

Algeria

Restricted Information

Please pray for our brothers and sisters who joined us in GDOP under these circumstances

In Algeria a law was approved prohibiting efforts to convert Muslims to another religion and giving the government the right to regulate every aspect of Christian practice. The move seems aimed at maintaining stability after Islamist violence had plagued the country for a decade. Before the law was passed there was no legal barrier to the conversion of Muslims to other religions, though authorities did consider it to be subversive.

By North African standards, Christians enjoyed a relatively high measure of religious freedom during the past few years. Last year the news came out that many Algerians were converting to Christianity. It seems that this extent of relative religious freedom has come to an end now.

Local sources confirm that the situation in Algeria has worsened during the past year and that authorities are trying to isolate Christians by not granting visas. If we add to this the release of Islamist fighters imprisoned during Algeria's civil conflict in exchange for peace, these could well be signs that the Algerian government is trying to appease Islamists, a move which could have serious consequences for the local church ([Open Doors](#))

Angola

Benin

Botswana

Burkina Faso

Praise God the GDOP 2009 in Burkina Faso took place in Ouagadougou (The capital city) and all over the country with fervency and great expectation under the coordination of the Burkina Faso National Prayer Network.

The 10 days 24/7 prayer watch was organized in many churches across our nation on May 21-30, 2009. A prayer guide on the 24/7 prayer initiative was distributed among believers right from March 2009 and many believers got involved in this prayer watch.

On May 23, 2009 a group of 36 intercessors summated the highest mountain in Burkina Faso called Tenakourou and located in the western part of our country. This was a total faith initiative because it seemed impossible at the beginning. God opened the door and granted us favour before Government officials who gave us the necessary permits and the logistic to access Tenakourou.

Prophetic and proclamation prayer on top of Tenakourou lasted almost 5 hours and when the group of intercessors came down many villagers asked for prayer. The intercessors seized this opportunity to preach the Gospel and five villagers gave their lives to Jesus and others were miraculously healed.

Traditional rulers in that village (Who are occultists) confessed that the prayer on Tenakourou is from God and that the intercessors are true servants of God. Immediately after the intercessors closed the prayer, a heavy rain suddenly started falling and for people around that was a great miracle from God.

The May 31st prayer event took place in almost all the 13 regions in Burkina Faso. In Ouagadougou the capital city over 2000 believers from all denominations gathered together in a city hall to pray for the salvation, the peace and the transformation of our nation, the 10/40 Window nations and the rest of the world.

The GDOP 2009 in Burkina Faso was a time of repentance, fellowship, agonizing prayers, healing, reconciliation, joy and salvation.

We also praise God for the people that got saved and delivered from evil oppression on this occasion. In conclusion we give glory to our God for the great and wonderful things He performed in our country and in the rest of the world during and after the GDOP 2009.

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Burundi

Cameroon

Glory to the Lord!

It all happened as planned. And we saw God in action in all our cities.

In fact **Bafoussam** once again turned up as in 2004 (over 700) and the prayer sessions were high tensioned since we are still looking forward to see a transformation to take place in our city. Even though there are some significant evolutions in the Christendom (more people coming to Christ); the whole land needs to be liberated. The society needs to be liberated from corruption, immorality, insecurity, idol worship, political marginalization etc. Our city of Bafoussam has no roads or infrastructures, yet most of the wealthiest people in Cameroon come from the west.

Most have gone to other cities because of high tax rates in Bafoussam. Churches are very poor here while our sons and daughters are blessing churches in other lands. How could we talk transformation in these conditions?

We started virtually without money, just calling the brethren from other localities on phone for the mobilization. It was towards the last month that I started visiting some of the towns. Many programs made it not easy to have a good organization in Bafoussam. But thanks to the prayer Chain 24 Hours on 24 and the 30 minutes prayer Program on Radio Bonne Nouvelle during the Ten Days, we finally saw the miracle happening on 31st May with more than 700 in attendance.

People prayed with a lot of expectation. Confessed with tears and are looking forward for the true transformation in the land. The sessions went from Repentance, the prayer for the Church, Cameroon, the Youth, Africa and the World as well as the history of Transformation Africa and the GDOP.

People from some cities like **Foumbot** came to pray in Bafoussam and ask for the GDOP to be held in their city next year. Many people say they were so blessed to be part of the GDOP.

In Bafoussam, the Senior Divisional Officer - highest authority in the division was represented by his Bureau Chief of Associations and Political Parties, Mr Mbouopda André; who delivered a word of encouragement to all the praying Christians.

Radio Bonne Nouvelle retransmitted the Program live from Bafoussam and Baham (with on site reporters) and through telephone to other cities like Foumban and all the rest if not because of power outage in the whole region.

In **Dschang** at the Independence Square, a mammoth crowd, maybe 1000 attended to the program and it was wonderful when they prayed for repentance; for the city, for Cameroon, Africa and the world. They were so stimulated by a missionary who came from Centre African Republic (CAR).

Mbouda had a gathering of seven churches at the party hall square and more than 100 attended. Pastor Jérémie Fossi says they went back discharged of all burden.

In **Foumban** more than 300 attended as strategically the meeting followed the Full Gospel Church' Convention and at the same venue. Five churches attended and felt God's presence even more.

