



"Even though you will not see any rain or wind, this stream bed will be filled with water, and you, your livestock, and your pack animals will have plenty to drink. This is an easy thing for the LORD to do; He will give you victory..."
2 Kings 3:17-18

Prayer Bulletin

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On **RURCON**

RURCON

RURCON is a Christian Organization with the objective of promoting the wholistic growth and witness of the Christian church in Africa Started in the late 1950s but became a full fledged organization in 1971, to assist the church of the Lord Jesus Christ in Africa through relevant rural development work aimed at fitting men, women and children to take their places as responsible, dignified and productive members of the community.

RURCON has its core value as Christian Wholistic Development, Participant, African Leadership, interdependence, partnership, stewardship, Christian fellowships, Christian Morality and ethics, commitment to Christian Faith, Justices, peace and Integrity of creation.

*The **RURCON** vision is of An Africa Community transformed as God intends.*

*The **RURCON** mission is, To provide service for wholistic development of people through Christian Churches/organization in Africa.*

In view of this, **RURCON** has set before it a lot of programmes which it hopes to achieve during the year 2008. Pray alongside that God will enable **RURCON** meet up with the challenges before it and to meet the increasing demand from various churches within and outside Nigeria.

Philippians 4:6
"Don't worry about anything but in all your Prayers ask God for what you need, Always asking him with a thankful heart".

April 2008**April 1 Tue**

Thank God for the work of Tearfund around the world. Pray that the new strategy of appointing Country Representatives will bring the required impact. Pray for the newly appointed Nigeria Country Representative.

April 2 Wed

Thank God for the needed impact RURCON is making in the lives of individuals and churches in the area of wholistic development (integral mission). Pray that more of this impact will be seen.

April 3 Thur

Thank God for His unlimited strength and ability to change and transform people and situations. Pray for Chad and Dafur where wars and chaos have rendered people homeless and lives lost. Pray that those suffering will find peace in God. Pray that the leaders in these countries will submit to God's leadership and will.

April 4 Fri

MDG 1: Eradicate Extreme poverty Hunger. Pray that the proportion of people whose income is less than one dollar a day will be halved by 2015.

April 5 Sat

Pray for wisdom and grace for Pastor Slanwa, the Programme Officer, Francophone as the demand for RURCON services is increasing in French speaking countries. Pray for new programmes in Chad, Benin and Togo.

April 6 Sun

Give thanks to God for the grassroots churches in Nigeria, Ghana, Liberia and Sierra Leone that are involved in serving the displaced people and meeting needs. Pray that the church will continue to be proactive and make this their way of life.

April 7 Mon

Pray for Social Development Projects Management and Funding (SECAAR workshop assisted by RURCON) which comes up in Cote d'Ivoire from 7th - 12th. Pray for safety in travel and that the workshop will go well.

April 8 Tue

Thank God for the ministry of Barnabas Fund as they work among the persecuted churches and also

help those affected by disasters. Pray that the attitude of Christians in times of crisis will be a powerful witness to others around them.

April 9 Wed

Pray for wisdom for churches of Niger as they set up a Christian Advocacy Network for a better involvement in advocacy work in Niger. Pray for RURCON working in partnership with Tearfund as they help facilitate the setting up of the Network.

April 10 Thur

Pray for smooth transition of leadership in Christian Development Association of Sierra Leone, RURCON Partner organization.

April 11 Fri

MDG 2: Achieve Universal Primary Education

Pray that parents in developing countries will not be forced to choose between sending their children to work for survival than going to school.

April 12 Sat

CDASL is working hard in raising support for its programmes. Pray for additional donor support for Christian Development Association of Sierra Leone programmes in the year 2008.

April 13 Sun

Pray for courage and wisdom for church leaders in Africa as they stand in the gap to be able to speak out beyond the issues of tribalism and corruption but justice, democracy and reconciliation in any prevailing circumstances

April 14 Mon

Pray for Beth and Walefen Danpome as they intend to raise money for Ngas Bible Translation project. Pray that they will be able to hold the vision, devise and implement strategies and to see the work completed.

