

Armenia

We are happy to be a part of Global Chain of Prayer that competed last Sunday with liturgy and preaching in many churches in Armenia. We strongly believe that this great movement will fulfil World with Prayer and make positive changes in people minds and behaviours.

With Blessings
Karine Harutunyan

Croatia

Just wanted to let you know that five churches of the capitol of Croatia, **Zagreb**, prayed last night at **Kuslanova** Church of Christ. The church was packed to the last seat. Atmosphere was great!

At the end, five pastors of these local churches prayed for each other and for the unity of Body of Christ in the city of Zagreb and all over Croatia.

Thanks for letting us having part in this wonderful event.

Mladen Jovanovic
Evangelist
Kuslanova Church of Christ
Zagreb, Croatia

On the 4th of June 2006 the Global Day Of Prayer (GDOP) was celebrated in **Rijeka**, Croatia. At the prayer and praise gathering were believers from several denominations and representatives from Istria, Krk, Rijeka and the Kvarner Bay area.

This whole region, represented at the gathering, had experienced a mighty move of the Holy Spirit during the Reformation and was totally evangelized and almost totally Protestant during that time of the 16th century. The newly translated scriptures were avidly studied and sent from Rijeka right down the Dalmatian coast where many more were converted. The Counter Reformation which followed decimated the new believers who were extremely persecuted. Some were killed or imprisoned, with the loss of their homes and all their belongings. Many were forced to leave the area. It was as if the light had been put out.

However on The Global Day Of Prayer 2006, about 60 believers, gathered in Rijeka, and prayed for another such outpouring of God's Spirit, a new Pentecost for that area, for Croatia, for Europe and for the world.

However much the enemy tried to stop and hinder the prayer event he did not succeed and we experienced a unity and fellowship we had not experienced together before.

We all felt that there was a spiritual breakthrough. The light is coming to Croatia. This was confirmed by the appearance of this unusual "Light in the Darkness" a heavenly display over Rijeka.

This was not caused by the moon or, as far as I know, by any natural source. The photograph was taken from the church where we were praying. We have been meeting in that church for 9 years and I have never seen such a light before.

Pastor Cliff Luckhurst.

Cyprus

CYPRUS IS FOR CHRIST!!! This is the Loud Shout of Praise, Worship & Prayer Declaration of the Believers from different Nation Living in Cyprus who came together as One Body of Christ, on the Global Day of Prayer 4th of June. It's amazing how God gathered His people from different nations (Cypriots, Filipinos, Sri Lankan, African, American, Egyptian, Jordanian, European and others... Different Colour, Language & Shape of Faces) unite in prayer and stand in the gap of the Land & It's a great joy for us to see Cypriot Pastors (the Host Nation) leading the congregation to prayer.

We had many plans for this event but the Spirit of the Lord gives Instructions to focus and Target our Prayers For The Unity of Church in Cyprus & Prayer for the Salvation & Healing the Nation for the Change of the Spiritual Climate of Cyprus.

The First Part of our Prayer is for the Unity of the Pastors & Church Leaders & We prayed for Repentance in behalf of the Church & prayed for the Revival, asking God to Release a Fresh Anointing to Break the Division within the Body of Christ.

The Second Part of our Prayer is for the Healing of the Nation: we prayed for the Peace of the Island & ask God for the Solution for the Long years (32 yrs) of division of this Island. We prayed for the Governments of Cyprus

(South & North) that God would give them wisdom to lead this nation & to serve the people living in this nation with Integrity & Respect with one another. We also prayed against the Stronghold of this nation, which is Religious & Traditional Christianity that opposes the Spirit of God to move in this entire Island.

The Last Part of our Prayer is the United Prayer & Declaration for Cyprus, We prayed and offer Cyprus to God and ask for forgiveness in behalf of the Land & declared with One Voice & One Heart that: CYPRUS IS FOR CHRIST, CYPRUS IS BLESSED AND CYPRUS WILL BE A BLESSING TO THE NATIONS.

Days After the GDOP event: Press Report from Washington DC was released that Cyprus has been Placed on Tier2 watch list as a destination for people trafficking, citing Corruption, government inaction and failure to abolish artistes visas that critics say the reason for sexual exploitation of thousand foreign women every year and Credible reports of Female domestic workers from India, Sri Lanka and the Philippines, forced to work excessively long hours and denied proper compensation. God exposed the Work of the satan in this island, and this report was published in one of the Leading English News Paper in the Island the 5 days after the GDOP. Praise the Lord.....

GOD answer our Prayer... God is Cleaning & Preparing Cyprus for His Purpose....

Denmark

WE had 800 people at the Global Prayer Day Sunday in the Raadshuds Plane. Its was a blessing and many from different churches were there. Many people know about Global Day - also the newspaper wrote about it.

The armbands came in good time, Thanks.

Look forward to see what happened about the 90 days. I will collect information and mail you how many places people pray 10 days and so.

Blessings from Copenhagen Kirsten & Per Nielsen

Estonia

We are thankful that we had a chance to be with you and the Christians of the world on the 4-th of June and during the preparation period before. For several weeks before the Day of Prayer our congregation prayed on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Our services are held on Saturdays, because we gather in a schoolhouse which is closed on Sunday.

On the 4-th of June from 14.00 - 15.30 we gathered specially to pray with you and represent the Estonian country and nation. During the prayer we laid hands on the map of the world and prayed for different countries as the Holy Spirit guided and as said in the book of Habakkuk.

Pastor Astrid Linnas

Faeroe Islands

We had about 300-400 people (children, teenagers and adults) in a new church that is called Lívðin in the capitol Torshavn. We prayed from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm. We had public prayers, devotional thoughts, congregational prayer, special music and reports. God really blessed the day and it was a great privilege to be a part of such a great event as the Global day of Prayer – thank you!

We hope next year to do a more public event involving several of the churches in the Faeroe Islands.

Jogvan Zacharaissen

Pastor in Lívðin

Finland:

GLOBAL / NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER 4.6.2006 / FINLAND

The day of Pentecost June 2006 was the first active Global Day of Prayer in Finland.

“Main event 2006”

In the city of **Turku** (the former capital of Finland), in the main church of the Finnish Lutheran church, there where one thousand people from all denominations praying together and in one accord (Acts 1) five hours for the city, the country and the rest of the world. Most of the attendees came from the south-western part of the country, where Turku is located, but some prayer groups also came from other parts of Finland. Community topics (city, police, universities) were collected and prayed.. Before the "Day of Prayer" there has been a city-wide, church-boarders-breaking continuing prayer process for several years organized by church leaders, and during winter 2005-2006 there have been several prayer and fasting seasons in the city. Students and young generation have been very active in organizing this prayer process. There has been also a prayer and fasting chain 10

days before and 90 days after the event.