In **Bangante**, Pastor Ambroise from the Full Gospel could not stop the prayer till 8 P.M Brethren from 7 churches prayed and did not want to stop. They felt so much blessing praying together.

In **Tonga**, 4 Churches prayed together at the Full Gospel Church. They promised to do better with greater mobilization.

In **Baham**, all the churches gather at the Full Gospel Church where about 70 prayed earnestly to see the transformation of that city.

In **Bamenda**, a good number of people from different churches dedicated that afternoon to earnest prayer for the transformation of their lives, city, nation, Africa and the world.

We believe greater things are on the way as we pray. God will surely answer us in Jesus Name.

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Cape Verde

Central African Republic

The Global day of prayer was by God's grace something wonderful. This year, we involved youth and for weeks before they were doing overnight prayers meetings, youth seminar in order to be ready for that great day !

Something we did not see before: **all evangelical churches and denominations agreed to work together in an organization committee to arrange the GDOP 2009 of May 31.**

Another fantastic thing if I can call it a miracle for us in CAR is that our government agreed through the ministry of communication to do on the National Radio Broadcast the full report "live" of the GDOP meeting that occurred in the capital BANGUI, in the SION PK3 Church. They also ordered their correspondents from others CAR cities to do the report of what will be going on in their areas. Our Lord is really great for He is the King of Nations.

Global Day of Prayer took place in 5 cities of the country.

1) In BANGUI the capital: the assembly was in the biggest church in Bangui Apostolic Church which assembled the presidents and the denominations and ministry leaders. Lots of people testified of healing miracles that happen in their physical bodies.

For the first time since 6 years of GDOP in this country, the government gave an authorization for nation-wide broadcast of the programme. The entire country received or followed the radio transmission. The most popular Christian radio in the country also did nation-wide transmission.

At the end of the service, the Regional coordinator of MANI Pastor Anatole BANGA exhorted the congregation to persevere on the 24/7 Prayer Watch. He gave an invitation for all who will be interested to participate in the 2010 GDOP in Cape Town to get prepared.

2) In the far away cities: SIBUT, CARNOT, BODA and MBAÏKI:

The meetings took place in the station City Hall and college premises.

The political authorities in Sibut solicited that the kind of GDOP meeting be done in all the towns under their jurisdiction. Meanwhile, the authorities in Boda demanded that it be done every 3 months.

The GDOP in Central African Republic has been a wonderful experience with the Lord. The spiritual atmosphere was refreshing. All the praise and glory be to the Lord Jesus-Christ. We call Lord blessings over GDOP and Transformation Africa team for all support given.

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Chad

Comoro Islands

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We were nearly one hundred from all races (there were Malagashees, Americans, Tanzanians and Comorians) and denominations to gather at the beach on Sunday 31 May. It was a time of joy and fellowship.

Prayer and songs were offered in all languages.

Glory to God.

Prayer request:

Please pray for the village at that beach. That it may be the door for the Word on the island

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Persecution against Christians generally takes the form of social discrimination. The fewer than 300 national Christians are forbidden to proselytize and there are no official churches for Comorian people. In 1999, two Christians were imprisoned for possessing copies of the JESUS film. In June 2006, four men were sentenced to prison for their faith. Police beat them and tried to get them to renounce Christianity. Christians are forbidden to witness in public. In some areas, local authorities limit the practice of Christianity. There are two Catholic churches and one Protestant church, but only non-citizens may use the buildings. (Open Doors)

In May four men were sentenced to prison for being involved with Christianity. Three of them were arrested when the police barged into a Christian meeting place that a young Christian convert from Islam had been forced to show them. They were brought to court and sentenced to three months' imprisonment. During the trial, Muslim fundamentalists allegedly demanded that the accused be killed for the "crime" of being involved with Christianity. Two of them have reportedly endured physical and verbal abuse. The police beat them, shouted at them and have tried to get them to denounce their faith in Christ. Whereas there is widespread societal discrimination against Christians, persecution in this form has reportedly not happened in the Comoros since the late 1990's.

Situation January 2007 ([Voice of the Martyrs](#))

Congo

Our event took place in one of the largest evangelical churches (2,500 seats) in **Brazzaville**. I did not expect this hall to be packed like this time. We thought our mobilization was weak but God has done His job.

It is a result of praying and fasting. May His holy name be praised.

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Cote d'Ivoire

Djibouti

DRC

We were overwhelmed by demands for materials. One of these amazing calls came from the Pygmies church in the Ituri forest of DRC! Their pastor travelled 70 km to request a copy of the ten days programme.

Bunia

"LORD, lift our feet on higher ground!"

The Global day of Prayer initiative continues to prove a wonderful expression of believers' deepest desire to meet the Lord. What happened was beyond our expectations!

May 31 2009 was the fourth ecumenical prayer event Bunia has ever witnessed. Bunia is the headquarters of the Ituri district in the Eastern Province.

PREPARATION FOR GDOP 2009

This year, we started as if there was little interest to churches coming together to pray. The organizing

committee met five times before the beginning of the ten days. Information was broadcast on local radio, Radio Tangazeni Kristo (RTK) Bunia, to reach many church leaders and church members. Many churches upcountry were contacted by telephone to advertise the event. We received calls and delivered leaflets as far as Rethy, Aru, Ingbokolo, Ariwara, Watsa, Kagaba.

