

Inn NEWS

Inn Christian Ministries Prayer & Praise Sheet – Autumn 2008

Inn-Medway

24/7 Prayer Watches

It has always been our desire to draw Christian believers together from across the denominations, across the nations and across the generations. God delights in this. Now is our time to build upon the growing momentum locally to unite in prayer for the Medway Towns. The response to Global Day of Prayer 2008 in Medway has been so outstanding that we are moving ahead with the 24/7 Prayer Centre vision. Realistically this is not going to happen yet. God generally works in steps, or stages— **“first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear”** (Mark 4.28 ASV). So the next stage is to come together for **night and day uninterrupted prayer** for one whole week, the first week in December, as we prepare for the mid-winter and Christmas celebrations.



God is appointing intercessors, watchmen who will stand on the walls of this city—*“On your walls, O Jerusalem (Medway) I have appointed watchmen; all day and night they will never keep silent. You who remind the LORD, take no rest for yourselves; and give Him no rest until He establishes and makes Jerusalem (Medway) a praise in the earth.”* (Isaiah 62.6-7 NASB)

Seven churches from different parts of the towns will host 24 hours each, and **anyone can go to any one of them at any time day or night** to pray for the welfare of this city where He has sent us (Jeremiah 29.7). See insert for details.

Global Day of Prayer 2009

Ambitious plans are being laid to join with Christian believers all over the world again on Pentecost Sunday 31st May 2009 to participate in the Global Day of Prayer. But we are extending beyond the three hour event on the Sunday. We shall commence on Thursday 21st May with **night and day 24/10 Prayer Watches** (venue/s to be decided). Then on Friday 29th May a team of energetic and dynamic young people from Bristol, New Generation Ministries, will join us with attractive and attracting open-air presentations in the mornings and afternoons of Friday and Saturday, whilst simultaneously holding

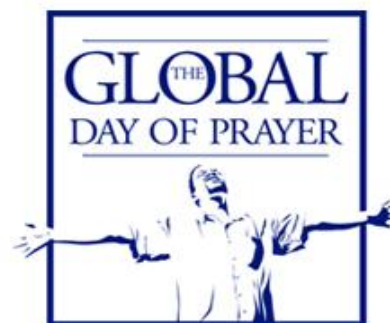
DJ workshops and performances

Dance workshops and performances

Singing workshops and performances

in a large marquee to be erected on or very near to the Great Lines. During the evenings of Friday and Saturday they will also be singing and performing and testifying in the marquee. On Saturday 30th, the night before the Global Day of Prayer itself they will be joined by a well-known Christian entertainer. This is definitely for everyone from across the denominations, nations and generations.

On Pentecost Sunday 31st May we plan to hold a **Morning Worship Service** in the marquee for anyone who wants to come together, and in the afternoon we will be out on the Great Lines praying for our city. The Rt Revd Dr Michael Nazir-Ali, Bishop of Rochester is joining us for most of the afternoon.



“... he brought him to an inn and took care of him”
Luke 10 v 34

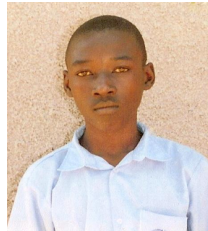
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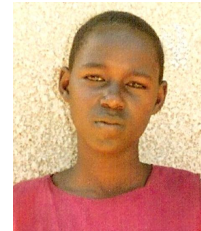
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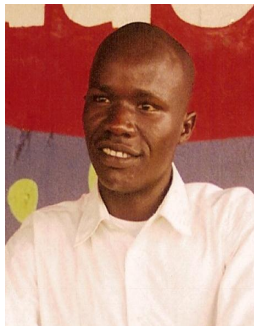
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Inn CM funds the education of all these Ugandans

Thank you for your help!



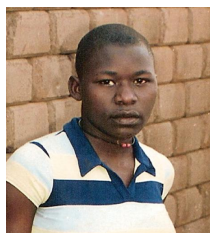
Jonathan



Nighty Opio, with Michael, Jane, Grace, Barbara and David



James



Robina



Daniel



Juliet

Ministry Trips

Uganda

There are times when our plans are not in line with God's plans. They may not be intrinsically wrong, but God is saying, "Not yet" or even, "No." It made good sense to the first apostle Peter for Jesus to stay in Capernaum and heal more sick people, for "everyone is looking for You." (Mark 1.37). But Jesus knew He was to move on to preach to other towns. In the Summer 2008 InnNEWS we wrote of the postponed ministry trip to Uganda—all the people of Kaberamaido are "looking for you", and we receive many other requests from that country to return to minister. But we just sense that now is not yet the right time—who knows who and what God is preparing for the next time, and what hinders, and why? The first apostle Paul wanted to go to Asia to "speak the word", but was "forbidden by the Holy Spirit" (Acts 16.6 NASB). But within a few years "all who lived in Asia heard the word of the Lord." (Acts 19.10 NASB). God's itinerary for Paul included numerous other places prior to Asia.

