for 7 years, and that he has “trafficked” 3,000 or 4,000 young girls, “maybe more”. He goes to poor communities, often in Muslim or “tribal” areas, and looks for “real beauties”. The girls are auctioned and go to the highest bidder. The most Kahn got for a sale was a million taka, the currency of Bangladesh — the equivalent of £8,500 or US\$10,935.



Kemp asks if it’s true that Kahn has sold girls as young as nine for sex, to which the man replies, “I’ve sold girls who are 12.”

Kemp then asks if Kahn had ever returned any of the children to their communities, to which Kahn replies, “No”.

Kemp asks a follow-up question if it’s true that Kahn kills the children that he can’t sell. Kahn replies:

“If they try to run away, or if there’s any trouble selling them, they are killed and buried. If our bribed police can’t handle it, it goes to the CID, then we kill the girls. We don’t count them. About four or five hundred. I’m telling you the truth.”

Speaking about the encounter afterward, Kemp said he had to fight back the tears and was “shocked” and “horrified” by what Kahn told him: “Interviewing a guy who admits to killing 400 to 500 kids but doesn’t know exactly how many – that did make me cry.”

Ross Kemp, 54, is an English actor, author and investigative journalist who has received international recognition as a journalist for the BAFTA Award-winning documentary series Ross Kemp on Gangs on modern gang culture in the UK and around the world.

Pray that these evil people doing the child (and adult) trafficking will be brought to justice

Pray for the families of those affected

Pray for an end to police corruption that allows such criminals to continue to operate

Pray for the trafficking that is taking place across the world to be stopped - it's not just Asia.

More: <https://fellowshipoftheminds.com/trafficker-of-child-sex-slaves-admits-to-killing-hundreds-of-children>

11 FAST FOR SYRIA 1-3 MARCH, 2019

Esther 8:6 For how can I endure to see the calamity which will befall my people, and how can I endure to see the destruction of my kindred?"

Proverbs 21:1 The king's heart is a stream of water in the hand of the Lord; he turns it wherever he will.

Please pray and fast for the people of Syria on March 1-3, 2019. People across the Middle East, in the US, and around the world will be praying with you.



WHY?

People in Syria's Northeast (Kurds, Christians, Yazidis, and Arabs) have fought ISIS since 2014. They have a homegrown pluralistic democracy giving equal rights to all, including religious minorities and women—a stark contrast to ISIS. A battlefield victory is near, due to US-led Global Coalition Support.

But they still face serious threats of invasion from Turkey and the Assad regime, backed by Iran and Russia. ISIS will likely try to regroup. Managing captured ISIS fighters and their families, uncovering genocide and war crimes, and the destruction and casualties of five years of war are huge challenges.

Recent changes in US policy have confused and terrified these people. They thought the US would stay and help them clear up remaining ISIS fighters and deal with the aftermath of a horrific war. They thought the US presence would help them negotiate a good peace with their neighbors so they could keep their hard won freedoms.

President Donald Trump suddenly announced a complete US departure in December, drawing criticism from leaders in the region, Global Coalition allies, the US Congress, and US military leaders. On February 21, 2019, he reversed course saying some troops will stay. But details are still unclear.

A power vacuum created by a poorly planned US departure could result in new wars and in chaos affecting the entire region. This area is the only thing keeping Iran from having a highway right up to Israel's Northern border.

Iran poses an existential threat to Israel and to Christians in Syria and Iraq. Turkey poses an existential threat to all residents of the Northeast—threatening a repeat of its war crimes and genocide in Afrin that started a year ago.

PLEASE!

Pray for wisdom for President Trump, his military and diplomatic advisers, the Congress, other world leaders, and leaders of the Self-Administration of Northern and Eastern Syria (SANES), including the SDF. Pray that good decisions are made leading to peace and stability for people who have endured unimaginable horrors.

Pray against deception and intimidation by Turkey, Iran, Assad, Russia, and Islamist terrorists.

Pray that the sacrifices made by the SDF and others in the region will be rewarded.
Pray that their dreams of freedom, including religious freedom, will come to pass.
Pray that all nations fall in line with God's plans for this area.
In Isaiah 19, the Lord speaks of a "highway" between Syria, Israel, and Egypt. Pray that roadblocks will be torn down and replaced with a spirit of reconciliation.
Pray that the Lord's name can be known throughout this region and that He will be glorified

How to Pray?