In northern Kivu province we sent materials to Beni and Oicha. In Bunia, invitations were sent to the District Commissioner and local authorities. We proved wrong. What we witnessed was the move of the Holy Spirit in this eastern Province of DRC.

TEN DAYS

In Bunia many churches across different denominations carried the ten days of prayer day and night. In six churches, boiler rooms carried out prayers 24/24 hours during the ten days. Eight churches shared 24/7 with neighboring churches, carrying 12 hour-prayer vigil every day for ten days.

Outside Bunia individual churches formed boiler rooms to cover 24 /24 hour prayers for ten days, making sure that each day was covered with prayers day and night.

We also witnessed ten days of 24/24 hour prayer vigil at Kagaba (60 km south), Komanda, southwest of Bunia (70 km), Itendey, north of Bunia (60 km), Rethy, Ariwara (300 km), Watsa 450 km north of Bunia North Kivu Province There were flames of 24/24 prayer vigil at Oicha (220 km south) and Beni (250 km south) of Bunia.

Schools

University students covered the ten days by taking 30 minutes every day for ten days. In this way they covered 24/24 hours for ten days.

Others prayed collectively for 20 minutes every morning using the ten days prayer guide.

GLOBAL DAY OF PRAYER, 31 MAY 2009

Venue

In Bunia, Shalom University of Bunia, a Christian University at the city centre, has been singled out by church leaders as the ideal venue for all future GDOP celebrations.

Participants

More than 700 people converged to the school ground of Shalom University of Bunia. Most of them youths, followed in number by women, and children. Men were also there. Some of the photos taken from my digital camera are available as attachment. Two choirs, Messengers of Light and Umoja sustained the praise and worship. Prominent among the Government officials were the Deputy district Commissioner and the Chief Justice. Their presence was a boost for believers that not only our government is in dire needs for prayers, but also they can pray.

Activities

Dr. Katho, Principal of the Shalom University of Bunia, delivered a powerful message in Swahili on the unity of the body of Christ. As far as prayer is concerned, churches seldom come together as a single man to unite in prayer. What was a godly habit of the apostolic church is not so in many of today's churches.

We prayed intercessory prayers for an hour. We prayed the liturgical prayer for the world. How we poured our hearts before the throne of grace!

During the offering, a call was made to rescue distressed displaced of war in Upper and Lower Uele districts of Eastern Province, where the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) rebels from northern Uganda continue to create havoc. These relatively calm parts of Congo have come to the limelight of international security since December 2008 when LRA entered that part of DRC. Many were killed and many more youths and children abducted. Thousands were forced out of their homes to date.

90 DAYS OF BLESSINGS

Church leaders who attended gathered for a short feedback. Many were amazed at the turn the event is taking and asked for forgiveness for not having actively mobilized the church. They promised to work together to make GDOP 2010 a special prayer movement. Pray that we will keep this flame burning!

A notice was sent to local radio to raise funds for the suffering people in north-eastern border of DRC with Sudan due to Ugandan rebels' exactions on the innocent population there.

This is part of the 90 days of blessings. We are now working with the government to fly the churches' aid to remote areas of two of the neediest localities. We are thinking of Dungu and Faradje.

MAY WE SEE GDOP 2010!

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Kinshasa

God is good; many pastors were with us in the program.
The Holy Spirit is doing a lot of things in is his people! Glory to the Lord!

We prayed with Christians and leaders from almost all churches in one of the cathedrals, despite the fact that people were not responsive. We were about 250 people among them politicians. We were very blessed to cry to the Lord for our country.

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Egypt

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The country's constitution gives preference to Muslims. Christians are treated as second-class citizens, denied political representation and discriminated against in employment. On June 19, 2008, a mob of local Muslims attacked shops and homes belonging to Coptic Christians in the village of Al Nazla, Fayoum province. The mob falsely concluded a Christian family had "kidnapped" one of their family members who had recently converted from Christianity to Islam. In truth, the girl had left on a three-day trip to Cairo. But the truth didn't stop the mob from going on a rampage in the village beating and injuring Christians and destroying property. ([Open Doors](#) and [Voice of the Martyrs](#))

Equatorial Guinea

Eritrea

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In Eritrea, the government severely restricts freedom of religion for unregistered groups and violates the rights of some registered groups. Since May 2004, the only authorized religions recognized by the state are Eritrean Orthodox, Roman Catholic, Evangelical Lutheran and Islam. Anyone caught worshipping outside the four recognized religious institutions, even in private homes, has been subjected to arrest, torture and severe pressure to deny his or her faith.

The already deplorable situation of Christians worsened further in 2006. More than 2,000 Christians, including pastors and priests from both Protestant and Orthodox churches, are now under arrest in police stations, military camps and jails all across Eritrea.

Although many have been incarcerated for months or even years, none have been charged officially or given access to judicial process. In many cases, police authorities are subjecting the detained Christians to beatings and other physical mistreatment. F

ifteen believers escaped a military camp in Asabe in May, where they had been kept in metal shipping containers for the past two years. They escaped at great risk into the desert bordering Djibouti. Five of the men died of exposure and the remaining 10 disappeared without any indication whether they have made it across the Djibouti border. In October, Eritrean security police tortured two Christians to death just two days after arresting them for holding a religious service in a private home south of Asmara. In its 2006 religious freedom report, the U.S. State Department for the third year in a row named Eritrea a «Country of Particular Concern,» designating it one of the worst violators of religious freedom in the world.