Activities in **Helsinki** and area

In the capital area there was also some city-wide prayer organized during the weekend. In Helsinki there was a group of people praying in front of the parliament building on Saturday the 3rd and a prayer march on Sunday the 4th. In **Espoo** (which is the western part of capital area) there was a city-wide prayer 10 days before prayer day and smaller meetings on June 4th, where dozens of people joined unity in prayer.

Community leaders joined the prayer meeting in **Kerava**

In Kerava - in the northern part of capital area – all denominations were praying together in church on June 4th. There were also community and business leaders attending the event, where about 300 people were praying in the name of Jesus.

Other parts of Finland

Hundreds of people in dozens of smaller prayer groups all over the country joined the national / global prayer day on June 4th.

Next year

We have now started to pray and plan for Global Prayer Day - May 27th 2007 - in Finland. We are praying that there will be several bigger events in cities and also one National Prayer Day main event, where there will also be children's jubilee night and possibly all the pupils from Finnish Christian schools will come together for a joined prayer party.

Media links and international links will be planned and build during winter season and the national network of city-prayer-networks will be activated.

Markku Tuomola

France:

Strasbourg

WE GIVE THE LORD ALL THE GLORY!!!

We were fully blessed. Days before 4 June, the weather was a very bad one, cloudy and rainy. On Sunday morning we had a slight rain. When we went to the play ground to set the podium up it was raining. But before we started we prayed and took authority upon the elements and suddenly a strong wind blew, wiped the clouds away, and the sun began to show up and finally we did not work under rain. In the afternoon we had a bright sun shine. This was the first miracle the Lord showed us.

But before I send you a detailed report on our GDOP, I want just to share with you this image and the story of this lady and her son:

Testimony

As we held the meeting in a public garden, many persons were passing by and some were surprised and asked what was happening there. It was the case for this lady. One of the sisters in charge of reception explained her why we were there. It was at the moment we were praying for repentance. Then she exclaimed: "is that real? Christian from all denomination praying together?" suddenly her young son took her hand and asked her: "Mummy, do you mind kneeling down and pray like there are doing?" She knelt down tearing and praying, asking the Lord to make this happen more often. Then they stayed more than two hours with us. Praise GOD!!!

Daniel Mpondo

Praise the Lord. Our meeting in **Saint-Etienne** was this year again outstanding by the grace of God. About 120 people attended at the Abri.vcf church. Attendees came from all over France and were from several ethnic backgrounds. We were exceptionally blessed by the presence of 10 ministers and intercessors from central American country Costa Rica who had never heard of the global day of prayer. The meeting turned international, carried out thus in French and Spanish. There were much rejoicing, gladness and thankfulness to God as we connected in one accord to millions for the world prayer. We are personally very much blessed and encouraged to carry on mobilising for the next year, starting earlier contacts with churches and other leaders all over France. The local leadership and the Costa Ricans were also very much encouraged. Thank you very much for your prayers for us which enabled us to stand once more with the whole world in prayer.

Yours in His service,
Nestor Pakasa

Germany

Herrnhut, Germany

We had a good day of prayer. We are in the eastern corner of Germany in a small country town. The town is the historical birthplace of the Moravian Church, which instituted a prayer watch that lasted for a hundred years. Today we are not as revived as the early Moravian church was, but that is what we are seeking the Lord for, revival for Germany. The GDOP was held together with a group from YWAM who have established a school in the town. together with our church and number of visitors we enjoyed a good day of worship and intercession for Germany. Especially the time of intercession for Germany, for the politicians and for specific church leaders was blessed. We are thinking to take part again next year and make the event known more widely in our area. Frank Hottenbacher, Pastor, Christliches Zentrum Herrnhut

Gibraltar

In Gibraltar this year, a group of around twenty-five assembled from various fellowships in Gibraltar for a marvellous time in prayer. This was our first participation in the GDOP and we felt led to organize the event in a "boiler-room" kind of atmosphere, with different prayer focus-points - Intercession, prayer requests, worship etc. We had a lovely extended time where everyone just flowed beautifully among the different focus points. The day began at 11:00 am and went through until 6:00 pm The Holy Spirit just orchestrated things beautifully as we then moved into protracted times of worship, prayer and intercession as a ministry to the Lord.

Freedom flowed supreme, as people's hearts were encouraged, others were set free to flow in measures of ministry that they had not seen in some time. Kids danced with Jesus, while others entered boldly into the Holiest of all by the Blood of the Lamb.

This event has so positively impacted those in attendance that most of those present are now determined to not do this only once a year! There is a hunger to here now to have these types of prayer gatherings much more regularly! This we shall do, by the Grace of God.

Bless you guys for all your hard work, and thank you for giving us the opportunity to participate in such a tremendous day!

John K. Baw

Living Waters Tabernacle

Greece

For 4 June, we tried to reach as many pastors as we could unfortunately in the end we could only reach a few, but we were about 10 churches praying on Sunday. With the limited time that we had we could not arrange a big corporate gathering so we each decided to dedicate our Sunday Services with our congregation for the prayer initiative and so from early morning to the evening was covered by the churches we contacted.

I must tell you, here in Hellas (Greece) the prayer initiative became part of a corporate work here, on the 4th was the Global day of Prayer which ushered us here into stage 2, the 24 hour Praise and Worship initiative for the 5th - 7th June which we just finished, I don't know if you know but many places had a 24H praise and worship because for the first time in a long time it was 06-06-06 so we believe that the prayer initiative played a very important part of laying that foundation.

Pastor Nida

Iceland

Greeting from Iceland,

It was a blessing to be a part of the Global Day of Prayer. We used the radio to pray for the nation and join with the world. Lindin Radio covers 90% of the population of Iceland. We prayed several times a day on Sunday and some of the churches had special prayer during their services. There is a prayer retreat going on this week and several people are praying. We hope and pray that next year we will be able to have more events in Iceland.

Working in the harvest field of Iceland

Sheila Fitzgerald

Poland

Report on Global Day of Prayer in **Warsaw**, Poland.

The event has been organised on co-operation between some local churches from Warsaw and national movement Poland for Jesus. The movement has prepared and printed out a booklet containing:

- history of Global Day of Prayer,
- practical guidelines on organising prayer,
- prayer points for 10 days,
- prayer for the World
- different model and history of 24-7-365 prayer.

The booklet has been spread across the country. With the support of portal www.jezus.pl we could start and advertise special web page informing of the event: www.DzienModlitwy.Jezus.pl

The day of prayer has been preceded by 10 days of 24-7 prayer covered in Warsaw by 5 participating churches (more churches were involved but only 5 decided to be involved in that prayer). Young people have undertaken their own initiative: 7 days of 24-7 prayer, covered by young people from several churches and finished by a Concert of Glory on Saturday, June 3rd.

We have rented a sports hall for event on June 4th. The event in itself has been prepared by 3 local churches. Other churches from the City and country has joined us. We estimate that in the meeting about 520 adults plus some children were present. The meeting has been held from 10 a.m. till about 4 p.m. and consisted of two parts with a half an hour of break.