Pray for at least one hour on each of the days. Fast as the Lord leads you. A true Esther fast requires abstaining from both food and water for three days. This is not healthy or wise for many people. The Lord looks at the heart, not what we eat or wear.

We are fasting from Midnight AM on 3/1 to Midnight PM on 3/3 EST.

INFORM YOURSELVES ON THE AREA AND ISSUES: Read or watch

VIDEO SUMMARY: <https://www.facebook.com/JerusalemDateline/videos/2232676127050974/>

Letter of the International Religious Freedom Roundtable to President Trump dated January 9, 2019 with appeals from Christians and Yazidis and maps:

<http://jubileecampaign.org/letter-to-president-trump-support-do-not-abandon-christians-yazidis-and-kurds-in-syrias-northeast/>

Jerusalem Dateline: 2/1/19 Exclusive: Christians in NE Syria Warn of Genocide and follow on videos:

<https://www1.cbn.com/video/jerusalem-dateline/2019/02/1/jerusalem-dateline-2-1-19-exclusive-christians-in-ne-syria-warn-of-genocide?fbclid=IwAR1LcZJUet-dKxlfKSMB7LKVGkcXVTZPYXsMnEv2x8iedxRwDtD1yTEIX34>

A New Democratic Government Emerges Out of Syria – But Will it Last?:

<http://www1.cbn.com/cbnnews/israel/2019/february/a-new-democratic-government-emerges-out-of-syria-ndash-but-will-it-last>

700 Club 2-20-2019 at minute 12:16: <http://www1.cbn.com/video/700club/2019/02/20/the-700-club-february-20-2019?show=700club>

Respected NGO Genocide Watch issues genocide warning if Turkey invades the NE:

<http://www.genocidewatch.com/single-post/2019/01/17/Genocide-Warning-Turkey-Is-Planning-Genocide-in-Northeast-Syria>

12 Europe Shall Be Saved – 40 Days of Prayer – 1 Mar to 9 Apr

We all know people around us who do not know Jesus personally. They might have heard about him, they might have a wrong image of who he is, or they might not recognize their need of him in their lives. Nevertheless, Jesus LOVES them! Jesus says in John 17 that he doesn't pray for the World but for those the Father has entrusted him with (John 17:6-9). To us as well, the Father entrusts us with people,

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friends that do not know him yet. As Christians, we are called to pray for them so that they may one day encounter Jesus.

This is our mission! This is why we pray for the harvest.

Do you want to see the people around you encounter Jesus? Check out a great way below to start or to continue praying for them!

40 days to “Pray & Declare”

From March 1st to April 9th, we will have 40 days of prayer and declaration!

We will pray for the people God has entrusted us with, for those who do not know Jesus yet, for our nations, for our governments and for Jesus to be known all over Europe.

Prayer is key to see changes in people’s lives and in our own lives.

We will also fast for 10 days during this time. If you haven't joined yet, you can still join now and receive empowering messages in your inbox about prayer.

Together let’s pray for the harvest in Europe!

Blessings, **Your ESBS team**

If you want to join the 40 days of prayer and declaration! Click Here: <https://esbs.org/hc-video/>

13 21 Days of Prayer for the Church Planting Movement, 4-25 March 2019

The 24:14 Prayer task force has put together a prayer tool to engage global prayer for a thrusting out of more workers to engage with unreached groups in order to see a multiplying movement initiated.



The Prayer Guide is for 21 days of Prayer For the Church Planting Movement CPM)

Download it from here: <https://inheritthenations.net/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/21-Days-of-Prayer-24-14.pdf>

We would like to March Forth... on March 4th to 25th, 2019.

The 24:14 Coalition is challenging prayer partners to join 21 days of prayer and fasting as God leads for the acceleration of movement engagement among every people and place.

The simple 21-Day Prayer Guide will focus our prayer and also provide specific prayer points for the CPM. It is simple by design so that many many nations can translate it and copy it within their local teams, so we have avoided complicated graphics and long texts.

The Translations will be hosted at this site: <https://inheritthenations.net/2414-coalition-prayer-involvement/>

Please help us distribute this 21 days of prayer as widely and as globally as possible. Post this on your websites, ministry sites, at church, on facebook.... we would like to raise up a chorus of global intercession to see multiplication of disciples, churches and movements amongst the unreached groups.

