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YOUR REGULAR NEWS & PRAYER UPDATE DIRECT FROM THE CENTRE for WORLD PRAYER



Around 2,500 people gathered in the newly refurbished LG Arena at the NEC on **Saturday 17th October 2009** to spend the day in worship and prayer encouraged by the messages of support from around the world including Christians from Australia USA, Malaysia, Myanmar, Indonesia and Singapore. The message received from Singapore read :

We are eternally grateful to the British for giving us the legacy of the Gospel. We are praying with you and standing with you as we cry out to almighty God for an awakening in the UK. May the Lord hear our cries, have mercy on the UK and make the UK a gospel sending nation again".

The clear cry was heard "Jesus is Lord..... Jesus is Lord...." as Malcolm Duncan of **CHURCH & COMMUNITY** www.churchandcommunity.org reminded us that the gospel is summed up in those three words. We also heard stories from Debra Green of how the **REDEEMING OUR COMMUNITIES** story www.citylinks.org.uk has now been launched in Liverpool at the invitation of the police and how police forces in Birmingham and London are now interested. Ben Cooley gave an update of how **HOPE FOR JUSTICE** www.hopeforjustice.org.uk are pushing through in their work against human trafficking working both in the UK and globally.

We partnered with three of the persecuted church agencies to put on the day. This helped us to explore how we understand the glory of the Cross as experienced through the persecuted Church.



RELEASE INTERNATIONAL www.releaseinternational.org shared stories of how Christians in Eritrea are being persecuted for their faith, **OPEN DOORS** www.opendoorsuk.org interviewed 2 people from the UK who have faced job dismissal because of their Christian faith. They also drew attention to the plight of two people in prison in Iran and the present situation in that country. **CHRISTIAN SOLIDARITY WORLDWIDE** www.csw.org.uk revealed the extent of murder and arson against Christians in northern Nigeria. Times of prayer and worship spontaneously occurred throughout the afternoon

We do feel that as a result of this day, more of God's presence, love, justice and mercy is being and will be poured out across our nations and across our world. We, as a nation are making preparations to host the 2012 Olympics ; and as our nation prepares for its glory , the athletes prepare for their glory - it is now time for the Church to prepare for His glory. At this time, will you consider with us an invitation to do everything that will attract the presence of God.

With thanks for your partnership and every blessing for the coming season

The World Prayer Centre Team

Alongside the report of The Presence, information on the Swanwick Conference and our Days of Prayer, I wanted to write a more personal note that not only explained in more detail something of our present journey, but also asked you the simple question, how are you? This may seem rather strange because I cannot directly hear your reply. However, I ask it because I know there are very few Christians who at this present time are not experiencing all sorts of pressures, demands and challenges in their daily lives that drain us of physical, emotional and spiritual strength.

Family, work, church, community, finance, local, national and international issues all come together and demand support, help, time, consideration and our involvement. Some days I really do feel like shouting, "stop the world I want to get off." At the same time the spiritual winds and waves that go on around us and in our boat want us at times to scream, "Lord don't you care that we perish?" So, how are you, how am I? Maybe the answer to all the calls, demands, pressures and storms is to simply say, "I don't know, I don't have all the answers," and with the king in the Old Testament admit, "I do not know what to do, but my eyes are unto you." In other words I am walking by faith and not by sight; I am doing my best, I am trusting in God and believing His Word.

That sums up where we are on the WPC journey. We look back on a year of exciting development and seemingly frustrating inactivity. We have seen wonderful answers to prayer, and we are yet to see prayers answered. The demands on us have been intense and the accusations from the enemy have at times stifled our faith. We rejoiced over the land donated to us, (subject to planning) and have been frustrated by the length of time and the cost in putting a planning application together. We have given thanks to God for the wonderful sense of His presence at prayer events and conferences both in this country and abroad, and we have struggled to see the spiritual and financial breakthrough we long to see across this family of nations and for the World Prayer Centre.

We gave thanks to God for all that He did at the recent Presence event at the NEC, but we were disappointed that at this time in our nation's desperate state more Christians did not come and stand with us. If you want to help us with the large deficit you can do so direct into

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And so we could go on - travelling on what at times appears to be a rollercoaster that either stops or goes too fast in all the wrong places.

We do not presume on your time, but we dare to ask that when you can, you remember us in your prayers. On this Heaven to earth, Isaac journey we have been asked, "Why build a Christian Centre for prayer, mission, family and the marginalized in an increasingly secular, multi faith City and nation?" There are a number of answers to that question, but above all we knew when the vision was first given, that God was planting a stake in the heart of our nation, that revealed and demonstrated something of His heart for our nations through the design and function of the building and the life that flowed out of it.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter, for your prayers and your support. We pray with you, that together through our struggles and pressures, joys and sorrows, failures and successes, we shall attract the presence of Jesus and reflect His presence to those we share our lives with day by day.

A verse of scripture for you today: *God is not unjust; He will not forget your work and the love you have shown Him, as you have helped His people and continue to help them.* Hebrews 6:10

We bless you and look forward to hearing from you.

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The World Prayer Centre - "A Centre for World Prayer."

"But thanks be to God who always leads us in triumphal process in Christ and through us spreads every-where the fragrance of the knowledge of Him." 2 Corinthians 2:14



DAYS OF PRAYER - 2010

In the New Year all of our monthly Days of Prayer will be held at:
Birmingham Christian Centre, The Parade, Birmingham, B1 3QQ
They will run from 10.30am - 3.00pm on:

Saturday 16 January 2010

Saturday 27 February 2010

Saturday 17 April 2010

Saturday 5 June 2010

Saturday 17 July 2010

Come and be part of these dynamic days of seeking God: Praying locally, nationally and globally for many issues that affect the life of our family of nations and other nations of the world.

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PRAYER FOR TODAY

Father God, help me this day to do everything that attracts Your presence
in my life, my family, and in my community,

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in the name of Jesus Christ my Lord.
Amen.

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