Added to this, Milton Ogwal, our friend and partner in Uganda who arranges and oversees all our affairs in that country, has been very seriously sick, to the point of nearly dying. At present it would not be right to burden him with this particular trip. Meanwhile, we keep in touch with the team, and the many networks of churches with whom we have worked, and the churches we have started together. All but one are prospering—rebel activity ravished that particular area and our church, together with all the other inhabitants, fled. We remain in contact with the leader.

South America

Pastor Odimar Reis, leader of Worldwide Christian Missions, Brazil is in regular communication with us, with a view to working together both in the UK and Brazil. Plans have been delayed for a while as we wait on God for His way and time. Chile? Well, we dream on.....whilst again waiting for the right time.

India

We felt we would stay where we were, and we would only step out if we saw the Lord in an impossible place, and heard Him reply to our call, "If it is You, Lord, bid me come." (Matthew 14.28 AV). Remarkably, during his recent visit to the UK, whilst staying with us, our Indian partner, Suresh Vemulapalli, telephoned home. In his house, passing briefly through at that very time, happened to be our very great friend and companion in the work in India, Chitty. He speaks no English, but Suresh insisted Peter spoke on the phone to him. He simply said three words, "You come India!" These were not prompted by Suresh, as Suresh did not know that we had laid down that guideline—they were prompted by the Holy Spirit.

So the **next ministry trip to India is planned for March 2009**. Peter will travel alone to be with India Village Ministries, preaching in the open air and teaching at the Pastors Conference and visiting rural churches to encourage them in the things of God.

"...the real issue is of transition in order to connect with the future." Martin Scott, from Gayle and Martin's Newsletter, November 2008.

Moving On

Our logo, letterhead, website, InnNEWS and Prayer-a-Day designs are to be updated to be more in line with today's world. This will probably be the last InnNEWS of it's kind. It has served its purpose well and we are grateful to all who were involved back in 1991 when we set the scene and launched out with this ministry. But times change, and we must too. "Hey,hey, we're moving on!"

Now would be a good time for you to **unsubscribe** if you so wish. If we do not hear from you, we will continue to communicate with you. If you want to donate, to a designated area of our work, or just "where most needed", please do so, using Standing Order and/or Gift Aid, if appropriate. Or soon you will be able to donate online, if you prefer.

Relevant Question

When I look at your website, Peter, and everything that Inn Christian Ministries has done over the past 17 years, I ask the question, "Why are you not far more widely known?" Lynn Wallis-Eade

Senior Producer - Community/Music/Religion
BBC Radio Kent

Peter replies with Relevant Answer

On the occasion of the interview during which I was asked this question I had one of those kind of blank moments that come They are called by various names, most of which I would not print in an InnNEWS! But after a long and profoundly thoughtful pause, I replied with these words, which have haunted me ever since—"Erm...I don't really know." Such depth, such wisdom, such insight, such charisma.....Hmmm....!
Maybe I can do better after some thought.....

Erm...I still don't really know, but I suspect that I never saw Inn as a *widely known* ministry, but rather as a *deeply felt* ministry, in other words, one that would impact and change for the better, and permanently, a life or lives in need, that we encountered as we journeyed on life's highway. Jesus said, "Go and do the same" as the Samaritan. So we give what little we have and carry people to where they can be helped. It may also be because I never invested in PR.

"It's Time to Give Back"

Great Gospel Concert Good Friday 10th April 2009
The Great Hall
Priestfield Stadium Conference Centre, Gillingham

In conjunction with Thelia Ltd we are presenting numerous London and local Gospel bands and choirs, followed by Sunday nights Café Church at the Blues Rock Café, Priestfield Stadium

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11th November 2008

Dear Friend of Inn Christian Ministries

Firstly, thank you so much for your continued support over the many years that Inn CM has been serving the body of Christ locally, nationally and internationally. Each one of you is highly valued as we are only a small charity, based primarily on relationship. Every prayer, every penny and every pound goes a long way!

As you will see from this current InnNEWS changes are beginning to take place, in order to reposition ourselves to connect with the future. **I am writing to you to ask you to consider contributing to financially support our Director, Peter Marchand.** He established the ministry in 1991 and until very recently has received no personal remuneration. We feel it is right before God that he is supported in this way in future for his labours. From 1996 until now he has been largely dependent upon his wife's income, which will soon cease. Consequently, we are inviting you to lift this matter before God in prayer, and consider supporting him. We are hoping to be able to give him at least £6000 per annum.

Money is often a difficult area for ministries such as Peter's, and we trust you understand our reason for addressing this issue.

With thanks for your consideration of this matter.

Yours sincerely in Christ

Allan Smith
For the Trustees