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Breaking News

Please pray for two Evangelical Christian men in Algeria. They have been arrested for propagating Christianity and an illegal practice of a non-Muslim religion.

Rachid and Jammal face a possible five year prison term and an almost \$16 000 US fine if convicted.

Algeria officially tolerates other religions, but in a country where 99% of the population is Muslim there is mounting pressure on the government to counter Christianity, especially Protestantism which is growing within Algeria.

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Editorial

A lot has happened since the inaugural issue of the Particularbaptist.com News and Prayer Letter.

For those who do not know, only four days after I published the first issue I had a serious car accident that nearly killed me. However, the lord was merciful in His providence and delivered me. It has been a lengthy road to recovery and one that I have not yet completed. There may well be some minor permanent damage to my right shoulder and

elbow, and possibly my right knee, but it could have been far worse. I had many injuries which are now well on the way to recovery or have already healed. Praise be to God for His mercy.

On a sadder note I have just lost a very dear and important friend. She was not a Christian and at only 24 years of age it is a tragic loss. I am very much saddened by Rebecca's death and I will never forget her.

There have also been some changes to websites and these will be updated throughout the newsletter as we go along.

The outlined mission statement in the first issue of this newsletter remains the same – though I have been delayed in making any further progress due to my recovery from the car accident.

I hope you will find this second issue of the newsletter both profitable and enjoyable ☺

Wider Church Awareness Page

The Aussie Outpost Wider Church Awareness Page will soon be getting a long needed review and update. This review will further enhance the page (or rather wider church portal) as a means for supporting the wider church – especially in less established areas of the world.

If you know of any missions or works of a Particular or Reformed Baptist nature, especially in third world or in a difficult situation, please let me know and we can include it in the updated 'wider church awareness portal' I will be developing for the site.

This newsletter will be the vehicle with which these needy missions and works will be brought to the attention of others. I will be seeking to encourage the support of these missions and works, both through material needs and spiritual means. Hopefully the needs of these missions and works can be kept updated via the wider church awareness portal that you will find on the particularbaptist.com site.

Currently there will be a focus of the Grace Baptist Mission in Ghana, as well as the Truth reformed Baptist Church and Biblical Baptist Churches in India. These

works are most well known to particularbaptist.com at this stage. Each of these works have needs that need to be met and I will be passing these on via the web site and the newsletter.

Visit the page at:

<http://particularbaptist.com/wider/widerindex.html>

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Grace Baptist Mission - Ghana

The Grace Baptist Mission web site is now moving to the particularbaptist.com domain. This will help meet the costs of one area of the mission in Ghana.

The Grace Baptist Mission site can now be found at:

<http://www.particularbaptist.com/GraceBaptistMission/index.html>

The last newsletter from the Grace Baptist Mission can be found on the site at:

http://www.particularbaptist.com/GraceBaptistMission/2008_03.html

Grace Baptist Mission is in the process of acquiring a fulltime radio license and the various requirements are being finalised. There are of course costs involved in bringing this project about. If you can assist the mission in this work, particularly in donating to the costs of setting up and running the project please email Noah Quarshie at:

bipsgh@gmail.com

As with the rest of the world Ghana is feeling the pressure of the rising oil price and associated fuel costs. As you can appreciate this means that ministry in Ghana is becoming very expensive for Noah and the ministry team. Any help with meeting these costs would also be greatly appreciated.

travel into northern Ghana to visit the outreach ministries being conducted there. Without the finances to cover the rising costs of this work the mission will find it difficult to meet their commitments in taking the Gospel to northern Ghana. Please consider assisting the Grace Baptist Mission in this work and become partners in the Gospel with them.

Of equal importance is the acquisition of a vehicle that can safely and reliably take the mission staff out into the field. This is another area that the mission is currently struggling with.

The Grace Baptist Mission has found that a particular crop is very useful in the treatment of many illnesses and deficiencies in Ghana. The Moringa Tree Project has been developed to help meet the physical needs of the people in Ghana. The mission is looking to increase the area of land under Moringa Tree cultivation and further funds are also required for this work. Helping to meet medical and physical needs is often an opening for bringing the gospel to the people of Ghana.