In the first part, led by leaders of Poland for Jesus we prayed for our country, worshipping the Lord with music and dancing/flags and proclaiming promises given to our country. We had also M.P. member, former President of our National Bank as our guest. With her help we have prayed for the area of government and politics. This part has been concluded by Prayer for the World.

In the second part, led by City pastors, we have prayed for different needs of our City. Young people presented their needs as well and led us in prayer. We have spent some good time on worship as well.

All the meeting was filled with intensive times of prayer, worship and joy. Many people expressed being very encouraged.

We expect good changes as a result of this prayer.

All the meeting has been organised by a common work and support of big number of volunteers. It has been very encouraging to see this happening, when all the different gifts were working together.

Andrzej Nedzusiak, co-ordinator

This first Global Day of Prayer in Poland was really a great blessing. On June, there were meetings in about 5 cities. A national gathering was held in Warsaw while there were regional and city-wide meetings in **Lodz, Wroclaw, Rzeszow and Elk**. It was really a great blessing to see churches coming together in unity to pray for God's outpouring of His Spirit. In Lodz, 5 local churches came together to seek for God's outpouring.

Romania

Dear friends,

May the Lord receive all the honour and glory for what happened during the last days!

Jun 1

Apart of the 10 days of prayer the watchman have been called in Romania to have a special time with the Lord starting on June 1.

On the night of June 1 around 50 watchman from all across the country met in the Baile Felix Spa, in the North West of Romania.

We had the understanding that we must seek the Lord, wait in the Spirit, fast, pray and to draw near the Holy of Holies.

Jun 2

Since the very beginning the human plans were replaced by God's plan. We decided to have outdoor meetings in a huge tent, and we called the people to the "Tent of Worship" for the GDOP. When all the things were ready the Lord blew His wind and under the terrified eyes of the brothers the tent was destroyed, after weeks of preparation. We decided to stop everything and to pray. The Lord revealed His plan.

During our time of watching the Lord He gave the road to follow. The Hotel where we had the accommodation offered us a huge hall, for free, and the new setup was finished in three hours. (All these days it was raining and cold, making impossible any outdoor meetings).

All this time the joy of the Lord was with us. And the Lord was in our midst. For hours the Lord worked in us, cleansing our inner side, bringing deliverance, visions, prophetic revelation, uniting us in spirit, and calling us to be ready as Nazarenes for the next three days.

Jun 3.

We were ready to receive the people of God who joined us on June 3.

All the morning the Lord spoke to us prophetically and called us into His very presence. Some hundreds of brothers and sisters from different denominations (including some orthodox believers opened themselves to the ministry of the Spirit of the Lord, recognizing the need for cleansing, repenting for our failures, asking forgiveness for our sins and the sins of our people. During three hours the Spirit of the Lord helped us to draw near to God, and the Lord was preparing us for the battles we had ahead.

During the first part of the afternoon of June 3, we have been called to do identification repentance. The Lord Jesus Christ called us to stand in the gap for our nation. This was a call for complete dedication as watchman of our nation, in the forefront of a vital battle. The second gay parade was ready to start at 5:00 pm in the capital city. But the Lord said to wait on Him for the right time. We were around 600 km from Bucharest. But the Holy Spirit orchestrated all the spiritual engagement. At 5:30 pm the Lord asked to make intercession for our nation. We saw in Spirit what happened in Bucharest. We saw the conflict between the people from the walk sides and the homosexuals. We saw in Spirit how the police attacked those who tried to protest. We have made intercession for the police and for all the people who were engaged in the conflict. And we did intercession for the mercy of God and that His blessings do not leave the Romanian people. After this incredible tense time we received the confirmation of the accepted intercession.

On the evening of June 3 the Lord's presence healed physically hundreds of brothers and sisters after spiritual deliverance and inner healing. The fire of the Lord was cleansing us and His touch was healing us. And all this were only the preparation of the outpouring of His Glory on June 4.

June 4

The Lord spoke to the watchman that in this day we will see and live new things, unknown for us.

From 10:00 am till 6:00 pm around four hundred people experienced what apostle Paul said:

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. (Galatians 2:20)

We have been with the Lord in Spirit at Gethsemane, at the Calvary, in the Upper Room, on the Olive Mountain at His Ascension. We asked Him to share with us His heart and He did it. We received His love, His peace and goodness, He changes us so deeply, overwhelming us with His presence.

We have been dressed in new spiritual clothes and have been accepted in the Holy of Holies. I saw His Face filled with joy for us. His sufferings were rewarded by our presence in the Holy of Holies, and we saw it. He invited us in the very presence of our Father, and we saw the Hall of Throne, and God Father spoke to us.

He asked us to turn our hearts towards the sons of Israel and to comfort His chosen people of the Old Covenant as a request ahead of the outpouring of His Glory.

And then He revealed us the dimension of the Body of His Son, the vision of the outpouring of His Glory in preparation of the return of the Lord. He leaded us in Spirit over all the continents uniting us in spirit with you, our brothers and sisters.

We celebrated your presence in the heavenlies, in Christ our Lord. The world prayer was a unifying factor, the anointing overwhelming all of us.

After a break we restarted at 7:30 pm. What a evening! we were walking in the presence of the Lord. With His confirmation we invited our brothers and sisters to make intercession for our beloved ones. But more healing manifested among us. Again the presence of the Lord was manifested through physical healings.

First Jibou Baptist Church from **Salaj**, Romania organize days for prayer and fast.

Sunday, June 04, we started at 8:30 with 25 people who prayed for our church, and after that at 09.00 we start Global Prayer Day with our church. Our choir sang and we started prayer day. We start with a special time for repentance for all our sins and we continue praying for Holy Spirit to refresh our spiritual life. The Holy Spirit

worked in our church. We continued singing and prayer time and we closed this special event at 19:15 with Lord Supper. In this time, for little more that 10 hours we continue to stay in church, just a few believers go home for a few minutes and came back. We stay together 250 believers for prayer time and all day we fast and was very nice experiences for our church.

We want have more this special days in future in our church.

God bless all of us!

Teofil Mihoc

Russia

In Russia four Christian Unions participated in the united flow of prayer: 3 thousand churches of Union of Evangelical Christians, 2 thousand churches of Russian Union of Christians of Evangelical Faith, 600 churches of Association of Evangelical Churches "Union of Christians" and 100 churches of Union of Churches of Evangelical Christians.

United city services took place in Moscow, St. Petersburg, Naberejnie Chelni, Samara and others. We, National Prayer Movement "Prayer for Russia" were coordinating GDOP in Russia.

The key moment of the service was a united prayer for peace accomplished in united in different languages. Brothers and sisters in Russian churches were asking the Creator to bless Russian President V. Putin, all authorities, they were asking for spiritual revival and transformation of Russian peoples, unity of the Church, peace in Jerusalem, for Christians in Russia become blessing for Jews in Russia.

