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1 Tue. Worldwide: We have a large number of bookstore staff who are also busy mothers. Please pray for them as, in many countries, children are on school holidays during the next few weeks. Pray that they will be able to have quality time with their children and that the stores will not suffer if they have to take extra time off. Anita Jones (Manager, CLC Moscow) and Inna Gelich (CLC Belarus) are both expecting babies this month.

2 Wed. Ecuador: Please pray that CLC will have an important impact in many lives as the team attends the International Bookfair in Guayaquil (July 4 -13). According to the "Expo Libro" website, more than 200 thousand people are expected to visit this secular book fair.

3 Thu. Spain: CLC Spain meets for their Annual Conference from tomorrow until Tuesday, July 8. The team asks us to pray with them that they will encounter God at this time and have meaningful fellowship together, empowering them to confront the challenges before them. The conference speaker will be Jose Segovia, the son of the founders of CLC Spain.

4 Fri. Cyprus: Dates were not confirmed at the time of writing, but CLC Cyprus will be taking book tables to various Christian camps during the next two months. There will be children's camps in July and family camps in August. Not all who attend these events are Christians. Pray for Eva and Sotos as they trust God to use them, and the books and Bibles, to bless and change lives. Remember the need for volunteers during this busy time and long-term staff to join the team as Sotos officially retires soon. We need to see God provide new people for the future.

5/6 Sat/Sun. UK: Recently the UK leadership team asked the International Office to assess how they are progressing as a CLC field. As a result they are currently looking at their practices to see if changes are needed. It is a time of deep soul-searching and seeking God, as change is never easy. Therefore please lift the UK staff before God so they may be sure to follow the path God has for them.

7 Mon. Panama: Marisol, the wife of Field Leader Milton Cheng, writes: "We give thanks to God for the provision of a new location for the Via España bookstore in Panama. It is in a good area where well-situated stores, for a reasonable rent, are hard to find. We have to move as the landlord doubled the price of our current store, but the new store is about the same size, the rent is cheaper, there is better parking and it is not too far away from the old location. We ask for God's strength and wisdom as we prepare the store and go through the process of moving. We hope to open on the 14th of July."

8 Tue. Sierra Leone: Jusu-Wai Sawi writes: "Christina Jackson from the US will be serving as a short-term missionary with us during the months of June and July. A teacher by profession, she will be particularly involved with CLC's adult literacy project. Please pray that Christina will be able to settle well into our system and that her time with us will be fruitful."

9 Wed. Central Asia: The bookstore manager writes: "Praise God, we have received a new shipment of Russian Christian books! It has only been one year since the last order—this is the fastest we have had permission granted, and all the documents we needed, to bring a new shipment in! The customs department has also been reformed; there are cameras in place and new procedures, so it is faster and cheaper. Now we don't have to deal with the problems and long delays that used to occur when they found out we were bringing in Christian books. Pray that these books will bring people closer to the Lord."

10 Thu. Dominica: For some time now CLC in Dominica has wanted to be able to buy their own store property. Earlier this year a well-built church in Roseau was offered for sale as the congregation had outgrown the building. CLC donated books to this church as part of CLC's 60th anniversary celebrations and bookstore manager Monica Lecointe says the building would be suitable for a store. Negotiations are underway at the time of writing for CLC to purchase the property. Please pray that God will open up the way if this is the right move for CLC Dominica.

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11 Fri. USA: Many CLC members will be attending the large International Christian Retail Show in Orlando, July 13-17. CLC Ministries (USA) will also have a stand there. Please pray for all the CLC members who will attend this event—may God help them accomplish all they have planned to do during this time.

12/13 Sat/Sun. Tanzania: Our Tanzania team suffered a fire in the bookstore/warehouse recently which destroyed thousands of dollars worth of books. Pray for our US team as they try to help raise funds to pay vendors for past-due bills for these books. Pray for manager Organ Mapinda as he looks to the Lord for guidance in leading the team forward.

14 Mon. Kenya: Edith Wamalwa writes: "We are looking forward to implementing a special project in September where we will be distributors of the Life Application Study Bible for Tyndale. We feel this is a great opportunity for us to reach out to pastors and missions. Please pray with us that we will be able to make the most of this opportunity and at the same time enable Tyndale to fulfill their objectives to make the Bible available at a low cost."

15 Tue. Caribbean: There is an urgent need for more workers in the Caribbean: at least two full-time staff and one part-time for Trinidad where we have four stores, and someone for Antigua. Pray too for Marie Jules who is working on her own in St. Lucia; she says she is experiencing slow but sure improvements there.