You might be saying to yourself, "I have just done a 21 day prayer fast, there seem to be many at the moment", this is correct. Currently, there are many 21 day cycles of prayer taking place across the globe, we are in season of 21 day fasts and prayer like that which Daniel did. God is calling us to take 21 days to seek Him for the lost and see disciples making disciples, churches planting churches and movements multiplying movements.

www.2414now.net

Resources:

14 VIDEOS: Reaching the Unreached – Prayer that Empowers Missions

We would encourage our prayer partners to watch, and share the links to these excellent newly re-mastered videos entitled 'Reaching the Unreached – Prayer that Empowers Missions' - that focus us on the need to pray for the 4,700 unreached peoples' groups. They were produced by the acclaimed Videographer / Director, Michael Lienau, a friend of IPC. There is a 3 minute and 9 minute version:



Play / Download 3 minute version: <https://vimeo.com/311331983>

Play / Download 9 minute version: <https://vimeo.com/311342648>

15 Pray for the 31 - Prayer Guide

One fourth of the world's households live in Frontier People Groups - with virtually no contact with believers, and no sign yet of a gospel movement bringing God's promised blessing to their families.

Half of these households live in these 31 largest Frontier People Groups.

This is a Prayer Guide for the 31 – an invitation to the Body of Christ to Pray for the Harvest.

Download the PDF guide from this link below. Print copies are available.

<https://inheritthenations.net/resources/the-31-a-prayer-guide/>



Prayer News & Events

16 UPRising Europe 8-11 July 2019

An invitation is going out across Europe for a unique gathering of 3,000 young people from all 51 nations of the continent, taking place in July 2019. United Prayer Rising (**UPRising**) **Europe** will draw together believers for 72 hours of united worship and prayer with a mandate to contend for a youth awakening across Europe.



JJ Waters, Director of **UPRising Europe** said, “Following God’s lead, we are incredibly excited to gather together people from every nation in Europe to contend for a youth awakening. This is such a critical time for Europe – much is being shaken whilst at the same time God is moving powerfully in many nations. We believe He is doing something beautiful in the hearts of young people, in what is now one of the most unreached continents on earth. Now is the time to come together from different nations, across denominations, honouring fathers and mothers, and to worship and pray for a mighty move of God in Europe.”

We want to invite young people and anyone with a heart for Europe, to save the dates – 8th to 11th July 2019 and to plan to be part of this event.

The backbone of **UPRising Europe** will be 72 hours of non-stop worship and prayer led by worship teams of young people from all over Europe. We want to see young people from each of their nations bringing their own unique flavour, style of music and worship songs in their own language alongside English songs. These are the grassroots, passionate worship and prayer leaders who are faithful to where God has placed them and willing to contend for Europe.

Out of this will flow prayer and intercession for Europe, with occasional inspiration from speakers in our main sessions and seminars. There will also be prayer for these young people to be sent with a lasting fire to see their cities and nations changed by Jesus.

UPRising Europe is part of the global UPRising movement that was birthed out of the World Prayer Assembly in 2012 in Indonesia. The first UPRising event was in Seoul, South Korea in July 2016. Since then, there have been UPRising events in the Philippines, South Africa, Mongolia, Bolivia, Malaysia, Canada, Chile, Mexico and California.

UPRising Europe will take place at Ashburnham Place, Battle, East Sussex – a Christian retreat and conference centre set in beautiful grounds with three lakes, gardens and an abundance of nature. Delegates will be able to stay in Ashburnham place itself or camp in the spacious grounds.

We want to bring together young people from every nation in Europe and to make this event accessible to all. In order to do this, we intend to make ticket prices reasonable for those from all parts of Europe. If anyone or any church wishes to help subsidise these costs, please contact us via the website.

Anyone interested in finding out more and pre-registering for UPRising Europe can do so at the website: www.uprisingeurope.org Also, follow us on social media. Pricing and tickets will be released shortly.

17 South East Asia Prayer Council - 8-11th Oct 2019 – Singapore

We would like to extend a warm invitation to the South East Asia Prayer Council Conference 2019 which takes place from 8th to 11th October 2019 at the Changi Village Hotel in Singapore.