Please remember our brethren in Ghana and their efforts to take the gospel to the people of Ghana. Consider becoming partners in the gospel with them, whether that be through financial assistance or spiritual assistance ©



ABOVE: the Quarshie family



ABOVE: Various photos from the work in Ghana

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At various times it is necessary for Noah to

With my deliverance from a serious car accident on the 22nd February 2008 there is great reason for praise, as well as continued reason for prayer in my continuing recovery from the injuries sustained in the accident. Things could well have been far worse and the details of my injuries and recovery can be found in my newsletter. The archives of my family and friends newsletter called 'The Ramblings of Kevin' can be found at:

<http://particularbaptist.com/kevins/kevin.html>

News and prayer points, as well as various other articles, are delivered reasonably regularly to the 'Aussie Outpost Mail Group' which can be found at:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/AussieOutpost/>

Among the news and prayer requests recently posted to the mail group is news from the William Carey School of Theology in the Philippines concerning flooding in the region around Iloilo. A number of people have been killed in the flooding and some of the students are missing as a result of the flooding. Please pray for all concerned in this situation.

In our previous wider church prayer letter, we often mentioned Reformation Ireland and the work they are doing to take the gospel to Ireland.

Mark Fitzpatrick ministers at the Arann Reformed Baptist Fellowship in the south of Dublin. This ministry continues to reach out in a very public way with open air ministry in both Dublin and Bray. Please pray for the success of the Word as it is proclaimed in this way.

Visit Reformation Ireland at:

<http://www.reformationireland.com/>

Please remember our brethren in Iran who are suffering severely under that country's Islamic government. The following is a report from Compass Direct News on July 3rd concerning one Christian's treatment in Iran:

'After four weeks in police custody, Iranian Christian Mohsen Namvar was released "temporarily" last week to return to his home in Tehran. A doctor summoned to Namvar's home after his release last Thursday (June 26) administered medicines and serum to treat the badly beaten prisoner. Arrested on May 31 from his home in Tehran, the convert from Islam was kept incommunicado until his release. "They put a great deal of pressure on his body and his mind," an Iranian Christian told Compass. "No one knows exactly what they did to him during those four weeks." Noting that government authorities know a great deal about Namvar's Christian activities and want to punish him, the source said, "We praise the Lord that they have not killed him." Last week local secret police authorities demanded that Namvar's family put up just over US\$43,000 in bail to secure his release. When relatives requested a receipt

for the cash they handed over, police refused. "Don't say anything," a police official reportedly ordered them. "Give thanks to God that we are not keeping him under arrest." '

The following is a further report from Compass Direct News on June 25th concerning the treatment of a Christian couple in Iran by Iranian security forces:

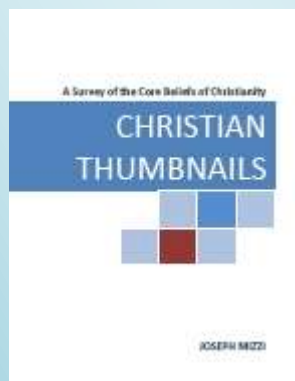
'Security police officials in Tehran this month tortured a newly converted couple and threatened to put their 4-year-old daughter in an institution after arresting them for holding Bible studies and attending a house church. A Christian source in Iran said that 28-year-old Tina Rad was charged with "activities against the holy religion of Islam" for reading the Bible with Muslims in her home in east Tehran and trying to convert them. Officials charged her husband, 31-year-old Makan Arya, with "activities against national security" after seizing the couple from their home on June 3, forcing them to leave their 4-year-old daughter ill and unattended. Authorities kept them in an unknown jail for four days, which left them badly bruised from beatings, said the source. Rad was released on bail of US\$30,000 bail, and her husband was freed on payment of US\$20,000. "The next time there may also be an apostasy charge, if you don't stop with your Jesus," a female security police officer told Rad during interrogation, according to the source. Under Iran's strict Islamic laws, Muslims who convert from Islam to another religion can be executed.'

