

PRAYER FUEL



August 2010

Praise awaits you, our God, in Zion; to you our vows will be fulfilled. You who answer prayer, to you all people will come. (Ps. 65:1-2, NIV)

1 Sun. Caribbean

The next few months are hurricane season in the Caribbean and there are predictions that this will be an active one. Pray for the protection of our bookstore teams and shops in this region, and that God will enable us to have good summer and fall sales. Pray also for safety as many of our shops are in areas which have high levels of violence and crime.

2 Mon. Papua New Guinea

CLC in Papua New Guinea are planning to rebuild the housing behind the Boroko shop as it is falling into disrepair. At the same time they hope to create more storage space for the shop. Please pray for wisdom and the necessary funds as plans are drawn up and the building work goes ahead.

3 Tue. Sierra Leone

CLC Sierra Leone and "Go Teach" (a UK-based publisher of Bible teaching material for children) plan to organize a seminar in Freetown for Sunday school teachers. Please pray that the church will see this as a blessing and that the training, coupled with the materials, will be used to enhance the church ministry in Sierra Leone and that there will be a renewed interest in Sunday schools in the country.

4 Wed. Australia

Praise the Lord for Geoff Smith who has taken on the role of Marketing and Operations Manager this year. Geoff is based at the Headquarters and Warehouse in Kippa Ring, Queensland. Pray for the Lord's enabling in this important role and for His blessing on Geoff's efforts.

5 Thu. Switzerland

We praise God that CLC Switzerland continues to show growth after taking over an existing bookshop in Lugano. Pray for Carlo Ciafani as he faithfully serves in the shop. Praise God with us that a part-time helper, Luigi Belliazzi, will join Carlo in August, enabling us to keep the store open six full days a week. Pray that this will have a positive impact on the shop and further meet the needs of our customers.

6 Fri. Germany

Please pray that the Hamburg team would have good ideas for window displays. Many people walk past the shop in the evenings and we want to inspire them to read the Bible or a Christian book. Next door to our shop is a government-run center for dispensing methadone to drug addicts. This brings an increased risk of shop lifting and some of our elderly customers are afraid to walk in this area. Please pray for wisdom in meeting the needs of all our customers.

7-8 Sat/Sun UK

At the time of writing, it is hoped that Anurag Ambadekar, from India, will apply for his UK visa in late July. Please pray that it is granted quickly so that he can soon become part of the CLC London bookshop team for the long term.

9 Mon. Indonesia

CLC has occupied our shop premises in Medan for twenty-five years. The team thanks God that the owner of the building has extended the rental agreement so we can continue in the shop until March 2013, though he has asked for advance payment. Pray for funds to pay the rental and that the Lord will provide if we are to eventually buy the property from the owner.

10 Tue. Russia

Since opening the CLC shop in 2006, we have had three tenants rent the ground floor shop space and the current tenant is thinking of selling his business. Pray for a stable, reliable tenant for this property who

will rent it on a long term basis. Pray too for encouragement and good sales for the Moscow shop team as sales during July and August are usually slow.

11 Wed. International Office

Please pray for Rudy Kuijer as he has recently rejoined CLC – he and his family spent many years with CLC in Spain. One project that Rudy will be involved in is developing a series of evangelism booklets in multiple languages. Please pray for the selection of the right material and that this project will be the means of reaching many people with the Gospel.

12 Thu. Netherlands

Pray for our team as they strive to fulfil CLC's Vision Statement in their country. They have been looking at how our vision affects customer relations, internal processes, training and their financial planning. Els Oosterhuis reports that this has been a very stimulating process with the enthusiastic involvement of the team in a series of brain storming sessions. Pray that God will use this to further His plans in this country.

13 Fri. India

A Christian bookstore has recently been opened very close to one of our branches in Chennai and is causing a loss of sales for us as advertising material for this new shop is being handed out in the street right by our bookshop. Please pray for wisdom and grace as this is not an easy issue to resolve – the important thing is that God's name be honored and glorified in all we do.

