

March 2010

1 Mon. Annual Conferences: Now is the time of year when CLC teams around the world meet to review the past year, plan for the coming year and seek the Lord's will and direction for the ministry. Please pray for the blessing of God over these times. CLC Japan meets today and tomorrow for their conference.

2 Tue. Philippines: National Director Romualdo Macinas, asks for prayer as the team meets March 3–5 for their Annual Conference—"a time for redirecting our focus, for a 'spiritual feast' together and a re-commitment to the Lord and the ministry He has called us to."

3 Wed. Colombia: Pray for National Director Elsa Maria Sanchez and the CLC team in Colombia who have their Annual Conference this week—March 4–6. There are plans to expand the work there and a number of new bookshops may open over the next two years. Pray that God will clearly lead and guide them according to His perfect will.

4 Thu. USA: CLC Publications is releasing two new titles this month: Punishable by Death by R. W. Stice and A Passion for Prayer by Tom Elliff. Please pray that these books will have a great impact in the lives of those who read them.

5 Fri. Hong Kong: The small team running the CLC center in Kowloon write to say that although they are already challenged with the work load, they will be running two large booktables this month: one at a day-conference for women (March 6) and the other at the Hong Kong Keswick Conference (March 11–17). There is the added difficulty of these conferences being some way from our shop, making it difficult for our staff to reach them with stock. Please pray for Casey and Mare Allison and Yu Wing.

6-7 Sat./Sun. UK: The team in Aberdeen has supplied 500 copies of the Why Jesus booklet to a group that minister in the city center every Saturday afternoon. Pray for these booklets as they are given to people. They will also hold an "Eikon Bible Art" event for Sunday school teachers on March 6—this will be an opportunity to use the café area adjoining the shop. Pray that there will be a good response to invitations.

8 Mon. Panama: Remember Milton Cheng and the team in Panama as they will meet for their Annual Conference the next two days. Milton asks us to pray for wisdom and direction from the Lord as they make decisions. Following the conference, CLC Panama will be involved, for the second year, in the International Book-fair in David (March 11–20). They had very good results there last year with many testimonies as a result of their involvement.

9 Tue. Ecuador: CLC Ecuador has now grown to four bookstores since their start in 2001. Remember them as they meet for their Annual Conference March 11–12. Director Carlos Marin praises God for good sales over the past year and for a new bookshop in the city of Manta! He is also grateful to God for a more stable team with a vision for the future.

10 Wed. Swaziland: In February we are planning the official reopening of our Nhlanguano Branch that has recently moved to new premises. Please pray with us that this event will be a great success. Please continue to pray with us regarding the opening of a branch at Mbabane, our capital city, where we believe God has called us to operate as well.

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11 Thu. Spain: Praise the Lord for good fellowship and unity among the team that met for a mini-conference in January as they faced major changes and challenges. Jose Manual and Mili, who have served in CLC for the past thirteen years, most recently in the warehouse and with publicity, left CLC, and Nacho Sanchez, CLC's Director, has moved from the Madrid shop to take on responsibilities in the warehouse. Pray for Nacho's wife Laura as she continues to work in the shop until a new manager is found. This is a real need for prayer at the time of writing.

12 Fri. Chile: CLC Chile hold their Annual Conference from Sunday until Thursday (March 14-18). For the first two days, the team will meet by themselves, they then will be joined by about ten representatives from various publishers from Argentina, the United States, Spain and CLC Colombia. Director Isaac Zuniga asks for prayer during this time of communion, training and refreshment. The publishers tell us that they really appreciate this time of fellowship with our team.

13-14 Sat./Sun.: Recently, six Christian bookshops in Cambridge, Coventry, Bolton, Guildford, Kingston and Stockport, joined CLC UK. Julian, the manager in Bolton writes: "We would appreciate prayers as we continue to settle into CLC. Our customers are delighted that we are still open, but many people are still under the impression that we are closing. Our stock levels are severely depleted in places, so please pray for wisdom as we see publisher representatives and start to restock the shop. Please pray that our work might bear fruit in Bolton and beyond. We have a large number of unchurched people coming through our shop as a result of the gifts that are in the window. Please pray that we might be able to interact with these customers more and be a good witness."