The participation in 10 days of fasting and prayer the churches of the utmost North became a really remarkable event. With open hearts they sincerely accepted the call to the prayer at the conference that we carried out in Krasnoyarsk in March together with International Prayer Council.

Now Global Day of Prayer will be annually carried out in Russia during the following four years till 2010 until the number of Christians in the united prayer reaches 500 million people including 10 million people for Russia.

Global Day of Prayer is neither a fruit of human mind nor a new Christian project but a movement of the Holy Spirit all around the planet to fulfill the will of the Lord Acts 15:16 "After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up" and Habakkuk 2:14 " For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea".

It is necessary to note that in Russia the prayer movement is just gaining strength and approximately 40% of protestant churches participated in it.

Russian Orthodox Church, Roman Catholic Church, Baptist Union, Union of Adventists are still standing apart from the participation in Global Day of Prayer.

Please pray for the prayer unity of churches in Russia.

Mikhail Kuznetsov

On the Global Day of Prayer (June, 4) 3 churches of **Kislovodsk** got together. There were also guests from other cities and regions there. The reconciliation between the Baptists and the Pentecostal denominations took place there through the representatives of these churches. This event enlarged the vision of the pastors and the churches to think and to pray globally. It was a significant progress to motivate people for this prayer comparing with the last year. As it's still hard for Russia that has lived for many years behind the iron curtain to think by the worldwide categories. Mostly the churches celebrated it by themselves in their own congregations as the stronghold of division has been the main one in the Caucasus. We believe there will be more churches participating in this event next year as this number of participating churches and understanding of the importance is growing.

As a respond to 90 days of blessings after the Global Day of Prayer the church in Essentuki started the evangelization program in the village named Borgustan, which is on the border between the Stavropol region and Karachaevo-Cherkessia republic. The poverty, alcoholism, witchcraft are widespread there. Karachai magician comes ones a month and leads the Sabbath in the village. There is also another "prophet" who accepts people at home. Young people try to leave this place to move to the city. But some people oppositely come from other cities to earn money at the farms. The local people complained to us about corruption of a policeman, the owner of the farm who doesn't even pay the salary just providing food to his workers, taking their passports and keeping people in slavery. The soil there is very good and fruitful and God has His own plan of prosperity for this village.

The only Christian church there is an Orthodox one, the priest of which is accused of corruption by people of that village, too. They also shared with us that he calls people to pray to the “ruler of this world”. The church from Essentuki had an outreach to the Retirement House and held a concert with the worship team in the only cafe there. It was a great victory as it’s almost impossible to get a permission for the events like that for the evangelical churches now. Unwritten law doesn’t allow any denominations except Russian Orthodox Church to have public meetings. The times of the mass evangelizations in Russia have passed away. And it was amazing to see that about 100 young people came to cafe to listen to Christian music. Many of them were not able to come in and stayed outside. We were not allowed to have any religious propaganda. But people came to the cafe the next day waiting for the concert again.

The church in Essentuki is planning to send 2 missionaries there every 2 days to continue the work. Pray for the restoration of the church in the village. As there was a church of 20 people there, an affiliation from Essentuki. But all of the people were scattered. Pray for the harvest of the souls, for the open doors, for the opportunity to make a children playground there, for the good attitude of the administration of the village, club, cafe and the Retirement House. The light and the darkness are concentrating there now. We face many opportunities and at the same time much resistance there. Pray for the good cooperation with the church “Word of life” which is going to buy a property and to have a rehab center for addicted people. Pray for the resolving of the conflict between the church in Essentuki and a missionary who previously worked in Borgustan village and has just came back to the village after a couple years of absence. Pray for the laborers to go there and for a future pastor for the village church. A local family gave one of their 2 houses for the church. Pray for the spiritual growth of those who attended that church.

Slovakia

We in Slovakia met on 4th of June at 10 a.m. o’clock till about half past 3 p.m. we were from four churches united in repentance and seeking God – AoG, Lutherans, Catholics, Baptists. We were about 30 people. The kids from Sunday school were also involved in a creative way to pray for the kids in the world. Many of us joined that meeting with fasting too. It was releasing unity and more hunger for God, and more passion to for the lost generation. Two days after that we heard the news that Satanists worldwide wanted to curse the world on 2006-06-06 at 6 o’clock in the morning as a revenge to this Global day of prayer. So many of us united by standing up and praying in our homes against this curses which was another great unifying factor in the spiritual realm. We are encouraged and in greater expectancy for the transformation of Slovakian nation. Thank you for providing us with materials and information so we could be part of such an amazing thing on the Pentecost Sunday.

God bless you – Tomas Berek (Slovakia)

Prayers for children in Slovakia were organised by Viva Network.

I coordinated prayers for the Europe and Slovakia on the general level. I sent information to churches and organisation in our capital city Bratislava and also to some places in Slovakia. As I joined you very late, I did not do it in wider context. I also had an interview in the Slovak Christian Radio B7, where I spoke about the vision of these prayers and mobilize people to join us. So I do not know exactly how many people really prayed on the 4th June. My report will be from the prayer meeting I organized that Sunday at my flat.

There were just a few of people – I am sending some pictures of us in the attachment. All of them had had in advance materials prepared from the resources you sent me.

Main topics we were led to during the prayers:

- the power of cross – as the only and essential substance of the true Gospel – may it come back to the Church and may it also become a core of the gospel we share with; may the message of the gospel is clear and sharp in the meaning – not diminish by the influence of some political spirits, liberalism or limitation of some theologies; there is no other real power over the Europe and world to be lifted up except of the power of the cross
- Intercessors in the caves – especially in Slovakia – most of them are hidden or “imprisoned” or oppressed “in the caves” :
- may the Lord lead them out and release them
- may the Lord open their mouth (many generations back into the past but also the young generation now are intimidated “to be shut up”)

- we prayed especially for young generations to be protected and to grow up like healthy personalities in spite of their life circumstances
- may the Lord release their legs to walk with Him and bring His news and reach out the goal and fulfil the calling
- May the Church, His Bride, become the Church of Peace (Shalom) – may Christians come out in the name of Jesus not in the strength, power or even a fame of an individual.
- Lord, purify the Church
- from the bad decisions she made (both individuals and leaders)
- from disobedience, when she walks her ways instead of Yours
- from the wisdom of man
- John 13 – in the name of Jesus we wash the legs of the Church
- The earth is broken – it is a picture of our world we live in. May us be a mighty river (unified, functioned Body, operating as a living organism – not as a computer with programs), which flows out of its limitations, banks – because the earth is full of breaks, thirsty, needy of water from the Throne of God. We also put a sieve against the dirt and unclean things.
- Picture of a tarn – many streams were flowing into the tarn. The surrounding was dark, only this tarn (we call it a sea eye) was bright and it was beautifully round. The Church is like this tarn. She will be strong, victorious and beautiful, bright in the darkness cleaned from the past things as well as hate towards His Jewish people – we prayed that.
- Is 66, 18
- may the character of acts of people will be revealed – everywhere – in the Church, in society
- may it be clear what is really clean and may it be visibly distinguished from hypocrisy – may a real abyss be set between real purity and a hypocrisy
- may people are introduced into a true purity in the Church, not into hypocrisy, may them not be stopped by hypocrisy as they grow in the Lord
- the new generation of believers will not be stopped by it
- not a tolerance in the Church but decisiveness and discipleship
- not a doubtful knowledge and deception but commitment – it is not enough just to do something like a ministry, may the full gospel, spirit of ministry (Christ's spirit in the ministry) and real power of the cross be released into our lives
- may the Lord keep us in His truth (John 17)
- may His word coming out from our mouth is as sharp as a sword – from the mouth of Jesus His Word is a sword