April 15 Tue

Thank God for the successful surgery of Mr. S. Z. Jakonda in February, 2008. Pray for strength and quick recovery. Pray also for the school they run with the wife at Akwanga; giving skills and more opportunities to young people.

April 16 Wed

Thank God for Koutra, the youngest child of Mr. & Mrs. Jakonda who has now graduated (Civil Engineering) and completed his NYSC. Pray that as he seeks employment that the Lord will grant him favour.

April 17 Thur

Thank God for Mr. S. Z. Jakonda for completing his tenure as the Chairman of National General Research Institute, Badagry, Bida, Niger State. The Board was dissolved in October, 2007.

April 18 Fri

MDG 3: Promote Gender equality and empower women

Pray that women across the world be listened to as equals in their community and valued for their contribution to society.

April 19 Sat

Pray for all RURCON partners and friends in Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania for increased mutual beneficial partnership. Pray especially for Kenyans as they recover from the crisis generated from the December 2007 elections.

April 20 Sun

Pray that more churches and their leaders will come to understand the message of integral mission (wholistic development) as they become the instrument for the proclamation and declaration of the kingdom of God. Pray especially for the Anglican Diocese of Bauchi and the leadership as they take decision in this regard.

April 21 Mon

Pray for Rev. Mike Oye, RURCON Board Chairman as he visits UK during this month. Pray that whatever he does there will promote the ministry of RURCON.

April 22 Tue

Pray for RURCON Communication Unit AGM in Cambridge tomorrow, 23rd April, 2008. Pray that the meeting will be fruitful.

April 23 Wed

Thank God for the success of RURCON Development Management course which took place in March, 2008. Pray that participants will be committed to learning and putting into practice lessons learned during the workshop.

April 24 Thur

Pray for the on-going Advocacy and CCMP mentoring workshop for EYN-ICDP which started on the 21st - 29th. Pray that the workshop will be successful and that the objective will be achieved. Pray for the leaders of ICBDP as they pilot the implementation of CCMP.

April 25 Fri

MDG 4: Reduce Child Mortality

Pray for the provision of simple rehydration solutions to treat diarrhea which accounts for one-sixth of the 10.6 million child deaths worldwide each year.

April 26 Sat

Pray for the translation projects of Nigeria Bible Translation Trust (NBTT) that the Lord will provide the needed funds to carry out the projects to the glory of God.

April 27 Sun

Pray for the growing African church that they will be able to make impact in developing the world. Pray that the church will do what they preach. That their growth will be more than a mile-deep.

April 28 Mon

Pray against the invasion of Islam amongst the African nations of the world. Pray that the reality of Christ will be seen in these nations - Nigeria, Ghana, Sierra Leone, Liberia and Cameroon.

April 29 Tue

Thank God for Mrs. Ruth Batchelor who is recovering speedily and for His grace upon Peter during this turbulent period. Pray for strength as he takes care of Ruth and his role with the local church.

April 30 Wed

Pray for commitment and unity among all RURCON facilitators. Ask the Lord to continue to strengthen them as they combine their work with that of RURCON especially for the Nigerian facilitators who are generally quite busy in their places of primary assignment.

May 2008**May 1 Thur**

Pray for Advocacy training and CCMP mentoring for CKON-ICDP to be facilitated by Mr. Onwe and Pastor Sawa from May 2nd - 7th, 2008. Pray that it will go well.

May 2 Fri

MDG 5: Improve Maternal Health

Each year, about 515,000 women die of pregnancy and childbirth complications. Of these deaths, almost all (99%) occur in the developing world. Pray that by 2015 maternal mortality ratio be reduced.

May 3 Sat

Pray for enhanced team work among RURCON staff, facilitators and Board. Pray that his team approach will result in greater effectiveness and efficiency in the delivery of RURCON services.

May 4 Sun

Pray for Countries where Christians do not worship freely that they will feel the presence of God continually. Pray especially for Iran, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain and Iraq among others.