Situation January 2007 ([Voice of the Martyrs](#) & [Open Doors](#))

Ethiopia

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Christians are still risking their lives in some regions of the country when they overtly share their faith. In a rural part of Ethiopia, a Christian died after he was severely beaten by Muslims while he was witnessing for Christ last year. Occasionally church leaders and believers have been jailed for allegedly insulting Islam and for distributing Christian leaflets. About 50 believers were physically harmed for their faith in 2007.

A church was bombed during service in the Somali region of eastern Ethiopia last August. Responsibility for these attacks has not been claimed, but many guess that this has been the work of the Ogaden National Liberation Front (ONLF).

Although the constitution of Ethiopia provides for freedom of religion, local Christians feel the government controls this freedom. Evangelical believers are not recognized, and they report that their churches are monitored. In majority Islamic regions, Christians experience most of the opposition from local authorities and radical Muslims. Christians from an Islamic background are often fiercely persecuted by family members. Not only are they ostracized from the community, but they also face threats and attacks. In other regions, the church has considerable freedom.

Situation January 2008

([Voice of the Martyrs](#) & [Open Doors](#))

Gabon

Ghana

Guinea

Guinea-Bissau

Kenya

We had here in Kenya what I believe to be the sweetest time spent in the presence of our master, praying with other saints before the throne. In Nairobi alone, we multiplied venues to nearly 10 (we are yet to confirm some)! Our command post was at the Kenya Polytechnic University where we had around 300 people praying fervently. The Lord gave us His Word that He has heard our prayer and He will "make her vomit what she has swallowed" according to Job 20: 15. His Altar in the land will now speak Glory to Jesus.

Other venues were in churches spread around the City.

Then we had Mombasa also with 2 venues, one being in the Municipal Stadium while the other in a church. Other major towns that held prayers were Kisumu, Eldoret, Nakuru, Kapsabet, Bungoma and Kakamega. As usual, the World vision facilitated prayers in nearly 50 rural ADPs. I believe the Lord used this year's prayers to ignite a fire in the hearts of people, even though financially, this was our toughest year. We did not go into the mass media as we have done before yet there is such a sense of victory and breakthrough. To God all glory.

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Lesotho

Liberia

This year's GDOP has given us new challenges and opportunities to reach out to. We started so early with the trust that many would take advantage of the fact that the Lord was placing a demand on our lives to see GDOP as a movement to help unite His body in celebrating the unique history of the birth of God's

Church.

Well, this started of fine when we engaged our leaders to give direction as we mobilize the greater body of Christ to this celebration. Many gave their hearts and resources to this venture while others stood from a distance to watch as to whether it was worth being a part of this movement. Each day we went to the preparatory gathering, new ideas came up and the resources to implement these challenging ideas were left to a select few. Many made commitments while others look forward to other times to be involved. A challenging moment for us was the fact that we had to inform our people that GDOP success in every nation is based on the fact that each of us must raise the resources and manpower locally to implement it. If this is not done, we will all serve as a barrier to a united church in our nation. This had to be done over and over and again. And we are still far from the fact of being sure that 30 percent of our people have understood or grasp it.

In **Ganta, Nimba** county, there were 8 prayer centers with a minimum of 25 persons praying for the 10 days of preparation daily at each of the centers. During the GDOP on Pentecost Sunday they had 541 persons in attendance with 28 pastors from different churches. They had a parade through Ganta to the center were they joined the rest of the world to pray.

In **Voinjama, Lofa** county that has a large presence of radical expression of other religions and animists, the brethren had a 24/7 prayers with a night vigil every night. At the Pentecost celebration they had about 100 persons in attendance.

In **Foryah Kama, Lofa** county, a town that borders Sierra Leone the team could not hold a ten days gathering but were able to celebrate Pentecost with 371 persons in attendance.

This year in **Kakata, Margibi** county, we had a different story. Last year they struggled to mobilize the brethren. It has been an uphill task for them. I have not gotten any word on their 10 days of preparation but news about the gathering on Pentecost Sunday was exciting. Each church that committed to celebrate Pentecost ended service at 12 noon and joined in a parade through the principle streets in Kakata. By the time they entered the host church only 700 persons could enter the hall with additional people standing outside the hall. The coordinator tells me that GDOP helped to reunite Jesus' body in Kakata after a long period of strive and division.

MONROVIA, LIBERIA

A Royal family fellowship in Monrovia, Montserrado county had ten days of fasting and preparatory prayers as they planned for Pentecost. On the Sunday morning, they committed the entire service to Pentecost with 196 persons in attendance. At the end of the celebration members brought gifts to be used for the ninety days of practical Christian ministries to the community.

As I talked to the pastor, Rev. David Bardio, this is what he felt the Lord has helped them to achieve as a body:

- The Lord has helped us to grow deeper in Him as we prayed
- He helped us to fellowship with brethren from other churches and helped us developed the spirit of unity.
- Truly, there was a remarkable move of God's spirit in our midst and we heard the Lord saying to us that the last Sunday of every month be put aside as a time to intercede for the nation and the church.