We involved some arts into the prayers (music, poetry, visual things). In some of the pictures there is an illustration of a special act when we were expressing true purity: we are like vessels - so we used a bowl and filled it with water, then we lit up the floating candles-hearts as a symbol of true light coming to the heart of the Church. There were two hearts – unity between the Bride and Bridegroom. We poured out the oil into the water – to anoint the Body into the full life and function. It was a true experience and joy to see how several drops of oil became a big one – what is our deep desire. There are like pearls inside the bowl – symbolizes how much we are treasured and who we are for Him. They also symbolize that a life of every individual is sometimes hard, painful process to become such a pearl (the same way pearls are produced in the nature)

We decided to continue in these prayers regularly once a month – so the next year the Global Day of Prayers will be a feast of the prayer time dedicated to prayers for His Bride in Europe and world. We will also make a website – so I hope next year we can join you better equipped.

Thanks for the great job you all did and powerful encouragements we receive from you throughout that time.

Be blessed richly.

Timotea Vrablova

(Breakthrough Christian Centre)

Bratislava

Slovakia

Spain

On the Global Day of Prayer here in Spain, we joined with the other nations of the world to lift up a cry for the healing of our land and an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. We know of churches in Asturias, Valencia, the Basque Country, Barcelona and Madrid that participated in the celebration here.

In the heart of Madrid, for example, we had an all-night prayer vigil, from 8:00 pm Saturday to 8:00 am Sunday. Around 50 people attended, most of them young people, with 7 different youth movements represented, and 14 different nations (including Spain!). We spent time confessing our sins and crying out for personal cleansing. We experienced a renewal of the Holy Spirit in our lives, according to the promise of Joel 2. Several people renewed their prayer language, praising the Lord in the tongues He had given to them, and that they hadn't been using, out of fear, doubts or lack of understanding. We also spent time praying for other nations. We especially prayed against the prostitute tents in the World Cup Soccer Games in Germany. We also prayed for Irak, Iran and other nations, and had a beautiful time of worship.

We received the following report from a young leader in a Baptist Church in Valencia:

"We thank the Holy Spirit, our Helper, Comforter, Intercessor... We had a beautiful time with the young people on 3 June. The meeting was a real blessing. I shared about the Feast of Pentecost, and about the third person of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit. I shared that the Holy Spirit is not just a powerful force, but God Himself. I talked to the young people about the work of the Holy Spirit in the creation of the world and throughout the history of Israel, I especially emphasized three stages in history: 1) Old Testament (GOD THE FATHER), 2) New Testament (GOD THE SON), and 3) after the ascension, the life of the Church (GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT). I especially reminded them of the importance of living in the Spirit, of showing His fruits (Gal. 5:22-23), of being suited up by Him, and especially of allowing ourselves to be led and embraced by His love and power, living in holiness for His glory (v. 24). I said that it was through the Holy Spirit that the apostles did the great things they did. That He was the promise of Jesus in John 14. And that unfortunately, the Church had forgotten about this third person of the Trinity that is acting in the Church today and/or has been wanting to act for the past 2000 years. All of this took about 15 minutes. Then we took about half an hour to pray and cry out to the Lord for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit over our lives, our city and our streets, families, schools, public places, ..., over our church and over the youth in Spain and in our city and region. I don't know when it will be, but soon Spain will awaken from her lethargy. She is going to be revived by the Holy Spirit. She will burn and be revived by the fire of His breath; Spain will be flooded by His rivers. In church on Sunday, the pastor talked about the move of the Spirit from the Day of Pentecost until our times (Azusa Street, Latin America,...) and we prayed that the power and the fruits of the Spirit would be made visible in our lives. If we live by the Spirit, let's also walk by the Spirit (Gal. 5:25)."

We received the following message from a church in Barcelona:

"Beloved in the Lord: We want to let you know that, with the support of the pastor and all the leadership of our church, we participated with you in the Global Day of Prayer. All of us were of one heart and mind, in prayer and fasting. Thank you for letting us know about this event."

Since we sent out the information about the Global Day of Prayer to intercessors, pastors and leaders all over the nation, it is possible that there were celebrations in other places where they didn't later send us a report. We are hoping to be able to do more next year, but this year was a real blessing for all those involved. Thank you for the information you sent us, and please keep us informed regarding future plans.

Leo and Renee Lobo

Ukraine

Once again I want to say Praise the Lord!

I am glad to say that we had a wonderful time during these ten days of prayer. There were about 3 thousand people gathered in the stadium in Dnipro from many churches. It was a powerful meeting on the 4th of June, there was such a sense of presence of God, a word of prophecy about Ukraine.
Sergiy Vinkovskyy

United Kingdom

We are so grateful to God for many churches and towns which joined in Global Day of Prayer 2006. We had only 7 registered events in 2005 and so were delighted to have 40 registered events – and we keep hearing of more that did not register.

Many individual churches made space within their regular worship services and joined in that way; others organised events in their country, town, city or borough.

Here are a selection of reports:

Blackpool: We at New Waters Christian Fellowship had a fantastic day. Most folks stayed for the full 12 hours. We did things like Expressive prayer; oil & water colour painting, drawing, modelling clay, writing. Shredding notes with what we felt were against what the Lord wanted in our lives. Relaxing with God on sun loungers and listening to gentle Christian music through headphones. Praise & Worship, Communion, and prayers were throughout the day. We ate breakfast and lunch together, and many folk said it was a time of getting to know each other better too.

Merseyside: There seemed to be little happening in my area so I invited people from my church to come and share lunch and then to pray and praise, there were 21 of us all together and I believe it went really well. We watched the DVD then sang then split up into groups, I'd written out various topics from the web site, then we would meet up again and praise then back to our groups and so on and in total we spent from 2 pm - 4.30 pm praying. I believe in watching the DVD we really felt part of the bigger picture.

