

Weekly Prayer Requests

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John Knox, the Scots Reformer, prayed, "Give me Scotland, or I die!" George Whitefield, the co-worker of John Wesley, said, "Give me souls or take my life." Such desperation in prayer is rarely heard today. Prayers are not bold pleas to God for revival, for the reason that many Christians are not interested in having a new visitation of God. Like Israel at Sinai, many would like to have the benefits of God without God Himself. But the conscientious Christian desires, as David did, God Himself. "As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after You, O God." (Psalms 42:1)

"Prayer and Revival" by Craig Alan Myers <http://www.brfwitness.org/Articles/2001v36n4.htm> (accessed August 21, 2008).

INTERNATIONAL CONCERNS

Spain Mourns after Fatal Air Disaster

www.cnn.com

153 people were killed July 20 when the plane they were on crashed during takeoff in Madrid, Spain. Passengers said they saw flames and heard an explosion moments before the Spanair flight crashed. There were 19 survivors.

100 Die in Taliban Suicide Bombings

www.cnn.com/2008/WORLD/asiapcf/08/21/pakistan.blast/index.html

The Taliban claimed responsibility for dual suicide bombings at a Pakistani military arms factory on July 21 that killed 100 people and wounded 80 others. Two men detonated their bombs near the gates of the factory during a shift change when hundreds of people were around.

Civilians Killed at Mosque & Market

www.cnn.com/2008/WORLD/africa/08/21/Somalia.fighting/index.html

Heavy shelling struck Somalia's capital city on July 21, destroying a neighborhood mosque, devastating a market and leaving 11 civilians dead. Many of the dead were preparing for prayers at the mosque or shopping at the market. The bombing was a result of recent clashes between Islamic insurgents, and Somali and Ethiopian soldiers.

Monsoon Rains Kill 650 in Northern India

www.alertnet.org/thenews/newsdesk/DEL22734.htm

Floods caused by heavy rains last week have swamped more than 650 villages in northern India, killing at least 114 people and affecting 1.5 million more. Many of the latest deaths were caused by houses collapsing.

Writer of Hit Song "Healer" Comes Clean

www.theaustralian.news.com.au

Pastor Michael Guglielmucci, writer of the hit Hillsong song "Healer," and who inspired thousands of young Christians with his terminal cancer battle, has been exposed as a fraud. He recently confirmed with church officials that he is not dying of, nor did he ever have, the disease. He is currently seeking professional help. Pray for him, his family and friends, and for the Christian community. Pray for forgiveness and for spiritual healing.

Chilliwack Mourns Tragedies

In the wake of the many recent tragedies in Chilliwack, pray for the families and friends of those affected, and the community at large. Over the past month there have been 3 shooting deaths and 3 drowning deaths, amongst others.

THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

Students Imprisoned in Container

www.persecution.com/topStory_eritreaShipping.html

Eritrea: On August 5, authorities locked 8 high school students in a metal shipping container and burned hundreds of Bibles at Sawa Defense Training Centre. The students were imprisoned in it after they objected to authorities confiscating and burning 1,500 Bibles taken from new students.

Pastor with Health Issues in Prison

www.prisoneralert.com/pprofiles/vp_prisoner_165_profile.html

China: Pastor Zhang Rongliang, a prominent house-church leader, was sentenced July 4 to 7 1/2 years in prison for "attaining a passport through cheating" and "illegal border crossing." He suffers from diabetes and high blood pressure in addition to other chronic health problems and, in previous prison terms, has experienced harsh torture.

Death Threats & Damages Hit Churches

www.compassdirect.org

Ecuador: Catholic authorities have recently reported death threats and several acts of vandalism of church property in response to church opposition to several articles in Ecuador's proposed new constitution.

OTHER PRAYER REQUESTS

LOCAL PRAYER REQUESTS