May 5 Mon

Pray for the Sierra Leone WDE workshop which commences from 5th - 16th this month. Pray for the facilitators Mr. Gwaivangmin and Rev. Dr. Mike Oye. Pray for the success of the workshop.

May 6 Tue

Thank God for the success of the series of Tearfund/Partners workshops which took place in the month of February, 2008. Pray that the lessons learnt during these workshops will be put in use by partner organizations.

May 7 Wed

Pray for the start-off of the Tearfund new financial year that God will provide the resources for the projects with new partners signed on since April 2007.

May 8 Thur

Pray for Nigeria as a nation. Pray against every evil establishment and for God to uproot all satanic forces in the land. Pray against the spirit of anti-Christ working in the land. Pray that the Lordship of Jesus will be recognized by our leaders.

May 9 Fri

MDG 6: Combat HIV and AIDS, malaria and other diseases.

110 Zimbabweans under the age of 15 will become infected with HIV and AIDS today. Pray that God will intervene and reverse the spread of HIV and AIDS in that country and other developing countries.

May 10 Sat

Pray for the Nation of Zimbabwe. Zimbabwe has the highest rate of inflation in the world today. Hunger is on the increase with limited opportunities for survival. Pray that God will rescue this nation from collapse.

May 11 Sun

Today Safia and Kabura celebrate their 12th year wedding anniversary and Kabura's birthday as well, thank God for His guidance, protection, protection and love through the years, and for many happy returns.

May 12 Mon

Pray for the Micah Challenge Africa Coordinators meeting in Ndola, Zambia which started on the 11-23. Pray for Mr. Godep as he attends.

May 13 Tue

So far, RURCON's course have been an eye opener to all that had attended. Pray for positive effect of whatever was learnt during each workshop. Pray for good attendance during the September International Wholistic Development course.

May 14 Wed

Pray for the Nigerian Security agencies (police, custom men, etc) that God will give them the grace to work in integrity. Pray also for people who are being unjustly held and punished for no cause. Ask God to have mercy and forgive the wickedness and injustice of our laws and how they are being enforced.

May 15 Thur

Pray for RURCON alumni in various countries contributing positively to community development in different capacities. Pray also that they will be able to share their success stories with RURCON headquarters for publications.

May 16 Fri

MDG 7: Ensure Environmental Sustainability

In Sub-Saharan Africa, the country with the lowest percentage of population and access to safe water is Ethiopia with 22%, and the least to safe sanitation 6%. Pray that the proportion of people without sustainable access to safe drinking water be reduced by drastically by 2015.

May 17 Sat

Pray for children orphaned by HIV and AIDS that the Lord will meet their needs and that God will be the ultimate solution to the problems of HIV and AIDS in Africa and the entire universe.

May 18 Sun

Pray for all those that are affected/infected with HIV and AIDS. Pray that they will experience the true love of God from other Christians around them. Pray for grace to go through stigmatization.

Pray for organizations working in this area that they will continue to have the required resources to operate.

May 19 Mon

Pray that people will have access to RURCON's website to enable them know about RURCON activities and also show interest in what is doing globally. Pray for Nehemiah Wuyep as he works to update the website regularly.

May 20 Tue

Thank God for RURCON IEC materials being produced and sent to all friends of RURCON for enlightenment on the activities of RURCON. Pray that as people read they will make positive change in their various areas of need.

May 21 Wed

Pray for the leadership of COCIN Community Development Programme, as they pilot Church Community Mobilisation Process in some churches. Pray for cooperation from these churches.

May 22 - Thurs

Pray for entire RURCON headquarter staff for strength, wisdom and patience as they carry out their daily activities in the office. Pray especially for Mrs. Salia Zakama who takes on the responsibility of Information Officer. Pray that she will internalize the vision of RURCON as she shares it with the churches and other organizations.