Cumbria: We began with 2Chron.7:14 and spent a very long time - possibly the first hour in worship, personal preparation, repentance and reaching a place of unity in the Spirit. We then found ourselves being led to declare His Name and His Glory. We then continued in worship and declarations around Hab.2:14. We then received a number of scriptures concerning God's enemies, especially that they would be routed. We felt the Lord was drawing us to consider the waters around the region. This drew our attention to the coastlines of the region. God then led us into a period of proclamation, especially concerning restoration of the desolate/barren lands. We celebrated before the Lord in faith for what we have not yet seen but believe in our hearts is soon to be released. God showed us many scriptures concerning fruitfulness.

CORBY – Midlands of England:

'I can hardly believe that the Global Day of Prayer for 2006 is now behind us! It was a fantastic experience to be a part of this wonderful prayer initiative, which has taken place all over the world. It is just wonderful that Corby and some of the surrounding villages have been represented in the United Kingdom as a united source of prayer to the glory of God. So many have been willing to pray – it's been quite amazing!

Over twelve churches were involved this year, three of which were known from the villages, two from Gretton and one, Cottingham. We started at midnight on Thursday 25th May and continued praying right the way through to midnight on Saturday 3rd June. There were a few vacant slots during some of the "wee small hours" but this was more than made up for by day time slots covering three or four hours of prayer at one time! I am sure there were lots of people praying who didn't tell me they were, but God knows the true number of prayers. Our global day of prayer on Sunday 4th June concluded at St. Columbia church, in Corby who hosted a beautiful service. 44 people came to that, many from around the town (and as far as Market Harborough!). There were prayers of repentance, PowerPoint images of the knocking down and re-building of Corby – true transformation – readings, wonderful singing and an interview with Iris Tinto.

God opened a door of opportunity and on Sunday 28th May I (Iris) was able to share with the listeners on BBC Radio Northampton – and invited them to take part! It went very well and when Sheila Luk and I returned outside, a stranger said "that was just fantastic" and was full of smiles!

So what is next? The third component of this world prayer initiative is the 90 days of blessing. As Christians in our community, we want to bless those around us ... our own families, our neighbours, those we meet every day ... from colleagues to strangers. I am reminded of the chorus that says "and they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love". The activities we are planning for our churches will also bless the community ... many different ways we can serve and glorify God.

I challenged everyone to be more kind! Practising acts of kindness is a big way we can make a difference. For ... we have tasted the kindness of the Lord! (1st Peter 2 v 3). Kindness has the power to change the world!

Thank you for organising this wonderful initiative and allowing us to be involved in this great movement as we give God the Glory! The prayers are a testimony of love for God and the people around us ... and we pray that in being a blessing to our community, others will want to know God and his wonderful love.

PETERBOROUGH: on the Global Day of Prayer 40-50 people from 8 churches in the city gathered for 2 hours to pray for the nations. Since Peterborough is a multicultural city we had Christians from 5 countries share with us about their homelands and prayer points to help us pray for those nations. We had people from Zimbabwe, India, Argentina, America and England representing their nations in prayer. It was a great evening with a constant stream of prayers ascending to the throne. After the evening people left with a greater burden to pray for the nations and to see God's glory come.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE:

June 3rd started with gathering of about 50 – 60 prayers from the Notts Prayer Network from 8.30 – 10.30 am. A number of prayer walks/drives followed:

Robin Hood Prayer Walk – a group of 4 people went in to the city visiting places of spiritual and natural governmental significance, historical and present day, in the life of the city and county. The focus was on issues of violence, robbery, justice and a heart for the poor. Many of which are encompassed in the legend of Robin Hood. Our city has a reputation for robbery and violence. This group prayed Isaiah 60 v 18 – God's promise to our city – 'Violence shall no longer be heard in your land.....'.

Robin Hood Prayer Drive – considering the same issues as the prayer walk and also the historical breach in relationship between city and country, between those in power and those subjugated by it, riches and poverty; the drive went to Sherwood Forest.

William Booth Prayer Walkabout – about 12 people gathered at the birthplace of William Booth the first general and founder of the Salvation Army. The aim of the walk was to celebrate the life of one of Nottingham's most famous sons, visiting the sites where he first preached, was saved, went to school etc. We asked God to give the church in the city such a heart for the poor and marginalised as William Booth had, to open the wells again and we prayed for God's blessing on the Salvation Army. Radio Nottingham also came to do a feature which was on the Radio Nottingham faith programme the following morning.

Prayer Stations: These were held at 4 locations across the city including the city centre. They were open from 12 – 2.00 pm for members of the public to be prayed for or submit to prayer requests.

One church launched a mission in the Basford area which includes door to door outreach, barbeques, evangelistic meetings, prayer clinics and social action. In preparation for this, they had 40 days of 24/7 prayer and fasting which covered GDP weekend also for which they specifically had a 'prayer station'.

Another Church prayer walked large areas of greater Nottingham, delivering 180,000 leaflets, inviting people to church (a number of churches across the city linked into this across Nottingham) and praying for each home as they did so, started on May 30th ending on June 3rd linked to www.imagineaplace.com.

LANGPORT – Somerset: We organised a rolling programme starting at 10.30 am with prayers focussed on the World, Europe (in 6 languages), UK and Somerset. We had a fellowship lunch and our afternoon programme started at 2.30 pm focussing on the Release of the Spirit through Repentance, Confession, Forgiveness and Reconciliation. The young people concluded this time with a drama and after a tea break we had a Taize service to wrap up a full and exciting day. We now look forward to 2007! Thanks for all your support - and vision.

LONDON

Central London: On Saturday 3rd June 1,000 Christians gathered at Westminster Chapel, to celebrate Pentecost as part of their response to the Global Day of Prayer. It was a culturally diverse meeting with speakers representing countries such as Iran, Korea, Ghana, Spain, the Philippines, Columbia, Brazil, Italy, Nigeria, the Caribbean and the UK.

The central theme of the evening was Prayer; for our nations, unity of the Church and transformation. The event was hosted by Joel Edwards, General Director of the Evangelical Alliance and Jonathan Oloyede, Associate Pastor of Glory House Church. Guest speakers included Celia Collins and Sam Yeghnazar who spoke respectively on the topics of The Power and Meaning of Pentecost for the Church Today and How Prayer Binds us across our Cultures.

Described as a truly remarkable evening and one that combined prayer with joyful worship, cultural barriers were broken as people from different ethnicities fellowshiped in a colourful and exuberant expression to celebrate Pentecost. Joel Edwards commented, "This was an evening of inspiration, prayer and worship in one of the most racially diverse settings I have ever attended. It demonstrated the spirit of Pentecost and linked us to the global movement of Christians celebrating God's activity around our world."

It is envisaged that the Global Day of Prayer 2007 will be a mass gathering of thousands of Christians across the Greater London region supporting the wider activities of Christians around the world.