16 Wed. Australia: Praise God for the expansion in Australia as CLC works together with local churches to provide bookstores in church buildings. The church outlet in Hervey Bay opened at the end of May, and the bookstall in Gladstone became an official CLC outlet early in June. Please pray for continued good relationships between CLC and these churches, and thank God for the volunteer helpers who work in the church-based stores.

17 Thu. Myanmar – Recovering from Cyclone Nargis: Jacob Mung writes: "Praise the Lord that all our staff and families were kept safe in the midst of cyclone Nargis which devastated parts of the country early in May. Pray that the people in Myanmar will turn their eyes to the living and true God in this time of crisis." Please pray that our work, and that of the many churches, Bible schools and missions in the area, will be used by God to bring healing and hope to this nation.

18 Fri. USA: Recently the Jubilee Christian Church terminated its agreement to purchase our headquarters building and some surrounding land. This surprising development, after four years working toward selling our property, has led us to evaluate whether God wants us to make this move at all. Please pray that we would have wisdom in determining the next steps as we still have significant needs to deal with.

19/20 Sat/Sun. UK: As the UK reviews its practices, please pray for God's guidance and help in implementing any changes. Today, please remember specifically the trustees, the retail office, the wholesale department, the UK office team and the finance team as together they seek God for His way.

21 Mon. Russia: At the time of writing, the coffee shop/bakery on the ground floor of the CLC building is vacant. It is hoped that it will be operational again by July. Please pray that the Lord will give the new tenants wisdom to run their business well. It is also hoped that there will be a new person joining the CLC team this month. Anita Jones will be on maternity leave, so the team will be short staffed. Please pray that God will provide the right person to help at this time.

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22 Tue. Ecuador: The team in Ecuador is very grateful to God for the provision, earlier this year, of a new building for their distribution work and main offices. Praise the Lord that they were able to meet all the financial requirements of the move on time and that the new location is proving successful. Please pray for God's protection over this building and the three CLC stores in Ecuador; the country is becoming less safe as both violent and non-violent crimes are on the increase.

23 Wed. India: ELS/CLC India has opened a second bookstore in the city of Bangalore (at the time of writing it was due to open mid-June). This will bring the total number of ELS/CLC bookstores in India to fifteen. There was also a new book outlet opened in the same month, which is based in the Scudder Memorial Hospital in Vellore. Please pray for these new ventures as they become established and meet the literature needs of the people in these areas.

24 Thu. Netherlands: Els Oosterhuis writes: "From July 24 to August 4 we have our annual CLC booktable at 3 different conferences of the Near East Ministry. The theme this year is: 'Take all the time for God.' These are very uplifting weeks for the Christians and non-Christians that will attend. Pray with us that many people will come to know Christ and that the books sold will have a lasting impact in people's lives."

25 Fri. Philippines: Romualdo Macinas writes: "Praise God for our first local book by a Filipino author, Floramel Joy Songsong, entitled Pass a Load. It is a devotional, and although we released it earlier this year, please pray that it will continue to sell well. Pray too that the Lord will provide more opportunities to publish works by Filipino authors—we have a target of six titles by local people for this year."

26/27 Sat/Sun. USA: Please pray for the funds needed to repave our headquarters driveways and parking lots. They have deteriorated greatly over the last few years and now have deep potholes and cracks covering their surfaces.

28 Mon. Japan: CLC Japan has books on consignment from three major distributors. From time to time they return all the books and settle the accounts before receiving new stock. This involves a large amount of work, and the need for accuracy is paramount. Errors can be costly! Please pray for them as they go through this process; they have a large percentage of their stock on consignment.

29 Tue. Barbados: Marion Manning writes: "We are again very thankful for an unexpected and substantial order from the Barbados Public Library and better-than-ever sales for Mothers' Day—encouraging news! The hurricane season is here again. Please remember all of us CLCers in the vulnerable Caribbean (from south to north): Trinidad, Barbados, St. Lucia, Martinique, Dominica, Guadeloupe, Antigua and Jamaica."

30 Wed. Austria: Armin and Edeltraud Heumann are taking their annual holiday at the moment. Please pray for a time of relaxation and refreshment for them. When they return to work in mid-August, there will be a large order of books arriving, and the 2009 calendars are due the following week. Please pray that Edeltraud will cope well with the workload, particularly as Stephan, who has been a part-time worker, will no longer be with them.

31 Thu. Fiji: store manager Cathy Narayan asks us to pray that God will touch the hearts of the leaders in Fiji so that the decisions they make will be good for everyone. Please pray for people in positions of responsibility in this country, and pray that our CLC books on leadership will get into the hands of those who need guidance and encouragement.