May 23 Fri

MDG 8: Develop a Global partnership for Development:

It is important to note that despite a 1970 commitment at a UN General Assembly for developed nations to commit 0.7% of their GDP towards ODA, only Sweden, Norway, Denmark, the Netherlands and Luxembourg have actually done so. Pray that those concerned will truly develop a global partnership for development.

May 24 Sat

Pray for encouragement, strength and God's blessings upon the Damaps and Dadireps as they remember the home calling of their beloved ones. Pray that the Lord will continue to meet the needs of these families.

May 25 Sun

Pray for stability for the West African sub-region (RURCON's operational area). Pray especially for

countries that RURCON works that wars will not disrupt the planned activities.

May 26 Mon

Thank God for the needed resources through the RURCON guest house. Pray for Chuwang and Elizabeth the guest house officers that the Lord will grant them His grace as they relate with visitors.

May 27 Tue

In Africa, many youths appear to be lazy, hopeless and totally depending on others for their survival. Pray for a change in attitude for better and purposefulness for these youths. Pray for youth focused organizations such as Youth With Mission; that they would make the desired impact.

May 28 Wed

During this month, RURCON plans to carry out research on Democracy and Good Governance in collaboration with identified partners. Pray that this goes well.

May 29 - Thurs

Pray for NACA, SACA and other organizations working on HIV and AIDS in Nigeria. Pray for wisdom and patience as they work to meet needs of those that are affected and infection. Ask God for provision financially.

May 30 Fri

MDG 1: Eradicate Extreme Poverty and Hunger

Pray for aid and development agencies, that the delivery of good aid and development assistance will feed the hungry and lift them from extreme poverty.

Pray for the management meeting that will be taking place today. Pray that it will go well and that programme reports will highlight areas for attention and or re-planning.

May 31 Sat

John Wibberley with other Friends of RURCON will facilitate workshops in Kenya during June/July Resource Management for Kingdom Building and Farmers and Food Security. Pray that this will have the desired impact.

June 2008

June 1 Sun

Thank God for taking us through the month of May. Thank Him for His protection and provision. Commit the month of June into His hand. Ask God to take leadership in all the activities of RURCON.

Pray for the success of Fight Against Poverty workshop to be held in Ghana which will be facilitated by Mrs. Aise Ayeh and Rev. Mike Oye from 1st - 5th. Pray that all will go well to the glory of God.

June 2 Mon

Pray for Dr. John Wibberley, RURCON Communication Unit Officer in the UK for wisdom and favour as he source for fund for RURCON activities. Pray especially for proposals sent to some Trusts in the U.K.

June 3 Tue

Thank God for the Ministry of Christian Reform World Relief Committee (CRWRC) who through them RURCON was able to get a Canadian Volunteer, Mr. Trevor Malda to help some of our activities. Pray that his stay will be fruitful.

June 4 Wed

Pray for the success of CCMP Mentoring workshop for CAPRO which will take place from 4th - 6th and to be facilitated by Mr. Ben Ozuwe. Pray for strength and wisdom during this time.

June 5 Thur

Pray for wisdom for RURCON Programme Officers as they put their various reports of activities together. Pray for grace to complete them on schedule as these will be sent to all supporting partners.

June 6 Fri

MDG 2: Achieve Universal Primary Education

Pray that across the globe girl's education will be valued equally with boy's education.

June 7 Sat

Pray for RURCON Trustees that the inspiration of God will be upon them as they serve as source of blessing in giving advice and support to RURCON Board and Management.

June 8 Sun

Pray that the presence of God will be real in the

church as Christians around the world gather today to worship. Pray that Christians will see the need to do justice, love mercy and walk humbly before God.

June 9 Mon

Thank God for Tearfund Partners' Workshop which took place in Miango, Jos, Nigeria in February, 2008. Pray for wisdom for the all the partners as they work on Tearfund Nigeria Strategy. Pray for more funding for partners from Tearfund.

June 10 Tue

Pray for Tearfund as they empower its partners on disaster issues. Pray that partners will be able to build the capacity of the church to help community to know what to do before and after disaster occurs. Pray for the Disaster Management Workshop planned for November 17th - 21st 2008. Pray that a suitable facilitator will be found.