15 Mon. Korea: Paper work for the purchase of land and construction contracts has now been completed so that the building of a new warehouse for CLC Korea can go ahead, hopefully this month. They hope to have this completed within three months. Please pray that the process will go smoothly and that this much needed resource will soon be available for use. Remember Young Ho Park in his responsibilities as National Director for the CLC ministry in this country that currently focuses exclusively on publishing.

16 Tue. Dominica: Davis Laudat praises God that they were able to start this year without any debts! Plans for this year include re-establishing the distribution of tracts in local churches and expanding the range of Bibles they stock. Please pray for wisdom in selecting and ordering these items. An ongoing prayer request is for the acquisition of a property that CLC can call its own.

17 Wed. France: L'ALEPEF, an association of thirty-five Christian bookshops and publishers in France (fifteen of which are CLC shops), is celebrating "Spring-time in your Christian Bookshop" this month. The bookshops will be giving away 6,000 books and hope to see re-newed interest in the ministry of Christian bookshops while letting the public know more about L'ALEPEF.

18 Thu. Sierra Leone: Please pray for Alfred Kaikai and the team in Sierra Leone. They will be holding their Annual Bookfair at the end of March. This event was very successful last year. Please pray that it will yield more fruit this year and that many people will benefit from it.

19 Fri. USA: Today a large group of high school youth will be with us for an all-day work project around our headquarters campus. Pray for safety for all involved and for wisdom for those planning and leading the group. We hope to complete a number of property maintenance projects.

20-21 Sat./Sun. UK: Please pray for the CLC UK Leadership Team as they meet this weekend for a time of prayer and planning together. Their tasks and responsibilities have increased recently with the growth of the ministry. May the Lord equip and enable them to do their work well and in His strength.

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22 Mon. Philippines: March through May is the Vacation Bible School season here. CLC is planning at least two seminars for teachers and hopes to have around 250 people attending each one. After these training sessions, the teachers will be running children's events. Please pray that many children will come to know Jesus as Lord and Savior as a result.

23 Tue. New Zealand: Stewart Rowe and the team in New Zealand would appreciate your prayers as they face decisions on possibilities and opportunities that have arisen re-cently. One concern is for the city of Hastings that is now without the wit-ness and resources of a Christian bookshop. There may also be wholesale/distribution opportunities for consideration. Please pray for the Lord's word to them in these matters.

24 Wed. Japan: There are now four members of CLC's Japan team who are past the official retirement age: Kashima-san, Arama-ki-san, Akeda-san and Kamiya-san. Please pray for them as they continue to work. May the Lord give them the strength and energy they need. Please pray for new younger team members to join CLC in Japan.

25 Thu. India: Praise the Lord that despite the recent recession there has only been a slight drop in sales in two of our larger bookshops and a considerable increase in the smaller ones. The relocated bookshop in Bangalore has seen a significant decrease in sales, which had already started before the move last September. Please pray with the team that sales in the main Bangalore shop will pick up as the shop becomes established in the new location.

26 Fri. France: Please pray for CLC France as they will be doing inventory for the last time on their old computer system. They will not have external help this year for the integration of the data from different bookstores, so Etienne Audier and Pierre Glassmann need special prayer.

27-28 Sat./Sun. Canada: The CLC bookshop in the center of Montreal is facing several major ex-penses over the next few weeks: a new air conditioning unit, new carpet for the shop and repairs of the roof. Please pray for the necessary funds and for wisdom to do things in order and as economically as possible.

29 Mon. Germany: Adelheid Schweigler writes: "We are glad that the bookshop in Cologne, which CLC handed over to new owners last year, is still distributing Christian literature, and that Reinhard and Ulla Hoppe are still able to help in the shop. We are also thankful for our motivated team in CLC Hamburg, including Sandra, a new part-time worker who joined us recently."

30 Tue. Central Asia 1: Praise the Lord for encouraging sales in December—the best since Christ-mas 2002. Praise the Lord too that He does not leave us when we are in diffi-cult situations. At the beginning of this year, the government increased the cost of electricity and heating by 100 percent. Our financial situation will be affected as a result of this, so please pray that God will give us wisdom as we try to maintain and improve sales.

31 Wed. Italy – Facebook: In September we launched a "Librerie CLC Italia" Facebook page and by the end of January we had over thirteen hundred friends registered! Two of our shops have also created a Facebook page and more will soon follow. We have seen how well we are able to communicate with people through this online social network, and many Facebook "friends" then visit our internet website. Pray that God will use this as an effective tool in promoting good evangelical literature and drawing people to Him!