

Without Ceasing

Thought for the month:

Have an attitude of faith

''Everything that has happened to me here has helped.'
Philippians 1:12

Shortly before he was executed, Paul wrote: 'I want you to know, my dear brothers and sisters, that everything that has happened to me here has helped to spread the Good News. For everyone here, including the whole palace guard, knows that I am in chains because of Christ. And because of my imprisonment, most of the believers here have gained confidence and boldly speak God's message without fear' (vv. 12-14 NLT). Later on, he wrote, 'Always be full of joy' (Philippians 4:4 NLT). Paul had a PMA: a positive mental attitude. He couldn't control his environment, but he chose an attitude that enabled him to overcome it. Dr Martyn Lloyd-Jones said: 'Have you realised that most of your unhappiness in life is due to the fact that you're listening to yourself instead of talking to yourself?' (emphasis added). When you meet people, do you tell yourself they will let you down? When you face new experiences, does a voice within you tell you you're going to fail? A man came upon a Little League baseball game one afternoon when he was walking in the park. He stopped and asked a boy in the dugout about the score. He responded, 'Eighteen to nothing – we're behind.' The man said, 'I bet you're discouraged.' The little boy replied, 'Why should I be discouraged? We haven't been up to bat yet!' What a difference an attitude of faith makes! The last words recorded in the Bible are these: 'The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen' (Revelation 22:21 NKJV). Have faith – God will give you the grace to handle it!

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Annalong Presbyterian Church

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Sunday *Local Outreach*

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Please pray for the Gospel work that goes on in our congregation and community. Pray for God's leading as we seek to serve Him in the spreading of the Good News of Jesus near and far. Pray for our congregation that they would be built up in their faith as they come under the word of God at our worship services and all the other activities during the week. Remember David as he ministers to and pastors us, may he know God's blessing, leading and strength, remember also Pamela and the girls as they support him. Earnestly pray for all those facing difficult times, those going through treatment for various illnesses, those going for medical tests, those learning to live with loss and all those facing uncertainty. Pray that they would all know God's Love and Hope through Jesus.

Monday

pray for Belfast City Mission

The Belfast City Mission began its work in the Shore Road District on 1st November 1952. The first Mission Hall was built among the then fabricated bungalows on the Shore Road and became known as the "wee green hut". Almost 75 years have passed since the work began in the Shore Road district. During these many years there have been many changes and also the "troubles" as they are known were experienced. However, the work of the Belfast City Mission Shore Road continued to see growth and blessing throughout. The primary aim remains to reach the community with the Good News of the Gospel and to see many coming to faith in Christ. The present Missionary Mr Gary Bingham carries on the work having spent time serving in Rathcoole and Glencairn. Remember Gary and the work of the hall in your prayers.

Tuesday

Pray for Open Doors

Nine Christians have been killed and 34 injured in a shooting at a church in Jordan. The incident happened during a funeral service at St George's Greek Orthodox Church in the village of Hmoud, Karak governorate, last Friday (23 October). The authorities have since arrested three armed men. Further details, including motive, are yet to emerge. Open Doors local partners are closely following the situation and are in contact with trusted sources to find out more. Please pray for the families and loved ones of those killed, asking God to comfort them in their grief, and for complete recovery for those injured. For the local Orthodox Christian community and church leaders as they support families and respond to the tragedy. For the safety of Christians and all communities in the area.

Wednesday

Pray for Bible Society NI

Every Bible sent to Cuba carries the hope of a new beginning. For many, this is the first Bible they have ever held in their hands - a long-awaited treasure. As Alain Montano, the General Secretary of the Bible Society in Cuba, shares: *"In Cuba, people ask for the Bible even in the streets and restaurants. They are longing for something that will bring hope into their lives."* Daili Govas Matos, who as a child dreamed of the Bible, is a church leader in Havana. Daili says: *"I understand now…*

Pray for Bible Society NI (continued)

…why I had those dreams as a child. God is calling me to be part of spreading His Word in my neighbourhood," Daili's dream is now a reality - and with your help, more dreams can be fulfilled. The situation in Cuba is dire. Inflation, emigration, and poverty. Every Bible you provide will reach the hands of someone whose life can be changed forever. Will you be a part of this urgent mission?

Thursday ***Pray for* TEAR*FUND***

For mothers like Anita in Burundi, raising a family used to be defined by frequent illness and constant fear. All four of her children have suffered malnutrition at different points in their lives. 'I felt hopeless,' Anita shares quietly. 'I was so worried and perplexed and didn't know what to do.' Before the local church stepped in with training, Anita's children were frequently sick, suffered recurrent diarrhoea, and spent far too much time in hospital. The turning point came when local churches began working alongside Tearfund's partner, Evangelical Fraternity of Christ in Africa in Burundi (FECABU), and developed a new community programme to tackle malnutrition. The results across the community have been staggering. Pray for the local churches in Burundi as Tearfund works with them to help communities bring the changes they need to thrive, and particularly to see an end to hunger. Ask God to provide resources where they are needed and for the crops that the communities are relying on for food to flourish.

Friday ***Pray for PCI Global Mission***

Neil and Jenny Stewart Bilbao, SPAIN Mission: Church Planting and Outreach. Neil says "I am very thankful for some of the opportunities that have arrived, but it seems that they have all arrived at once! There are times when it can feel overwhelming. Language classes have started up again which are demanding but we are seeing the benefit especially having to teach and preach in Spanish this month. We also continue to be thankful for how the kids' language and adaptation to the culture is coming on. one of the exciting new things that we've been able to be involved in is the teaching of a biblical theology course. We've had 25 Spanish and Latino Christians sign up. Please pray for energy and organisation to make the most of every opportunity. Continued improvement in Language ability for all of us. For some gospel conversations to take place and for us to see new life.

Saturday ***Pray for PCI Mission in Ireland***

Blackrock & Bray, Rev Andrew Gill. Give thanks for the newly elected elders in Blackrock, praying that God would grant them wisdom and grace as they prepare for ordination. Pray also for our community outreach worker in Bray Gaya Kumar, that she would know God's grace and encouragement.
Sally Moore, community outreach worker, Second Randalstown. Pray for our ladies Christmas outreach night in November, that many from the community would attend. Give thanks to God for his ongoing faithfulness in this ministry and for the team who work hard behind the scenes in preparation for the event.



Open Doors UK & Ireland is an international non-profit Christian ministry and charity dedicated to supporting persecuted Christians in more than 70 countries worldwide.

Supplying Bibles, providing leadership and literacy training, and offering livelihood support to persecuted communities. Delivering vital aid, medical assistance, and long-time trauma care to Christians displaced by violence such as regional conflicts in Nigeria and sub-Saharan Africa where on average, 12 Christians are killed for their faith every day.

Throughout the world In countries we would not expect there is opposition to Christianity. In India since the implementation of anti-conversion laws in Chhattisgarh and Maharashtra States, the risks and requirements of simply attending a church service are rapidly multiplying for believers and seekers in these regions.

In Egypt, Mina, a university student was recently mocked, arrested and interrogated for his faith in Jesus. On the Open Doors website (www.opendoors .org) there are many stories of persecution and yet the Church is growing, reminding us of Jesus words to Peter in Matthew 16:18 “On this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it”.

To carry out this vital work Open Doors depends on folk like us to pray, to give and advocate for religious freedom.