The following report from Compass Direct News on July 3rd shows similar treatment of Christians exists in Algeria:

A court in western Algeria convicted two Muslim converts to Christianity yesterday for illegally spreading their faith. The court in Tissemsilt, 110 miles southwest of Algiers, handed Rachid Muhammad Essaghir, 37, and Djallal Dhamani six-month suspended sentences and 100,000-dinar (US\$1,660) fines. The men were found guilty of "distributing documents to shake the faith of Muslims." The case has received both local and international publicity following a wave of trials this year against Algerian Christians for evangelism and illegally practicing their faith. Essaghir has now moved from Tiaret to the coastal city of Oran with his wife and 1-year-old daughter after police shut down his Internet café in April. Officials closed the business for failure to obtain necessary written permission from local police, but Essaghir said that this was an excuse to harass him for his work as an evangelist, as many Internet cafés in Algeria function without such permission. "Essaghir is doing very well, it's a miracle," said a close friend who spoke with the Christian following yesterday's trial. Despite his numerous convictions, the friend said, "he doesn't care anymore; God is in control." ©



ABOVE: Test all Things by Joe Mizzi – available on the home page



ABOVE: Christian Thumbnails by Joe Mizzi – available on the home page

There is available on the particularbaptist.com site an excellent facility for online chatting. This facility provides a safe chat room to use for those wishing to have a profitable discussion or simply some social chat with friends. This facility is available at:

<http://particularbaptist.com/mychat/chat/>

Also on the particularbaptist.com site are some relatively new message boards. Here is a place where you can post comments or questions relating to various issues of interest to Baptists or Christians in general. The message boards are found at:

<http://particularbaptist.com/board/YaBB.pl>

Particularbaptist.com operates a number of mail groups that answer to a wide range of interests including church history, Bible study, general issues and prayer points, reading and newsletters. To have a look at the range of mail

groups available visit the mail groups section of the site at:

<http://particularbaptist.com/mailgroups.html>

Also associated with the particularbaptist.com site is my Blog page. There are a number of options available for viewing the Blog and these are accessible via the home page of the site. However, the preferred Blog location is to be found at:

<http://pbaptist.wordpress.com/>

I call my Blog site 'Random Thoughts' and a visit to the Blog will soon underscore the reason for the name. I tend to cover a wide range of subjects on whatever captures my thoughts at the time.

Of course I welcome comments on any of the topics I choose to address in my Blog, so please come along and have a look ☺

Web Review

The Web Review exists in order to recommend and review valuable web sites on the World Wide Web. This time I have chosen the Reformed Reader site at:

<http://www.reformedreader.org/>

The Reformed Reader site is a brilliant resource for Particular and Reformed

Baptists as it is a site committed to historic Baptist beliefs (Reformed beliefs).

One of the most valuable sections of the site in my opinion is 'The Baptists' section. This part of the site has a large collection of historic Baptist books, documents and works. It is a real mine of Baptist

resources to get into.

There is another excellent section of the site dealing with Baptist history and I heartily recommend it to all.

The online forum entitled 'Baptists Discussing Reformation' is another excellent area of the site to visit. There is an opportunity

to discuss just about anything of interest to Baptists here. Again, I highly recommend this part of the site.

There is also a large links section of the site that is also very useful to Baptists ☺



The Truth Reformed Baptist Church in India web site has now moved to the particularbaptist.com domain. The site can now be accessed via the link below:

<http://www.pparticularbaptist.com/TruthReformedBaptist/index.html> ©



ABOVE AND ABOVE RIGHT: Various photos of the ministry of Truth Reformed Baptist Church.



ABOVE: Thomas Cranmer

Gospel Fellowship India

Gospel Fellowship India is a work brought to my attention by Werner Jonas. Werner is a Canadian who has had some contact with Gospel Fellowship India and has worked with them.

According to the web site, Gospel Fellowship India has a vision of planting some 300 Grace Baptist Churches, 10 Christian Schools and 5 Bible Colleges – all within the next 10 years.

The ministry is led by Ezra and since he began his work in 1990, 156 churches have been planted, with 76 of these churches being self-supporting.

There have been some 20 000 saved over the last 18 years through the ministry of Ezra and the team associated with Gospel Fellowship India.

There are many needs in India, both on a physical level and a spiritual level. To meet these needs Gospel Fellowship India has a number of ministries in operation, including church planting, job training, literacy training, various outreach methods, multimedia, conferences, colleges and social relief for the needy of India.

If you would like to help the ministry please contact the team at the email address

below:

Info@GospelFellowshipIndia.org

Under the 'Get Involved' tab of the web site is a section called 'Meet a Need.' This section of the site provides some practical measures that people wanting to get involved in the ministry can do. Consider becoming a partner in the gospel with this work.

Visit the Gospel Fellowship India web site at:

<http://www.gospelfellowshipindia.net/home.htm> ©

"Throughout India churches are seeking to reach out into new areas and plant churches as they take the gospel to the people of India."

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