At 7:00 PM we took a team of 4 persons to the Camp Kezelee Military barracks where we join a core team of newly trained soldiers to get the military celebrating the GDOP. We had about 10 soldiers with one commissioned officer praying that the glory of God will cover and transform the new army. The group was small but we prayed till 9.30 pm. By the grace of God the chaplaincy has told us that they desire to keep the doors open to the GDOP team to minister to the entire army. Another good news is that they all were part of the 10 days of preparation which indicates that God is about to start afresh with the new army.

Presently, we have received a donation of USD 2000.00 worth of medicine from CBN for our medical outreach to an Islamic town, a prison outside Monrovia and three other communities. We have also received some donations of clothes from Great Commission Movement and medical personnel from Liberty Christian Center and the FREDAI medical center. We hope to do a schedule to first visit the proposed sites before the outreach. Pray that God will help us fulfill his purpose as we reach out during

the 90 Days of Blessing.

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Libya

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Libyans are off limits for evangelism. A number of expatriates are seeking to reach Libyans, but they are hindered by the country's secret police network. Christian literature may enter only through secretive means. There are very few Libyan believers; almost all Christians are foreign workers and the government strictly monitors them. There is a limit of one church per denomination per city. Despite the restrictions, VOM makes the gospel message available in Libya through radio and the Internet ([Voice of the Martyrs](#))

Madagascar

Mobilization took place in all regions of Madagascar from the North to the South. For some the prayer gatherings of 31 May took place in a church, for others in public places

Fianarantsoa :

Christians gathered in 3 places during the 10 days of prayer – Reformed Church, Lutheran church and METM church

On Pentecost Sunday all gathered at Tombontsoa Hotel, around 500 people were present.

Toamasina :

A boiler room for young people was set up.

The GDOP was held in the stadium of a technical school in the presence of a thousand people.

Antananarivo:

Held at Palais des Sports of Mahamasina at 14h30. Participation of various group of singers and choirs, presence of about 4500 people

- The opening of 10 days of prayer took place at the prayer hill of Scripture Union
- The 10-day prayer guide was translated into Malagasy and distributed in large quantities.

Highlights:

Constraints of the current crisis situation in the country led to:

- An increase in the number of participating churches and Christian associations
- A better relationship among the leaders
- A willingness from various denominations to take time to pray together both during the 10 days of prayer and on 31 May

The prayer themes were mainly focused on the repentance of Christians and restoration in the country.

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We are so grateful to God that He gave us success for **GDOP YOUTH in Madagascar!**

There were many obstacles: Because of the political and social crisis from January to March 2009 in Madagascar, the preparation was very short and for this reason, some church groups who usually took part couldn't participate this time. We had also some financial problems.

But, we can tell that it was better than last year because we attained our aim. We celebrated it in the same great covered stadium than last year and we gathered likely the same number of people, but this year it was different. Many months before we prayed continually that the youth should not focus on the choreography but should be full of prayer in the Holy Spirit. And we thank God that He answered our prayers. The young people who participated sang, danced, gave testimonies and prayed really with the strength of the Holy Spirit. We sensed the Presence and the Glory of God. We prayed the prayer for the world and each group who came on the stage heartily prayed special prayers for one or two countries of their choice. God said: "ASK and you will RECEIVE". Blessed be His name!

These are some of the blessings from God:

- New young people from other churches joined us and brought new vision and dynamic strength.
- A widow working as a missionary in South Africa sent us financial help.
- Dear partners in South Africa and in the world, thanks for your ardent prayers for us and we would like to give special thanks to the leaders of GDOP in France with whom we communicate regularly and whose letters brought great encouragement to us.

TESTIMONIES from young Malagasy: "At the beginning, I was chocked by people praying loudly and all together but after a while, I sensed the work of the Holy Spirit and enjoyed praying with young from other churches "

"This experience with youth GDOP was very new and enriching for me and it is regrettable that this movement is not yet well known in Madagascar."

"It is the first time I pray publicly with other churches, I enjoyed it so much and I am so glad to be part of it!"

TO GOD BE ALL THE GLORY!

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Malawi

The Capital City Baptist Church had a glorious afternoon of prayer, praise and worship on 31 May. We had attendance from other churches and pastors from different churches led different sections of the programme. We had a time of personal and corporate repentance, personal and corporate thanksgiving and we split into 10 different smaller groups to pray for specific needs. We were a small group but it was a great afternoon and those there enjoyed themselves thoroughly.

EAM had arranged prayers in Lilongwe, Blantyre and Mzuzu.

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Districts in the Northern region of Malawi. People prayed in all 6 of the districts, i.e. Chitipa, Karonga, Rumphu, Mzimba, Nkhata Bay, Likoma and also in Mzuzu city.

The figures are as follows:

Rumphu - About 190 people from all the churches gathered in one place to pray.

Nkhata Bay - About 100 people from many denominations gathered together at one place to pray.

Mzimba - People prayed in smaller groups to pray - not sure how many people participated.

Chitipa - About 280 people from all the churches joined together to pray in one place.

Likoma Island - About 40 people from all 6 churches joined together to pray.

Mzuzu city - About 400-500 people joined together to pray at Mzuzu stadium. Many churches were represented, but not all.

Karonga - We're not sure how many people prayed.