June 11 Wed

Pray for WDE workshop for church leaders in Chad which will be taking place from 15th - 20th. Pray for the facilitators, Pastor Sarwa and Engg. Chikan as they prepare. Thank God for the peace in Chad.

June 12 - Thur

Pray for fund for Programme Officers especially Anglophone and Francophone to carry out follow-up in their various areas of operation.

June 13 Fri

MDG 2: Achieve Universal Primary Education

Pray that poorer countries will not have to choose between servicing their debts to rich countries and educating their children.

June 14 Sat

Pray for Jurbe Godep as he puts together the Advocacy bulletin during this month. Pray for the leadership of the Holy Spirit in the use of the right resources.

June 15 Sun

Thank God for Mrs. Christy Gideon, the Youth Corper serving with RURCON. Pray that she will continue to effectively contribute towards promotion of the Vision of RURCON.

June 16 Mon

Thank God for our major partners, EED, Germany who support RURCON with finance. Pray that the Lord will continue to provide enough resources to meet the need of all partners.

June 17 Tue

Pray for wisdom and God's leading for Rev. Jerry Kulah (RURCON facilitator in Liberia) who is currently concluding his second year of his doctoral programme at the Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky (James 1:5, Prov 3:3-6).

June 18 Wed

Pray for coherence for Rev. Jerry Kulah (RURCON Facilitator) as he writes his dissertation on "A New Leadership Paradigm For Christian Leadership Development in Post-conflict Liberia: The United Methodist Church A Case Study". Pray also that the Lord will enable him find all relevant materials for his dissertation.

June 19 - Thur

Pray that the Lord will enable members of RURCON alumni in Liberia to work together (Amos 3:3) under the platform of CIDAL (Christian Development Association of Liberia). Pray against any form of rivalry and spirit of competition.

June 20 Fri

MDGEI. Promote Gender Equality and empower Women

Pray that girls will have to be able to choose the time of their own marriage and that it will not necessitate sacrificing their schooling.

June 21 Sat

Pray for commitment and effective team spirit as staff carry out their work. Pray that this will lead to greater effectiveness, efficiency and progress of RURCON as an organization.

June 22 Sun

Thank God for the safe delivery of Mrs. Elizabeth Sianwa, wife of the Programme Officer, Francophone in February 2008. Pray that the child will grow to know Christ and to serve Him.

June 23 Mon

Pray that the leaders/coordinators of CIDAL will demonstrate the principles of servant leadership (John 13) as he provides leadership for the organization. Pray that CIDAL will not only inspire confidence among RURCON alumni members and civil society members in Liberia but also attain a positive reputation for good practice in development.

June 24 Tue

Pray for wisdom for CIDAL leadership and members as they address the challenge of financial sustainability for the organization. Pray also for favour and open doors as the organization seeks to develop vibrant working relationships with other organizations.

June 25 Wed

Pray for Sierra Leone as the nation grapples with the challenges of post-conflict reconstruction. Pray that engagements between CDASL and various churches in the country will contribute to addressing the development challenge of Sierra Leone.

June 26 Thur

Thank God for the success of the advocacy training follow-up for in Niger Republic for church leaders held in January. Pray that participants will implement what has been taught to them.

June 27 Fri

MDG 3. Promote Gender Equality and Empower Women

Pray for more female teachers to be trained in countries where there are cultural constraints against women education.

June 28 Sat

Thank God for the successful take-off of the Christian Development Association of Uganda (CDAU). Pray that members will be keen to build the association to the glory of God.

June 29 Sun

Pray for Grace and Kenneth, RURCON facilitators in Uganda. Pray for wisdom as they pilot the affairs of the newly formed Christian Development Association of Uganda.

June 30 Mon

The RURCON Management meeting holds today. Pray for God's leadership in all their discussions and decisions. Pray for team spirit in all actions taken.