NEWHAM Borough: On the afternoon of Sunday 4 June, Pentecost Sunday, Newham churches came together to pray as part of the Global Day of Prayer. More than 350 Christians prayer-walked in from around the borough, meeting at Priory Park, near the West Ham United football stadium.

A worship band, made up of musicians from a number of different churches, led a time of praise. Powerful and impassioned prayer followed, calling upon God for an open heaven of blessing over Newham. We prayed for those in leadership in the Council; the co-coordinator of the Newham Christian Police Association led us in prayer for all those who serve in the Police force in the borough; and Transform Newham's Youth Coordinator inspired us to pray for the young people.

Church leaders from ethnically diverse congregations led us in the Global Day of Prayer 'Prayer for the World', which was expected to be prayed by 500 million Christians around the world.

The event was a powerful, prophetic act, not least when Jonathan Oloyede of Glory House encouraged those assembled to imagine the large circle of grass on which we were standing as being the world and to prayer-walk the globe, praying for nations as we walked over them!

A great cheer went up when it was announced that the West Ham stadium behind us had been booked for a London-wide prayer assembly in May 2007.

ISLEWORTH: After weeks of preparation we did not know quite what to expect on the Global Day of Prayer. Our plan was to have a rolling programme from 10.30 am to 6.30 pm with various different prayer leaders bringing their expertise to the planned prayer times. It was hoped that people from other churches could join us before or after their own services for part of the day. The day started with praise and worship and this continued to be a key focus throughout. Although the musicians were from different churches and had only come together for this event they produced a unique blend of music that exceeded our best expectations.

A local minister, led prayer and repentance for abortion. He related how his local church have a ministry for those dealing with such issues and encouraged us to have compassion for such people. This was followed by prayer for young people, who motivated us to pray for a "Josiah generation." (2 Chron. 34)

We were informed of three of the major world religions (Islam, Hinduism & Buddhism) so that we could pray more intelligently. As well as praying for the persecuted church, we were able to rejoice that such trials often bring growth, both spiritual and numeric.

Prayers for India directed us to pray that people from every caste would come to Christ so that they could reach out to their own people groups effectively, helping to break down the religious barriers that exist. He also encouraged us to pray that God would add British Indians to our own churches.

After the communion service, we had repentance and prayers for Great Britain. We prayed for Jerusalem and for all those living in the Middle East. We felt humbled and privileged to have contributed to and been part of something of real significance.

TOWER HAMLETS: It was so good to see so many church leaders - pastors/ministers/rectors able to attend the meeting, pray and be prayed for. I believe the Lord was really blessed, and longing to pour out that commanded blessing (Ps.133,KJV) in the place of unity. The work of Viva Network and Pavement Project was ably explained and prayed for using the 5 stations they set up in the Nave. The children's worship was very powerful and beautiful, so good in fact that it lasted longer than we planned. 3 children and 3 adults shared thoughts about adults' responsibilities towards children. We prayed about Mal.4:5-6, turning the hearts of the fathers back to the children. Their final song was a prayer for Tower Hamlets.

We had 3 teachers representing schools. The head of the Tower Hamlets Metropolitan Christian Police Association came and shared information especially about 'Adopt a Cop' and other ministries were profiled and prayed for.

We had a powerful time of praying for our churches together and individually, mainly by praying for our leaders as we felt led by God, especially those that we did not know at all or well. We heard some questions on a CD asking us if we know how much we wound the Lord when our attitudes that cause criticism, separation and division split up His Body.

We finished by looking at Ephesians 2:13. In His own crucified body Jesus has abolished the enmity between Jew and Gentile so that He, from the two might create in Himself one new man so making peace. This is the only basis on which we can pray for the peace of Jerusalem. Gentiles includes all the children of Abraham not descended from Isaac. We mentioned a ministry in Haifa and Mt. Carmel which includes Christian Palestinians,

Messianic Jews and other Gentile believers who are all working powerfully for Jesus. It is growing fast with new converts. Acts 1:8 showed us the release of the Gospel to the world, which went westwards and has nearly returned.

We then prayed for mission in Algeria and Middle East, and Bangladesh as time had run out. We finished with 15 mins of celebration of Jesus as Lord of our lives and world.

STOP PRESS Since Monday we have received back some reports of significant break through amongst intercessors, and doors opening with police. Hallelujah!!

MEDWAY (KENT): In Medway, Kent we had a fantastic time. Numbers were up on last year. Pentecost Sunday is always a busy day in most mainstream churches so we were delighted that well over 50% of the churches were represented right across the denominational spectrum. We managed to involve a good third of church leaders this year who took some form of active part. The Deputy Mayor of the city attended and was personally and publicly prayed for, as were several other civic leaders. We prayed in numerous different styles reflecting the diversity of the church at large. We had a praise and worship team drawn from many different churches, and I used my own church's praise and worship team for the international sections as we have many overseas people, largely university students. At the end everyone came together in such powerful praise and worship and we were sad to have to draw it to a close. The venue is significant because we based it at the heart of what used to give our area its significance, the Royal Naval Dockyard in Chatham which was closed down during the Thatcher era, creating much unemployment and sense of despair. But God is lifting us up and we now have 4 universities all with branches here on one campus. That brings new life. Also, we are on the receiving end of the government's Thames Gateway regeneration plans which is attracting much more business etc. So as we sing a lot here, "Things are getting better!"

From 27th July to 2nd August there is the Soul in the City style bless the community in practical ways which Medway Council think is brilliant and they are very supportive and co-operative. We also called all the churches to fast and pray for the 10 days leading up to the Global Day of Prayer. I know of some who did. We had good media coverage from BBC Radio Kent.

Jane Holloway UK GDP Co-ordinator

York Minster

The sense of purpose and excitement had been building for ten days as One Voice prayed round the clock in the St Cuthbert's Centre Prayer Room. As the crowds gathered there was a sense that something special and timely was about to happen in the ancient nave of York Minster.

Before the service started the crowd had already exceeded the previous year, and by the time we had started corporate prayer there were well over a 1000 praying Christians from churches and fellowships all over the area.

David Casswell, Vicar of Clifton, led some worship songs as people were arriving and also one song at the start of each section as we prayed for our city, our country and the continents.

A trumpeter called us to prayer and then Graham Hutchinson of Elim and Kate Wiley of the Church Army led us in prayer for our community and the city of York. Kate had prepared many headlines from the York Evening Press and placed them at ten strategic points around the Minster. People were encouraged to go and find a headline that they connected with and pray through the headline for our city.

Archbishop John Sentamu was observed quietly taking part, praying through the headlines.

An introduction to the Global Day of Prayer was brought by Juliet Wright the local coordinator, and she read the verse:

If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.
(2 Chron 7:14 NIV)

Stephen Redman of the Ark Church, explained that it was God's people who had the responsibility of bringing forgiveness and healing to our land by doing what God says – humbling ourselves, repenting and praying. As a symbol of our corporate repentance we put on wrist bands that said "2 Chron 7:14". We then began to pray in small groups for our nation.