We are grateful to Senior Pastor Djohan Handoyo from Bethany Church Singapore who is our Host this year. Pastor Handoyo along with Reverend Edmund Smith, founder and Director of Real Love Ministry (RLM) Melaka, Malaysia, will be speaking on the theme: **'From Glory to Glory' - How we experience His Glory!**

We look forward to welcoming delegates from the 11 nations of South East Asia as well as international visitors and IPC friends from around the world.

Full details of the event along with links to Register and Book accommodation are on the conference website at www.seaprayers2019singapore.org/

In His service,
Pastor Veronica Lorenzana | Pastor Ann Low
South East Asia Prayer Council

18 'One New Man' 11-14th March - Jerusalem

"One New Man" Alignment Roundtable with Messianic Jewish Leaders, March 11-14, Jerusalem

Please pray for this crucial international event that will involve both Jewish and Gentile leaders coming together to sit at the feet of Messiah together. Tikkun Global, a Messianic Jewish organization headquartered in Israel is organizing it and describes its objectives in this way:



"The sense is that these gatherings hold significant prophetic and relational importance in the timeline of the Kingdom of God and for the continuing restoration of Israel and the Church as One New Man. We believe that we are nearing a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit in Israel and the world.

It is now more important than ever for the body of believers to come into alignment and to bring purity and humility to apostolic renewal in our days.

The purpose of the convocation will be:

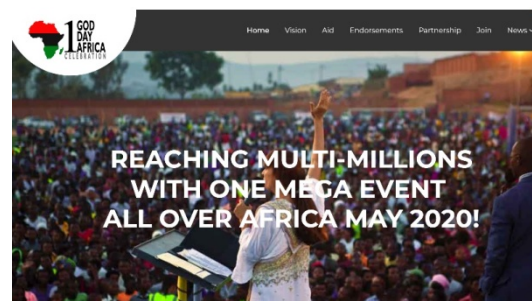
1. To seek God in worship and prayer for wisdom and prophetic direction.
2. To develop personal relationships and unity as the global family of believers from every nation.
3. Continue discussions regarding the concept of alignment and possible implications for Israel and the Church, for the Messianic Jewish body and the wider family of believers around the world.
4. Prayerfully explore what God might be calling us to do together - to move beyond relational unity and into some sort of strategic alliance for the future.

"Heaven must receive [Yeshua], until the time of the restoration of all the things that God spoke about long ago through the mouth of His holy prophets." - Acts 3:21

Please pray for an anointed, Spirit-led time that will bring forth good things for the entire Body of Christ, Jewish and Gentile, and for our world.

19 One God - One Day - One Africa – 31st May 2020

A significant number of major outreaches are planned simultaneously in every country possible within Africa with many international ministries involved such as Christ for All Nations, Luis Palau, Heidi Baker, Joyce Meyer, African Enterprises, Global Outreach Day (G.O.D) and TBN Africa on 31st May 2020 (provisional date).



During the last weekend of May they have planned to have an outreach in every country of Africa where it's possible.

Together with many international ministries, churches and African denominations who have already committed to "adopt" a country.

During May, many churches will be mobilized to go out and witness and with about 5,000 evangelists to be trained they will cast a Gospel net, including live TV.

There will be broadcasts and live streaming over the whole continent of Africa.

The project has been initiated by Evangelist Jennifer Wilde (CA) and CEO Rev. Siegfried Tomaszewski.

Event Email: info@1gda.org

Website link: www.1gda.org

20 IPC Calendar

Nigeria: Year of Prayer – 1st May 2018 – 30th April 2019

<http://www.pray4nigeria.org/>

Fast for Syria – 1-3 March

See article in Connections

21 Days of Prayer for the Church Planting Movement 4-25 March 2019

<https://inheritthenations.net/2414-coalition-prayer-involvement/>

40 Days of Hope, California. March 6 - April 14, 2019

<https://40daysofhope.net/>

Americas National Day of Repentance

<http://www.dayofrepentance1.org>

Europe Shall be Saved - 40 DOP - 1 Mar – 9 April 2019

<https://esbs.org/hc-video/>

www.ipcprayer.org



'One New Man' 11-14th March – Jerusalem

<https://tikkun.tv/>

United Prayer Rising Europe – 8-11 July 2019

www.uprisingeurope.org

One God - One Day - One Africa – 31st May 2020

www.1gda.org

Go 2020 May 2020

<https://www.go2020.world>

About IPC

21 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

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