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Maldives

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In the archipelago of the Maldives, Islam is the official state religion and all citizens must be Muslims. Sharia law is observed, which prohibits the conversion from Islam to another religion. A convert could lose citizenship. It is prohibited to practice any other religion than Islam, which is considered to be an important tool in stimulating national unity and maintenance of the government's power. Thus it is impossible to open any churches, though foreigners are allowed to practice their religion in private if they don't encourage citizens to participate. The Bible and other Christian materials cannot be imported apart from a copy for personal use. In the country -- one of the least evangelized countries on earth -- there are only a handful of indigenous believers, and they live their faith in complete secrecy because of the omnipresent social control by other Maldivians. The lack of respect for religious freedom in the Maldives remained the same during 2007. After bomb attacks against Western embassies, the government took active steps to curb radical Islam. In December 2007 there was an attack on the life of President Gayoom, which failed. Main suspects were again extremist Muslims. There were no reports this year about indigenous believers who were arrested, or of expatriate Christians deported from the country. Situation January 2008 ([Open Doors](#))

Maldivian believers are carefully watched. They suffer ostracism, and they cannot openly meet together or read the Scriptures. ([Voice of the Martyrs](#))

Mali

Mauritania

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The Islamic republic of Mauritania recognizes Islam as the official religion of its citizens. The government limits freedom of religion partly by restricting the distribution of non-Islamic religious materials and the evangelization of Muslims, though private ownership is not prohibited. There is no freedom for conversion to a religion other than Islam. The sentence for apostasy is death -- although this sentence has (formally) not been carried out in recent years. Like the previous year, the total points for Mauritania increased considerably in 2007. We received more information on this country in 2007 which indicated that the situation for Christians is even worse than previously expected. This does not mean that the situation worsened during the past year. According to our regional co-workers, there was no change in the trend toward Christian persecution. In 2007, a few Christians were arrested.

Situation January 2008 ([Open Doors](#))

Mauritania is one of the world's poorest countries, and one of the most restricted. Freedom of religion is nonexistent in this one-party state where Islam has dominated for more than 1,000 years. The government prohibits distribution of non-Islamic religious materials and the evangelism of Muslims. It is illegal for citizens to enter non-Muslim households, and anyone who confesses Christ faces the death penalty. The government makes certain to keep Christianity away from the people. There is a handful of believers, but in the past individuals who showed interest in Christianity were imprisoned or put to death. Believers say they have been beaten and chained for their faith by family members and have received threats from others. ([Voice of the Martyrs](#))

Mauritius

"...I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against her." Matthew 16:18

For the sixth consecutive year the Church in Mauritius participated in the **Global Day of Prayer**.

Copies of the 10-day prayer guide were distributed in the churches encouraging their members to pray night and day throughout the 10 days leading to Pentecost and also to set apart a special time of prayer on 31 May during their Sunday service.

This year prayer gatherings were held in five regions of the island in church buildings, church halls and on a football field:

- South East
- South
- Centre
- North
- South West

The meetings gathered more than one thousand Christians - adults, young people and children, representing different denominational backgrounds of the Christian community in Mauritius. The programme included a time of praise and worship, corporate and group prayers. The people of God prayed and interceded for issues such as repentance, revival, restoration of relationships, idolatry, abortion, violence, corruption, poverty, Aids, acceleration of the process of evangelisation around the world, etc.

The youth's participation in the praise & worship and in dance as well as through a mime was highly appreciated.

The gatherings concluded with a time of fellowship and refreshments.

True to His word, Jesus is building His church, cleansing and strengthening her. As we confessed and repented from our selfishness, the Lord poured out His mercy upon us and commissioned us afresh to go and reach out to a dying world.

Another outcome of this period of seeking God's face is a renewed hope and trust in God's power to transform lives.

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Mayotte Islands

Morocco

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We received more information on the country, which confirmed a certain improvement of the situation of the Christians in Morocco in 2006. There were fewer interrogations of Christians in Morocco, and according to our local contacts, the government's attitude is more open towards believers than in the past. However, it is still illegal under Moroccan law to evangelize. There are Catholic, Orthodox and Protestant churches in the country which are recognized by the government, but only foreigners can worship in these churches. Moroccan Christians are not allowed to join these services.

Situation January 2007 ([Open Doors](#))

*"It appears that the planned 'event' in the capital of Laayoune did not happen through several "problems that arose". However, in another town (which I cannot divulge for security reasons) there **was indeed** a gathering of 5 faithful souls who spent the day in prayer. Three of those actually live in the town and two*

*others were visiting. There are no known believers yet in the town and so there were no nationals there, but prayer **did** happen!"*

Undisclosed Source

Mozambique

Namibia

Opuwo

On Sunday morning 31 May 2009 more than a 1000 believers gathered in Opuwo's soccer stadium to pray for their town, country and the world. Pastors from different churches led the people in prayer for different topics

[Click here to see photos](#)

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In **Otjiwarongo** 15 churches decided to unite at one place for the worship service on Sunday morning and turn it into a GDOP event. There was an air of expectation in that town!

Here in **Windhoek** many gathered to pray at the Independence Arena in Katutura at 14:00.

This year the "Prayer for the World" was available for the first time in Oshivambo, Oshihero and Khoekhoegowab (Nama/Damara)!

