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Day of prayer and fasting, 15th April

Dear colleagues,

As I mentioned in my last National Director's letter, we have designated Wednesday, 15 April as a day set aside for prayer and fasting.

The invitation is to all UK OMFers as well as supporters and prayer partners to pray for some of the special needs and challenges we face. I know that many will be involved in programs and have existing commitments on that day which cannot readily be changed. So how you will shape the day, is entirely up to you. The day is a voluntary expression of our mutual need for the Lord's gracious intervention in our lives and the many challenges we face.

The initiative for this day of prayer came through the current financial challenges. You will recall that due to the unprecedented fall in the British pound against the US dollar, projected income for 2009 has dramatically increased by approximately 20% or 1,000,000 pounds, compared to actual income for 2008. In the light of that challenge we felt this was a call from God to step back and ask him to show us his purposes through this particular circumstance. And we should be ready for some surprises. So it will be a day when we corporately look to the Lord not only for directions in finance but for corporate and personal needs as well.

Please turn over for some directions to guide us in our time of prayer.
At Borough Green we are setting aside the day of the 15th of April to pray together.

"No Christian can ever rise above the height of their prayer life" Warren Wiersbe.

Begin the day in worship

Prayer cannot be sauntered into in a casual manner. What distractions need to be removed? Is my whole being ready to praise God? We must dedicate this day to praise God, our Lord God and Father who is the giver of all good and perfect gifts and lavish in grace and mercy to all who call upon his Name.

Read Psalm 24

- To prepare our hearts, let us come with confession (v3, 4).
 - Worship him who owns everything (v1), and whose resources never run dry.
 - Worship the King of glory, the Lord Almighty who controls all peoples and nations (v7-8).
- Be **ready** for some spiritual surprises.

Many thanks for joining us on this special day.

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Prayer requests

1. Finance

- Give thanks always for his gracious generous bounty in recent years.
- Pray for increased income of 1,000,000 pounds for 2009. Already we have had some wonderful tokens of his grace, such as an unexpected Legacy of £170,000 pounds, and the sale of The Drive Sevenoaks.
- Pray for those responsible for managing Fellowship finances, and for the accounting year end preparation.
- Pray for careful review of expenditure.
- Pray for increased income streams.
- Pray for progress in completing the Gift Aid program.
- Pray for patience and forbearance for the Borough Green finance team.
- Appointees needing to see increases in their support.

2. National Director designate: Peter and Christine Rowan

- Pray for their final months in Malaysia and in preparing to return to UK.
- Pray for family adjustments to the UK especially for housing and schooling for the children.
- Pray for the completion for submission in November of Peter's PhD.

3. Personnel

- Pray for an increase in UK membership to 300 (75 new members) by 2012.
- Pray for God's choice of the next Director for Personnel to succeed the Perry's.
- Pray that the various staff changes at Borough Green will be smooth (eg. Maternity leave for Corrine Tucker, PA to ND).

4. Mobilization and Media

- Pray for the appointment of a new Communications Manager.
- Pray for follow up from OMF's involvement in New Word Alive (30 March -9 April) and Mission.net Congress (8- 13 April).

Regions

- Pray for Tim Herbert as the interim Regional Director (West Region).
- Pray for Charles and Liz Chalmers, RD Designate West Region, returning to UK July 2009, to start February 2010.
- For Regional Directors in presenting to key churches, supporting churches, ministers, Christians the breath-taking call of God to be involved in His world-wide purposes.
- Developing new outreaches in mobilisation in the London area. Great untapped potential.
- Pray for Serve Asia workers and Teams. More needed.

Thai mobilization thrust

- Praise God for phase 1 and the visit of the Leightons.
- Pray for phase 2 with the visit of Nick Bekker in the autumn.
- Pray that God will bring many workers to fill the 100 visa openings to "teach the Christian religion". The Irish Thai mobilisation group is looking for new ways to communicate this need.

OMF Prayer Groups

- Praise God for those who lead, and pray for power released through prayer.
- Pray for reinvigorated personal prayer life where that is needed.

5. Personal needs

- Pray for spiritual renewal within OMF UK, UK churches and Christians.

"It is the power of the Spirit, and not new machinery (methods) that is most needed for perishing souls (unreached people), and which is our greatest need"

- Hudson Taylor.

Though the words may strike us as unusual (quaint?), their meaning is clear and our needs the same now as then.