14-15 Sat/Sun UK

Esther Domschitz, the Kingston shop manager writes: "We would greatly value your prayers during the August heat as the shop has poor ventilation and some days are a real challenge to both customers and staff alike. We praise God for His answers to our prayers, as both of our full-time members, Blodwen and Graham, recently moved into new homes. Pray that they are able to share God's love in their new neighborhoods."

16 Mon. USA

Pray for Charlie Hurd and our distribution team as they prepare to ship out Sunday School materials for the over 500 churches we supply every quarter. This involves much organization and long hours in order to make sure the right material gets where it is supposed to be on time.

17 Tue. Hong Kong

Our CLC bookshop is on the 2nd floor of an older building in an excellent location. We have only a very small temporary sign on the front of the building. Now all the businesses with signs on the building have been ordered to remove them and we have been unable to discover the application process for approving new signs. We really need to have a good sign for our shop, so please pray!

18 Wed. Pakistan

CLC Pakistan is planning to translate some titles by Lee Strobel into Urdu. Please pray for Justin Javed, shop manager in Karachi, as he negotiates with the publishers in the United States. Pray too that our small team will have the needed funds and technical support for this big project.

19 Thu. International Office

With the election of Andreas Bader as the new CLC Italy Director, Gary Chamberlin is now able to serve full-time as the European Regional Director. Pray for Gary as he visits the various teams across the continent, offering insight, training and help where needed. Pray also for the preparation for the CLC European Leaders' Conference which will be held in mid-September in Sicily.

20 Fri. Philippines

Pray for us as we are planning to open at least one more bookshop this year and are seriously considering the possibility of opening in Malolos City – a two-hour drive from Metro Manila. We are also still praying and saving for a staff housing project. May the Lord provide the needed funds so we can start this development.

21-22 Sat/Sun UK

Sales have been quite good, but there are signs that we will have to work hard to regain customers in this former Wesley Owens shop. We have started a bookstore Facebook site, are building a mailing list and we are looking for other opportunities of publicity. Pray for the Lord's increase.

23 Mon. Panama

"Please pray for the International Book Fair which takes place August 25 – 29. Pray that our presence at this event would be appreciated and well received. We trust that the Word of the Lord, as we distribute it, will lead to much needed changes in our country and society." Milton Cheng

24 Tue. Thailand

We have just purchased a new building in Chiang Mai that should be a real asset to the ministry. The location, which we knew was good, should be even better as a major bus terminal is now planned nearby, and it is likely there will be a new shopping complex as well. Pray for sufficient funds to repay loans – sales were very low in April and May in Bangkok following serious political unrest in the capital.

25 Wed. Myanmar

Praise God with us for a generous grant from the Tyndale Foundation for our publishing work in Myanmar; the biggest grant ever received for a single project. We have many books that have just been waiting for the funds to print them. Pray that many people will be blessed with good books from this project.

26 Thu. Germany

Our bookstore in Hamburg is becoming too small to meet all the needs of the customers. Within the next two years we would like to move into a larger shop nearby, but it will be very difficult to find an affordable alternative in this area. Please pray that God will guide Valentin Schweigler and the team if, and when, the time is right.

27 Fri. Ecuador

Praise the Lord that CLC Ecuador's new shop in Manta is doing very well, with many non-Christians visiting. Carlos Marin asks for prayer as changes are being made in the laws affecting non-profit organizations like CLC. One law in particular may have a negative effect on CLC.

28-29 Sat/Sun USA

We have a desire to encourage and inspire local churches and Christians to have a deep hunger and passion for the Word of God, and to help the whole church gain greater skill in handling the scriptures. Please pray for our bookstore teams as we buy books and as we serve and equip those who come through our doors.

30 Mon. Equatorial Guinea

CLC Spain oversees our bookshop in Bata which we run in partnership with the European Baptist Mission. The missionaries who helped staff the shop are now involved full-time in other projects, and Sara Marcos, the Spanish missionary who manages the shop, is only able to open it once a week. Please pray for help so that this much needed and appreciated ministry can operate fully again.

31 Tue. Tanzania

The presidential, parliament and local elections for Tanzania are in October. Organ Mapinda, Director for CLC Tanzania, asks us to pray for peaceful elections as there is the possibility that the President and other incumbents will be openly challenged from within by fellow members of their ruling CCM Party.

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