At the time of writing, there were GDOP gatherings in 44 communities from Oranjemund in the far South to Katima Mulilo in the far north-east. Small places like Kalkfeld, Tses, Maltahöhe and Aus are on board for the first time. Rehoboth will also for the first time include GDOP in their yearly Feast of Pentecost. We were sad that there was not an event amongst the San Bushmen. On the other hand, by an intervention that could only be God, we have made contact with Pastor Asaph Kandjeo and this year Hereros in Okakarara joined the world in prayers after an absence of several years. Praise God! We are also excited to join hands with the AMOS farm ministry as they distributed GDOP requests to their members. We trust that many farms created an opportunity for their workers to participate in prayers.

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Niger

Nigeria

Reunion

Rwanda

Sao Tome and Principe

Senegal

It was a real blessing to see thousands God's people come together and spent prayer time before God. The prayer focused on Senegalese Nation and other Nations of Africa, all denominations (about 30) participated in the prayer time.

The venue was at the monument of independence, a significant place in the life of the nation. All the evangelical Churches were invited at the meeting from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm - about 600 believers attended; Senegalese, expatriate believers and missionaries.

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View pictures [here](#)

Seychelles

St Paul's Anglican Cathedral in the heart of Victoria, Capital town of Seychelles, welcomed some 200

hundred faithful gathered to pray, repent and intercede for the nation on Sunday 31 May at 2 pm.

Jointly organized by the Anglican Church and SEA (Seychelles Evangelical Alliance), various Christian denominations were represented by their Pastors to share reflections and prayed for important themes such as: economy, youth, government, media, and unity of the churches. At this time of economical reforms in Seychelles, many Christians realize the fact that without God, one cannot bear the stress and pressure of life. Messages were geared at inviting people to work on their intimate relationship with God, to be real disciples and to continue to pray for those in leadership position and intercede for the nation.

Seychelles was also blessed with the two week mission of the Sharing Of Ministries Abroad (SOMA) Australia prior to GDOP, during which many people were freed from bondage, generational curses were cut off and blessings were poured down from God.

Songs of praise and worship rise up to glorify our Mighty God, it was so moving to hear people acclaim God's greatness with the song "How great Is our God". The service was led and prepared by the multi-denominational youth group the "Freedom Group" who started an evangelism campaign since last year to bring the nation to repentance and urge everybody to turn to Jesus for the solutions for so many social ills affecting the society.

All glory belongs to God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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Sierra Leone

Somalia

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Update on the situation in Somalia

A new government of national unity that took over a few months ago is struggling to assert its authority. Armed extremist groups championing Sharia law have risen up against the Government of National Unity. The last one year has been very difficult and the country is almost overrun by Islamic fundamentalists known as Al Shabaab. The opposition groups have lots of money some of which is coming from the lucrative piracy taking place in the Indian Ocean and the Gulf of Aden. Eritrea, a country whose government persecutes Christians is arming the Al Shabaab insurgents and training them. The humanitarian crisis has deepened with the worst draught in over 10 years. Over 3 million people are in need of humanitarian assistance while hundreds of thousands are internally displaced due to the fighting. The refugee camps in North Eastern Kenya are bursting at their seams and more are still crossing daily across the very porous border with Somalia.

GDOP Plans

There will be prayer happening in a planned 3 locations inside Somalia while friends of Somalia in Nairobi will also pray on Friday and Saturday before the GDOP. The prayers are also being translated and put on a Somali media website. In Kenya we are still moving on with the International Year of Prayer for Somalia initiative and in this time when there is prayer focus globally, it would be a useful resource for anyone wishing to pray in an informed way about Somalia.

Praise stories

- The Somali church in exile continues to meet in Nairobi under very able leadership.
- A new English cum Somali songbook was launched last year.
- A new Somali Bible was launched in Nairobi earlier this year.
- A successful Somali partnership networking meeting was held last month several dozen people from various ministries fellowshiped and shared information on improving their outreach strategies. I and Mr. xxxx of xxx were requested to coordinate a prayer session and we took the opportunity to inform those gathered about the GDOP and point them to the resources on the web.

Unidentified source

South Africa

There has been very encouraging feedback from many parts of South Africa, especially from places where there has been little or no unity amongst church leaders.

Themba Sibanyoni from the great Tubatse region in Limpopo writes; *"After five years of no corporate meetings in our region, about 1000 Christians, from all walks of life, gathered at the Steelpoort Academy for united prayer - and since then pastors have committed to meet every Thursday for a time of fellowship and prayer."*

Lewies van Zyl of Mossel Bay had this to say; *"We had the best Global Day of Prayer since we started. There was no show, only praise, worship and prayer. The atmosphere was stunning...we sang and prayed...the prayer coordinator repented on behalf of all of us, we had 5 minutes of silence as we bowed down before God in prayer - this was unbelievable, I cannot describe it!"*

The youth of our nation have also been very actively involved in our GDOP strategy this year. In many prayer rooms at schools were set up, running for the 10 days. Youth groups got together on the Friday and Saturday, before the Global day of prayer, and had concerts of prayer and worship – united with one vision of the transformation of their generation. They had outreaches to the under-privileged in their communities and prayer walks in so many towns. How encouraging it was for us to get the communication of such passion for prayer from the youth of our nation.

