



WPC NEWSUPDATE - MARCH 2008

Dear friends of World Prayer Centre.

Grace and peace to you from Him who is and who was and who is to come. It is a great joy partnering with you, as we seek to see more of God's kingdom come on earth as in heaven.

FRIDAY FOCUS

As we move into the second quarter of 2008, it's good to be able to enclose the latest copy of Friday Focus. We know that thousands are praying each Friday, and last quarter we did not have enough copies to meet the demand! We hope and trust that you are finding it a useful prayer resource - do let us have any comments with specific feedback in relation to Friday Focus at prayer@worldprayer.org.uk

TRUMPET CALL

The next NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER - Trumpet Call VII - is on Saturday 21st June (leaflet enclosed). June may seem some distance away, but once Easter has passed, it will be here before you realise. So, if you've not yet booked your ticket for the day, you need to get moving, as tickets are starting to sell fast. This will be the last Trumpet Call, although not the last prayer day at the NEC Arena. During the day we will be sounding SEVEN trumpets; we shall seek God for a demonstration of His power over the land (SEVEN trumpets at Jericho - Joshua 6); an increased sense of His presence in the land (SEVEN trumpets in Jerusalem - 2 Chron 15); and the blessing of His protection around the land (SEVEN trumpets - Nehemiah 12). The day also sees the launch of the Prayer Forum seeing all SEVEN nations of the British Isles and Ireland connecting together in prayer plus we'll be hearing stories of Hope from around the nation. Tickets (£5) available from www.worldprayer.org.uk or by calling World Prayer Centre. Remember, it will be the biggest prayer journey, the largest declaration on the longest day!

PRAYER WEEK & GDOP

The prayer momentum is gathering in May 2008 with a number of prayer initiatives happening. Prayer Week (4-11th) www.prayerweek.com continues to mobilise thousands of churches to pray across the nation linking in with the Global Day of Prayer (11th) www.globaldayofprayer.co.uk. Globally, there are currently 139 nations registered for GDOP and 16 events registered in the UK with many more planned!

THE PASSION

A major new series 'The Passion' starts Palm Sunday (16th March) on BBC1. The 4 episodes run until Easter day and prime time audiences could be in excess of 10 million people! Resources & info: www.churchesmediacouncil.org.uk/passion.

HOPE 08

Jane reports back from the National Leadership Team: there are now over 1290 locations across the UK taking part, which represents thousands of churches. Prayer Triplets have now been launched. For free cards contact the Hope08 office 01273 571939 or email info@hope08.com

HOPE SCHOOLS CHALLENGE

Hope Schools Challenge already has 150 schools registered and some cities/towns are pledging to send teams into every school in their community during 2008. News and updates visit Hope08 website www.hope08.com

TRUMPET CALL CONFERENCE

The World Prayer Centre Team have recently hosted their annual "Heaven to Earth" Trumpet Call Conference at Swanwick, Derbyshire. This was a very encouraging time with in-depth teaching brought by Paul Miller, and the team sharing the latest instalments of the WPC journey. During the conference, a strong connection was made between WPC and Betel of Britain, as WPC adopted Betel as its Missions Partner. Betel is a Christian mission helping people to break addictions in their lives. This spiritual adoption had been encouraged three weeks earlier, as Ian and Pauline attended the Call2all conference in Orlando, Florida. The conference saw the marriage of prayer and mission established globally, by encouraging prayer organisations around the world to adopt a mission organisation.

DAYS OF PRAYER

Most recently, at one of WPC's monthly Days of Prayer, we spent the morning praying into the major issue of unbelief in our nation, believing that nothing is impossible with God. During the afternoon, we prayed specifically for Russia, Israel and other middle Middle East Countries. Details of the Days of Prayer coming up can be found at www.worldprayer.org.uk (the next two dates are 26th April and 10th May). Our Day of Prayer on Saturday 10th May will link with the Global Day of Prayer. Birmingham will be hosting its first Global Day of Prayer event on Sunday 11th May at 4pm, in Birmingham Cathedral Square. More info will be available as we have it on www.globaldayofprayer.co.uk.

PRAYER TEAMS

As you read this letter, Sue Harvey will be leading a team in Northern France. In April she is planning to take a British/French team to Pembrokeshire and in the late Summer, a team to Uganda to pray for and support Christians working with orphaned children.

Be encouraged! Keep praying and believing.

We look forward to seeing you, your friends, your prayer group, your church at Trumpet Call at The NEC on 21st June.

Praying for God's richest blessings on you.

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