

Weekly Prayer Requests

08/15/08

“Lord Jesus, we are silly sheep who have dared to stand before you and try to bribe you with our preposterous portfolios. Suddenly we have come to our senses. We are sorry and ask you to forgive us. Give us the grace to admit we are ragamuffins, to embrace our brokenness, to celebrate your mercy when we are at our weakest, to rely on your mercy no matter what we may do. Dear Jesus, gift us to stop grandstanding and trying to get attention, to do the truth quietly without display, to let the dishonesties in our lives fade away, to accept our limitations, to cling to the gospel of grace, and to delight in your love. Amen.”

- Brennan Manning, The Ragamuffin Gospel

INTERNATIONAL CONCERNS

Conflict in Eastern Europe

www.cnn.com/WORLD/

Violence has raged since Thursday, when the country of Georgia launched a crackdown on separatist fighters in autonomous South Ossetia. Russia, which supports the separatists, responded Friday, sending tanks across its border. The conflict quickly spread to other parts of Georgia and to Abkhazia, another separatist region.

Scores Dead in Vietnam Floods

www.reliefweb.int

Flash floods and landslides, brought by tropical storm Kammuri since Saturday, have battered mountainous villages in northern Vietnam. On Monday, the government said that 100 people had been killed and 48 were still missing.

Yellow Fever Epidemic Feared in Africa

www.reliefweb.int

The Ivorian Ministry of Health has confirmed 19 people have been infected with yellow fever since May, while the World Health Organisation (WHO) warns Cote d'Ivoire is at an "elevated" risk of yellow fever epidemics.

OTHER PRAYER REQUESTS

Many Kenyans Facing Acute Food Shortage

www.irinnews.org

Tens of thousands of people are facing food scarcity in the areas of Baringo and East Pokot in Kenya's north Rift, a humanitarian official said. The food scarcity has been attributed to poor rainfall and drought, which led to crop failure.

Toronto Firefighter Dies

www.cbc.ca

A veteran firefighter died trying to extinguish a massive fire at a propane depot in north Toronto early Sunday. He was identified as Bob Leek, a district chief of emergency planning.

Fallen Soldier in Afghanistan

www.cbc.ca

On Monday, Master Cpl. Erin Doyle became the 90th Canadian soldier to die in Afghanistan. Doyle is survived by his wife, Nicole, and his daughter, Zarine.

THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

Christian Bookseller Jailed

www.persecutedchurch.com

China: Beijing book store owner, Shi Weihang has been imprisoned for the "illegal printing of religious materials." His family has had no contact with him since March, and are deeply concerned. In addition, Shi Weihang is a diabetic and is without medication.

Martyred for Christ

www.drjobsmission.com

India: Letare Horo (55), a native of Village Ganayor, Murhu Block, Khunti District of Jharkhand State, India was brutally murdered before eye witnesses. He was a dedicated, hard working, soul-winning evangelist.

Pastor Re-arrested Sunday, Escapes

www.persecution.com

China: Pastor Hua Huiqi, who was evicted from his rental apartment in Beijing on July 2, and subsequently forced to leave China's capital, was arrested Sunday while trying to attend a service at a state-approved church. He has escaped and is in hiding.

LOCAL PRAYER REQUESTS

