

MAY 2009**FROM VISION TO REALISATION**

For 17 years we have been following a vision to see the establishment of a World Prayer Centre here in Birmingham, England in the heart of our nation. Throughout the journey, God has kept reminding us that this building had to be a Heaven to Earth principle - an Isaac. He has taught us and continues to teach us that His grace is sufficient in the midst of doubt, frustration and all the other emotions experienced on such a journey.



During this time by God's grace the ministry of WPC has developed in many ways as we have sought to encourage prayer and mission at local, national and international level.

Eighteen months ago we felt that God was highlighting a piece of land for the building. Because of the Isaac principle, we could not approach the owners of the land. We had to pray that God would prompt them to contact us. After 7 months of praying, they phoned and said they would like to meet us. We met, and after the second meeting they wrote and said that they had some land that they had always felt should be for a house of prayer for all nations. This was the land we had prayed over. We have now drawn up an agreement stating that subject to planning consent they will donate 53 acres of land for the World Prayer Centre.

We ask for the prayers of brothers and sisters around the world. In the coming weeks we have meetings with architects, surveyors, engineers, planning consultants and possible funders, as we put together a planning application. In all these meetings the Isaac principle must remain. We know there will be opposition from many quarters to a Christian centre in an increasingly multi faith/ secular city. We are praying daily for wisdom, understanding, much faith and all the resources needed as we move forward.

We believe that the Centre, with foundation stones of Prayer, Mission, The Family and supporting the Marginalized, will be a Kingdom stake into the heart of our nation that will have impact across the UK, Europe and beyond. We very much appreciate those who can pray and stand with us

PRAYER INITIATIVES..... Coming up

We would like to invite you to join in two prayer initiatives that start in May 2009.

Join in praying for Manchester:

Would you be willing to join in praying for Greater Manchester? We are supporting the Message Trust and a number of other organisations to mobilise **one million hours of prayer starting 1st May to 9th August 2009**. Christians are asked to join in prayer for 20 minutes a day to see Greater Manchester radically changed. On 9th August a number of large scale evangelistic events will take place for young people. For those of you not on the web, can you take some time to pray for this city during this time? If you have access to the web, then please go on line to register and find out more information. www.1millionhours.com.

Join in praying on the fourth Global Day of Prayer on 31st May 2009 Pentecost Sunday in your church.

In 2008, 214 nations took part. We are praying that Christians from every nation will be able to participate this year. There are currently 197 nations registered and here in the UK, to date we have 20 events taking place in Scotland and England, an anticipated 33 different borough events in London and many more taking place in Northern Ireland.



The GDOP is much more than large events, it is about churches and groups of Christians linking together in prayer. Could you ask the leaders of your church to consider praying either part or the whole of the GDOP Prayer for the World at your Pentecost Sunday services? In that way we can all take part. The sections of the prayer or the whole prayer can be downloaded from our website www.globaldayofprayer.co.uk.

DAYS OF PRAYER 2009

As part of the on-going vision of WPC, we continue to host regular Days of Prayer in Birmingham.

As a team, we feel that God is speaking to us about increasing the level of prayer. The Prayer Room continues to be open weekdays, between 10am and 4pm, and we have planned the following days during May & June for prayer: During these days we shall worship, listen, pray and seek God for local, national and International concerns.

Thursday 21 & Friday 22 May 2009 - 9am-4pm in The Prayer Room at Cornerstone House

Saturday 20 June 2009 - 10.30am - 3.00pm at Birmingham Christian Centre

INTRODUCING THE NEXT NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

17 OCTOBER 2009 - NEC ARENA

As many of you know, over the last few years we have had held national days of prayer under the banner of Trumpet Call. On these occasions through worship and declaration, we have proclaimed the Lordship of Christ, helped launch the mission initiatives of Redeeming our Communities and Hope 08, prayed that God would bring our nations to an understanding of their moral and spiritual state, and awaken the Church to the opportunities which that state provides. We believe that God, in His mercy, has heard our cries and those of many others in our nations.

On June 21 2008, God led us to let the Trumpet Call seed fall into the ground and die. Already from that seed amazing plants are beginning to grow, one of them being a strong sense that we should go back to the NEC and call Christians from around the nations to stand again in the heart of the nation and in the midst of this shaking to declare the glory and presence of God.

We believe this will be a prophetic day as we declare that in the midst of great uncertainty (and at times chaos), that God is moving by His Spirit as He has always done since the beginning of time.

The Presence

The day will be in three parts:

THE GLORY OF THE GOSPEL
THE GLORY OF THE CROSS
THE GLORY OF HIS PRESENCE

Awake, awake, clothe yourself in your strength O Zion;
Clothe yourself in your beautiful garments, O Jerusalem,
the holy city.
Isaiah 52:1

Introducing the next National Day of Prayer...

The Presence

A day to stand together to pray and proclaim:
THE GLORY OF THE GOSPEL
THE GLORY OF THE CROSS
THE GLORY OF HIS PRESENCE

OCTOBER 17 2009

at The NEC, BIRMINGHAM
11am to 6pm, doors open at 9:30am

BOOKING
Tickets £7 available from the WPC Ticket Shop:
online: www.worldprayer.org.uk
by phone: 0121 633 7393

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We shall declare the Good News of the Gospel. With our friends from Open Doors, Christian Solidarity Worldwide and Release International, we shall understand something of the Glory of the cross as experienced by the persecuted church, and we shall call for the lifting of gates and opening of doors across our nations, that the King of Glory may come in.

At only £7, we have again tried to keep the cost of a ticket as low as possible. This is to enable you, your prayer group, your church or your group of churches to come and stand together on behalf of our Nations. You can book using the enclosed leaflet, book on-line or by phone. To those already enquiring, tickets will be available early May 2009.

May you know God's blessing in your life as you seek Him each day.

The WPC team.

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