

THE AUSSIE OUTPOST

WIDER CHURCH PRAYER LETTER

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Welcome to the latest issue of the Wider Church Prayer Letter. In this issue we ask you to think about supporting the work of the Outpost BookAid ministry and in particular the various ministries already listed, such as Shalom Indigenous Foundation (Baptist Mission) in Ghana. Other churches featured include the Biblical Baptist Church and the Truth Reformed Baptist Church in India. More information on Outpost BookAid can be found at: <http://reformerkev.esmartweb.com/bookaid.html>.

Outpost BookAid ministry updates can be had via the Outpost BookAid Mail Group. This mail group can be joined by visiting the BookAid site at: <http://reformerkev.esmartweb.com/bookaid.html>. By being part of the mail group you will receive various updates relating to ministries involved in the BookAid ministry from around the world. The ministry is really an extension of the Wider Church Prayer Letter ministry at Aussie Outpost.

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SAINT LUCIA

About 160 000 people live in the small Caribbean Sea nation of Saint Lucia. The population is largely nominal Christian, though those of real faith are much fewer in number. Almost 80% of the population are Roman Catholic and some 10% Evangelical.

Prayer points for Saint Lucia are that there would be a work of true evangelism and renewal on the in the nation, and that the Bible will be able to be translated into the native language of the people.

MEXICO - ANDRE GALAVIZ AND FAMILY

The Galaviz family is serving in Mexico, having been sent out by the Community Baptist Church. Andre has been busy translating various booklets into Spanish for use in the local community and for use among other Spanish-speaking people. Please pray that these booklets would be used of the Lord for His glory.

SUDAN

Sudan is an African nation in the grip of civil war. There are some 37 million people in the nation. Muslims are attempting to impose Sharia Law on all, with Christians suffering greatly at the hand of Islam. It is thought that some 2 million people have been killed in the war so far.

Though suffering a lot of persecution, Evangelicals make up some 10% of the population, with that number continuing to grow. Christianity predominates in the south of the country, with Islam in the north.

There is thought to be about 200-300 missionaries in the country, yet many more are needed that adhere to the truth. Please pray for this desperate country and for our persecuted brethren in this land.

GHANA - SHALOM INDIGENOUS FOUNDATION

The following are the needs of the Shalom Indigenous Foundation, of which Pastor Noah Quarshie is the pastor. Please pray about these matters and perhaps helping the work if you are able.

The Baptist mission requires Bibles and study books. The School requires computers, stationery, pens, calculators, ink jets for Canon BJC 250, Epson 600 and 800, Hewlett Parker Laser Jet 6p and any other school supplies like paper and exercise books for students.

Other needs include solar panels, inverters and light bulbs, medical supplies, antibiotics, pain killers, bandages, temperature gauges or monitors, blood pressure monitors, eye drops, mouth wash and anything else for a medical post. For general needs - summer used clothing, shoes, spark plugs for a Dodge Ram 1992, Isuzu Trooper II 1998, Toyota pickup 1993 and motor oil, etc.

The mission also needs \$5000 for shipping and at least between \$1500-\$2000 for clearing at the Ghana port (total \$7000). Keep on praying for the \$12 000 need for the concrete work on the High School building.

The sponsorship for pastors is \$50 for singles men and \$100 for the married men in Salaga, Northern Ghana. Student sponsorship is \$300 per year for the High school students and \$450 per year for the Bible school students. The Orphans is \$300 for school and \$1.00 for feeding per day or \$30 per month. This comes out to be \$660 per year for one Orphan. Currently there are seven instead of nine. The Radio Ministry is \$50 per week or \$200 per Month. Overall the need of the Ministry here is \$4800 per Month, this include \$1500 personal support. The level of the support is just 30%.

SWAZILAND

The small nation of Swaziland is almost completely surrounded by South Africa. It has a population of 1 million people. The country enjoys freedom of religion, with some 30% considered Evangelical.

Please pray for continued spiritual growth in the nation's Christians and for the salvation of more people. Also pray concerning the mixing of Christianity with traditional native religions as practiced by some 'Christians.'

SOUTH AFRICA - THE EINFELDT'S

Rene and Sonia continue to attend the Northway Baptist Church. In good news from the church itself, recently an Indian man was converted, bringing joy to both his wife and the church, as well as to himself. Thank God for his salvation and pray for his spiritual growth.

In the latest news things don't appear as 'good' with this man's profession (see above) - please pray for him and his wife.

Rene and Sonia are no longer serving with Bethesda Outreach International, but continue to serve with Evangelical Baptist Missions. With this in mind please pray for Rene and Sonia, that the Lord would indeed direct their feet into the path that He has for them.

SPAIN - GANDIA - IGLESIA BAUTISTA EMANUEL

Some 5 000 leaflets containing information about the church and the gospel message have been distributed in the area. People have been coming along to church regularly. Please pray for the effectiveness of the gospel message to these people and for the area around the church.

Radio Buenas Noticias (Good News) is moving closer to being on air. This station will broadcast the gospel throughout this region of Spain (500 000 people).

Oliva, next to Gandia, is being considered for a second church plant in the region. Please pray about this possible development.

SWEDEN

Some 9 million people live in the Scandinavian country of Sweden. The country enjoys freedom of religion, with the main church being the Lutheran Church. Today liberalism

and other heresies have decimated the church in Sweden. Church numbers are falling and only 4% are considered Evangelical.

Pray for true Christian growth in the churches and for revival to come to Sweden. Pray also that the Lord would be merciful on the church in Sweden and deliver it from the errors that now plague it.

UNITED STATES - OKLAHOMA HEARTLAND BAPTIST CHURCH OF OKLAHOMA CITY

The new church plant has been called Heartland Baptist Church of Oklahoma City and will 'kick off' in September. There are three pastors working together on the project, including Chris Humphreys. Please pray for the various financial needs of the men and families involved in the church plant, as well as for the church plant itself. Lord-willing further churches will be planted in Oklahoma as the Lord prospers this first church plant.

SURINAME

The nation of Suriname is located in northern South America. The population numbers about 500 000 people of mixed descent. The country enjoys freedom of religion, but only about 5% are thought to be Evangelical Christians.

There is a need in the country for godly Christian leaders, missionaries and a good Bible translation. Please pray for these needs.

SOUTH KOREA - SEOUL - RONNY FRANKE

Ronny Franke has begun investigating the possibility of ministering among Chinese people in Seoul. A small Bible Study group may begin soon. He has gone to Seoul in order to work in the local theological college run by the Dae Han Presbyterians, to help start the new Chinese department.

PHILIPPINES - CUBAO REFORMED BAPTIST CHURCH

The Cubao Church recently celebrated its 24th year (August 2) of existence and service to the Lord in the Philippines.

There are some 50 men currently enrolled in Grace Ministerial Academy. The church is looking to expand the premises in order to meet its growing needs. An appeal for financial aid is being made in this important project. The academy has been an important

tool for Biblical reformation in the Philippines.

CROATIA - KRAPINA - THE BRACKETTS'

Please continue to pray for the Brackett family in Krapina, Croatia. The church there is continuing to minister faithfully, with various ones attending who are unsaved. Family members are preventing others from attending. Please pray for these various situations and for the Lord to be powerfully at work in the church.

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The Outpost BookAid ministry can be found at:

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If you are of Reformed Baptist persuasion and would like to add news of your church or work, or add requests for prayer to this prayer letter, please contact Kevin on the above Email address.

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We thank all sources of information that have made this prayer letter possible and ask the church at large to commit to praying for one another. Brethren, please pray for us.