Many other similar reports have come in from all over the country, as believers put aside their theological differences, and joined together in united prayer with the rest of the world. New ground was broken this year. The GDOP team spent 10 days travelling to all 9 provinces in South Africa – specifically visiting the townships and informal settlements to connect with church leaders, build relationships, and share the vision of global prayer. The strategy is, over a period of time, to visit all communities in this country – especially the townships and informal settlements – to envision, mobilise and equip believers in a corporate prayer culture that will result in great transformation within the Body of Christ, and Godly transformation taking place in the nation.

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Sudan

Greetings from Khartoum. It is a joy to share with you on what the Lord did during the ten days of prayers and a miracle on the 31st May 2009. There are lots to share but let me share some clips of what happened.

During the ten days of prayers, different prayers took place at the three cities of Khartoum, Khartoum Centre, Khartoum North and Omdurman headed by prayer coordinators. They facilitated prayers in local Churches and from House to house. Many people were encouraged by the prayers, others healed and their needs answered. People in the areas urged that such prayers should continue at least once in a month. The same thing in Southern Sudan the town of Juba.

Pentecost Sunday, 31 May was a wonderful day. You know there had been hatred between the Southern Sudanese and the Northern Sudanese. On the GDOP we provided an opportunity for the South and North to repent on what happened all these years. So there was a moment of repentance where the Northern Sudanese that attended was invited to repentant on behalf of his people, for the discrimination his people did to the southern Sudanese, the injustice, the oppression and conflict in Darfur etc. The theme of 2 Chron 7:14 touched him.

The representative of the Southern Sudanese also repented on behalf of the South, the revenge they feel for the northerners, the hatred, and the bloodshed during the death of Dr. John Garang etc. The Northerner confessed that it was the north who started these as such he humbled himself before the Southernners and both kneeled to each other and the whole crowd broke into tears and worshipping the Lord. Everybody said that this is the first time for such repentance in midst of the crowd, something that

had never happened in the history of the Country. This is the beginning of healing on the land of Sudan.

There was also unity of the Church leaders from different Churches crying together that such spirit of working together may continue. Over 3,500 people attended the event in Comboni Ground.

Other prayers took place in different Churches in the morning hours and over 1,000 attended in a Church in Khartoum North.

In Southern Sudan, in the town of Juba over 250 people met at All Saints Cathedral and many people were so moved by the way God answered their prayers. They reported to me that one of the answered prayers during the ten days of prayers was the reshuffling of the government of Southern Sudan. The minister of Gender and Religion was against the Christian activities. She declared that no Christian activities should be shown on the South Sudan TV and she said that no foreigners preachers will be allow in Southern Sudan.

The believers fasted and prayed during the ten days and the Government was reshuffled and this minister was removed completely out of the Government because she was a great obstacle to so many activities of Church.

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Swaziland

Participating in GDOP had been a great spiritual upliftment in the sense of spiritual renewal and broadening our prayer ministry to in Global prayer. We are happy to say the five churches took initiative to participate in Manzini. Churches in Mbabane met on the 31st May 2009 in a mini gathering.

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Tanzania

Shalom in the name of Yeshua our coming King.

We are thanking God who enables us to meet on the Global Day of Prayer here in Dar es Salaam Tanzania. We were 250 people who meet to pray. We stand on the appointed time for prayer and we had the presence of God among us. We used the materials which you send us were very useful. We do believe that what we had talked to our Father had heard it.

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The Gambia

Togo

Tunisia

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Tunisia is one of the most progressive and open societies in the Arab world, though Islam is the state religion. Most people are committed to secular dreams of wealth. Christian literature is not openly distributed and, with so few believers, dissemination is difficult. The government is not favorable to any form of Christian proselytism, but tolerance is shown to foreign minorities. The U.S. State Department estimates the practicing Christian population at approximately 2,000 and says a few hundred native-born citizens have converted to Christianity. A concerted prayer movement for Tunisia in 1999 coincided with significant numbers of people turning to Christ ([Voice of the Martyrs](#))

Uganda

In Uganda, we were able to bring slightly over 6000 churches together for prayer. We had prayers in Churches, stadiums, and University campuses. More cities got involved in the GDOP 2009. We were able to bring thousands of University students from the various universities for prayer in a huge square called Freedom Square.

We have indeed discovered that mobilizing universities and tertiary institutions to pray is much easier than we thought. We will let the youth run with this vision. Our students organized prayer for the universities of East Africa that brought together 28,000 university students. I would like us to build on this momentum. They used their own resources!!!

World Vision Uganda and the Anglican church of Uganda, the Youth Revival Movement greatly supported the GDOP of prayer.

Children participated, led in singing, worship and prayer. Leaders from the different denominations came together in a way that is unprecedented. There was reconciliation and coming to Christ for the first time. For us this is the way forward.

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Zambia

Zimbabwe

In Zimbabwe we feel very honored and blessed by the grace granted to us in participating on this great historic day of Global Day of Prayer. During the 10 days of prayer leading up to the Global Day of Prayer we organized family prayer sessions / home groups. Many partners felt the presence and the help of Holy Spirit when praying in their homes. We successfully conducted these prayer days.

On the great Global Day of Prayer we came together with kids and old people in one accord as a group, we called unto the LORD as directed on the prayer guide and spiritually many many of us testified that surely the LORD is doing something for the world and we are always on the victory side and this is confirmed by this great world event.

We are praying and eagerly waiting for 2010 GDOP.

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