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## **England Biblethon Festival**

According to Ethan Cole of the Christian Post nearly 200 people from over 20 local churches in England kicked off a Bible reading marathon on Friday 6 March 2009 during which the Scripture will be read in public for 10 days. This event takes place at St Mary's Church in London where people will be reading from the Bible, starting from the book of Genesis, every day until March 15 from 9 am to 9pm. Students from parish schools, youth clubs and churches will participate in the event. During breaks live music will be played and various music performances including organ recitals, jazz piano, baroque viola, classical piano and dance will take place. There will also be art works and displays during the event. The objective of the festival is to raise the profile of the Bible in England and to open up the church and allow the Bible to speak for itself. A celebration service on 15 March 2009 will have all the participants back to read the final chapter of the Bible together. Afterwards there will be a party in St Mary's Church for people to share their reflections of the event. The event is free and open to the public, but donations collected will help cover costs with surplus revenue going to the Ngolowindo School in Malawi, a parish in Africa, and Barnabas, the children's branch of the Bible Reading Fellowship.

<http://www.christiantoday.com/article/churches.kick.off.biblethon.festival/22722.htm>

## **Testimony from Benin**

Claude Sossa testifies: "After our survey at national level (in Benin), I decided to change my strategy. Instead of developing prayer partners, I would pray. I began to call, text message, or e-mail people and praying for them, instead of asking them to pray for me.

This developed into a pattern of praying for 30 different people every month on a day-by-day basis. On the first day of each month, I pray for the same person. On the second day of each

month, I pray for a different person, and so on through the month.

This means I have 30 people I pray for every month. When possible, I pray with them in person or by phone. If not possible, such as when I am traveling in blackout conditions, I send text messages or e-mail containing my prayers for each of them.

The result of this process is that 30 people respond to my prayers by praying for me. As I talk to them about this process, I encourage them to pray for 29 other people on the days they are not praying with me. Therefore, in one generation the prayer network goes from 30 to 900 people praying. We pass prayer requests back and forth on this network. We encourage all participants to find 30 people to pray with every month. By three generations, there are 27,000 people in the prayer network. That is  $30 \times 30 = 900$  and  $900 \times 30 = 27,000$ . This is exponential growth. If it is only 1% effective there will be 270 people praying. If the process is only 10% effective there will be 2,700 people praying.”  
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## **Networking day for Prayer houses**

All people from Prayer houses and the 24-7 Prayer project in the Netherlands are invited to the twice-yearly networking day for Prayer houses on Saturday 4 April at Kroeze Danne, Kappelhofsweg 14, 7495 RN in Ambt Delden. Together they will come as the House of Prayer in the Netherlands.

In April 2008 during the Networking day they saw the huge windmill on the Dam in Amsterdam, standing even higher than the palace and the church. This showed them that God's Prayer network was higher and more important than any official government institution and as prayer warriors they were called to reign with God through unanimous, constant and ardent prayer.

The Netherlands experience more and more people coming forward with God's fire in their hearts for constant, united prayer. Many 24-7 prayer chains have formed. All of these groups will come together to get to know one another, learn from each other, connect with other prayer groups and houses in order to really be the Netherlands House of Prayer.

The contact group for the Prayer houses are Timo van der Woude, Corrie Oosterhuis, Eric Abbink, Johan den Hartogh, Dorien van 't Hoog [dorien@menmusic.com](mailto:dorien@menmusic.com)

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## **Prayer from a minaret**

In an area of **Macedonia** it had not rained in six months. People were desperate and the local imam began sacrificing a lamb every day to pray for rain.

Abaza, a Turk in Bulgaria, (who found Christ after twice attempting to commit suicide) began evangelizing along the Old Silk Road, and found people receptive to the gospel. He went to Macedonia and asked the imam, "Please, may I pray for rain?"

"Quick, go get a lamb," the imam said. "This man wants to pray for rain."

"No," Abaza said. "I do not need your lamb. We already have a Lamb, and he was slain 2000 years ago. Our Lamb is sufficient, and we will pray in the name of our Lamb."

There was a tall minaret there, shown at left, and Abaza said, "I will go to the top of the minaret and pray in the name of our Lamb."

"If you do that, the imam will kill you," a villager told him.

But he went, anyway. When he got to the top of the minaret, he prayed a very short prayer: "Lord Jesus, give the rain they need."

Then he came down from the minaret. Within 20 minutes it rained.

The people stood in utter amazement and rejoiced as the rain fell. Even the imam joined their gladness and was open to what Abaza had to say.

Abaza started going door to door, and every household welcomed him. God has a way to open closed doors.

House groups now meet in the name of Jesus on a weekly basis under the tutelage of one of two missionary families working in the area.

[http://www.worldchristianministries.org/default6.asp?active\\_page\\_id=319](http://www.worldchristianministries.org/default6.asp?active_page_id=319)

## **G20 Summit**

Christians across the UK and around the world will join in praying for world leaders and decision makers to unite around a new vision for the global economy based on values like partnership and care for the vulnerable. The *Rise Up* prayer initiative is being organised by the *Micah Challenge* coalition of Christian organisations to

coincide with the G20 summit in London on April 2. From March 28 to April 3, Christians will commit to individual daily prayer for the summit and join together in a day of prayer on Sunday. On the day of the summit, Christians are being encouraged to meet up with friends to pray that measures to recover the global economy will be fair and take the poor into consideration.

<http://www.christiantoday.com/article/christians.to.rise.in.prayer.ahead.of.g20.summit/22885.htm>.

## **GDOP 2009**

There is great excitement amongst Christians around the world as they prepare to gather in homes, halls, fields and churches to unite in *repentance and prayer on 31 May 2009*. This day will be preceded by the *10 Days of day-and-night prayer* and followed by *90 Days of Blessing*.

Is your town part of this fire of prayer spreading wider and wider around the globe?

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