This session was finished by releasing a mighty shout of the name of "JESUS" over our nation, followed by cries of "God save the Queen" and "God save Tony Blair".

As a large screen showed a Global Day of Prayer video, there was a sense in the room of the mystical link between the hundreds of millions of Christians who were praying all over the world.

Finally John Davies, Vicar of Huntington, led prayer for the continents. He led us to pray silently and also vocally altogether in an Acts 4:24 model.

We turned to the East, the South, the West and the North, praying for the nations in each direction. This was a wonderful corporate act as we held our hands out in blessing over the nations of our world.

To conclude the evening, 16 flaming torches were lit, and a procession followed groups of four torches through the ancient gates of the city. At each gate there was prayer offered up for our city and in this prophetic act we believe blessing was released over York.

Many churches groups in York came together to repent and pray in union with almost half a billion other Christians worldwide. Only God knows the magnitude and significance in the long term, but there was truly a tremendous unity demonstrated to all onlookers. This was a unity of purpose and heart-cry and recognition of the Lordship of Jesus Christ amongst us.

One Voice have already booked York Minster for 27th May 2007 for another great Global Day of Prayer!"
Steve Redman / Juliet Wright

Matlock, Derbyshire

How great is God, indeed. He has a vision, mission, and a glorious purpose for all our lives, no matter how small and insignificant we think we are!

Being a small community of South Africans, we have established ourselves in the East Midlands of England, and gradually got to know each other, either through work or by word of mouth. (God's mouth.)

As is the nature of true South Africans, we wanted our own church. Is that not one of the reasons why our forefathers emigrated to the southern most shores of the then dark Africa; to be able to have religious freedom and practice their protestant Christian beliefs? It is in our genes, in our blood.

Although most of us found a home in some or other established English church, we felt the need to hear the Word of God in our own language (Afrikaans) and to support, socialize and evangelise amongst our own as well. The bold step was therefore taken. And a miracle happened. We established a church – The South African Christian Congregation in the UK in March 2006! All praise to the Lord, who opened all the doors for us and are walking with us all the way, holding our hands, blessing our actions.

Let me tell you about it.

Amidst us, we have a few really strong 'movers and shakers', beautiful Christians who took on God's challenge and started the ball rolling. We now have the use of a charming little stone built Methodist church, with parking (very scarce commodity!), a well stocked kitchen, also rare, from which came the most heart warming soups during the cold winter months, and extra rooms for all our other activities. In addition, we are really blessed to have the most talented music group any church can pray for! With every service we can praise the Lord with our singing, mostly in Afrikaans, and the harmonious sounds of the piano, keyboard, violin, flute, guitar, and tambourine: a deeply, emotionally enriching experience.

God sent us a pastor, André Potgieter – South African – who just 'happened' to be around and 'happened' to meet up with one of our members. It was not his intention to become the spiritual leader of a church here, but the Lord has led him to take on the challenge, once more, and we are the beneficiaries. This Pastor 'happened' to have a family member in SA, also a minister, whom he sent e-mails to, telling him about our wonderful new venture. Stephan Weyers, the minister in Standerton, then sent us information about the Global Day of Prayer, on CD. This we copied and distributed amongst our congregation, with the result of becoming the one church in Matlock, that we know of, that prayed with the rest of the world on this special Global Day of Prayer! A true miracle indeed; and all carefully foreseen and planned by the King of Kings.

We firmly believe that it is the vision of God to have brought us all here, at this specific place on earth in order for His work to be done. We are ploughing back, as it were, what Europe and England brought to Africa, namely Christianity. We are here, fulfilling God's purpose: to evangelise as far and as wide as we can, through an established church, our own testimonies and our lives. It is His vision that we should all feel the need in our hearts to keep this church alive, nurturing it and allowing it to grow. We are 30 – 40 worshippers attending every second Sunday and already have a few English nationals visiting our Afrikaans church as well, loving it to be with us, and being blessed!

If this is not God's planning and the miraculous ways in which He works, then I don't know!!

God's Vision Fulfilled (2)

Mariana Celliers

2006

Matlock, Derbyshire, England.

Northern Ireland

AMAZING GOD!!!

AMAZING DAY – JUNE 4th 2006 !!!

198 Nations from across the world took part in this 2nd Global Day of Prayer

Over 5 thousand people from many different churches gathered in Belfast Northern Ireland in Stormont Estate the seat of government for our province. We gathered with hearts full of thanks, hearts that were encouraged and amazed by God's goodness and provision in making the day possible, and hearts full of a desire to pray in unity with an expectation to do heart to heart business with our God.

Our hearts seem to be on God's agenda for the day and the gathering started as 200 people waved white flags with large red hearts demonstrating our desire to tune into the heart of God and to catch something of His heart as we prayed.

After the welcomes, the challenge from the video presentation "What if God's people Pray?" and the picture painted of the scene in heaven from Revelation 5 came the distant beating of the traditional Ulster Lambeg drums from behind the crowd. Many of us found this experience quite emotional as the Holy Spirit moved on people's hearts and as we recognised this familiar drum beat was symbolic of some of the division in our communities.

On stage Lambeg drum and Bodhran drum both symbolic of this divided island of Ireland joined together, the sound of each started in conflict and competition and slowly moved toward the same rhythm. Padraig's poem touched a cord in many hearts and as the shofar sounded the cloud broke and the sun shone through. The psalm drummers picked up a heart beat rhythm, the Lambeg and Bodhran drums joining in as one. It was to this heart beat that we all prayed in response to the things that the Holy Spirit was stirring in our hearts and minds, into areas that have brought division. This was a time for some of deep repentance.

In the next section, a Church of Ireland Bishop earnestly and profoundly lead us in a prayer for renewal in the church, and as everyone's attention turned to the government, we all got on our knees and in humility and love and joined together in making a declaration.

As we prayed for renewal and transformation in our communities we were challenged by some of the statistics we heard. Everyone gathered in small groups to pray into the five areas that the Chief Constable of our police force had prepared and in unity we prayed that God would come and touch these needs and bring transformation.

The youth finished the day and lead us as they made prayers of declaration from their own hearts expressing their desire to lay down their rights and dreams as they choose to serve and follow Jesus. As they prayed a cairn of stones was built on a foundation of stones symbolising those who have laid down their lives for the sake of the cross. People from the crowd came to lay stones publicly declaring their willingness to die to themselves for the sake of Christ. EVERYONE joined in the final prayer of declaration

Proverbs 11:11 "Through the blessing of the upright a city is exalted, but by the mouth of the wicked it is destroyed"

The event finished as we turned toward the city and stretched out our hands and in prayer we spoke a blessing over Belfast, over the province and over the whole Island of Ireland.

WHAT AN AMAZING DAY!

From a Sunny **South West of England**

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Thanks for all your support - and vision.

In Christ's service

Peter Kerton-Johnson