

Prayer Targets—September 2011

1 to 4 **Guatemala** Our partners in Guatemala City, who serve the community living on the city dump, ask your prayers in tragic circumstances. Heavy rains have caused instability in the rubbish dump, which is piled into a deep ravine. As a result, a major landslide has killed 20 of the scavengers and, at the time of writing, many more are still buried. Areas of housing are flooded and at least one house has collapsed.

Please pray that God will bring comfort to the injured and bereaved; that God will strengthen our partners as they seek to serve them; that our supporters will give generously to our appeal to help the victims; that there can be real transformation in the lives of this very poor marginalised community.

More news will appear on our website at <http://www.worldshare.org.uk/news-and-issues/guatemala-landslide/>

5 **UK** Pray for Phil Clarkson, as he represents us at the UCCF Forum this week. Pray that many new people will become interested in WorldShare.

6 **Macedonia** Give thanks for the 'Days of Hope' programme for children in Bitola in May. Over 300 children and parents took part, and this was a major opportunity to share Christ and to uncover many needs which our partners can now begin to help. Pray for the work in this important city.

7 **Macedonia** Give thanks for the Alpha Courses in the church in Bitol from March to May 2012. 35 people came and 11 of them have accepted Christ as Saviour.

8 **Global** Give thanks for the Paralympics in London : pray for the needs of the disabled around the world, and for our partners who serve them in North Africa and elsewhere. Many are still unwanted and marginalised and have no quality of life or opportunities. Pray that our partners will successfully 'fight their corner' in every country.

9 **Sport Ministry** Give thanks for the success of our recent 'Olympic' appeal. Pray for the supply of sports equipment to young people in Brazil, India and South Africa. Pray that through our partners' sports ministry young people might discover their own abilities, might find positive life values, and might come to Christ.

10 **Uganda** Give thanks that we were able to send help to the families affected by the mudslides in recent months. Pray for all those who have received survival packs, and for those still in need. Pray for the rebuilding of homes and schools, and replacement of crops.

11 **Mali** Please continue to pray for the desperate situation in Mali, where nearly 500,000 have been displaced from their homes by Islamist rebels who have occupied the northern part of the country. BBC reports recently highlighted the violence and forced Islamicisation in that region. Pray for an end to violence and a just and peaceful settlement.

12 **Mali** Pray for the Malian Christians who are still living as refugees in the south of the country; pray for secure homes and food for them. Give thanks for their new Christian impact on many people in the south.

13 **Haiti** Pray for the schools at Picmy and Grand Lagon, as the pupils return after a summer break. Pray for more funds to pay teachers and to provide the children with a good meal each day (very often the only meal they will have).

14 **Haiti** The recent arrival of Tropical Storm Isaac in southern Haiti highlighted the numbers still living in now-dilapidated temporary housing following the earthquake in 2010. So little has been done to bring real lasting improvement. Pray for a radical change in Haiti, and blessing on all that nation's people. Pray for our partners *HCIM*.

15 **Gambia** Pray for the new educational project in Gambia, which is providing schooling for many children who would otherwise not be able to have any education. Pray that this will be a blessing to the children, their families and their communities.

16 **Turkey** Pray for the continuing ministry of *Kanal Hayat* Give thanks for a recent increase in the number of viewers responding to the programmes and the number of people coming to Christ. Pray for the beginning of new Uzbek programming.

17 **Turkey** Pray for our friends at *Vizyonkumru* and other programme-makers, that God will give continuing inspiration in new ways of sharing the Good News; and will provide funds for many new programme streams.

18 **Canada** The CEO's of our offices around the world meet today for their annual conference. Pray that they will respond to the leading of God in directing our work for the coming year.

19 **UK** Many WorldShare supporters throughout the world are facing challenges caused by the economic problems. Some have lost jobs or seen incomes reduced; many face uncertainty. Pray for each, and that God will bless their desire to be generous to our partner ministries in His service.

20 Indonesia Recently we reported on problems facing our Bible College partners in Indonesia, because of new legislation. Give thanks that the government has now changed its stance and indications are that the threat is removed. Pray for a positive final resolution of this matter.

21 Cuba Please continue to pray for our partners in Cuba and the churches they serve. Although there is very exciting growth in numbers and spiritual maturity, Christians in Cuba face many difficulties and restrictions. Pray especially for the training of more pastors to serve the many new Christians.

22 Middle East Continue to pray for the six Christians who were attacked by Islamists on their way to church a few months ago. Most had serious fractures. It has now emerged that the attack was ordered by the victims own families, who are conservative Muslims. Pray that these families might also come to Christ. Give thanks that the young Christians faith and commitment is undiminished.

23 China Pray for our partners who are working with many tribal groups in western China. Pray especially for those who are working with Tibetans. Many Tibetans are hearing about Christ for the first time.

24 People Trafficking Several of our partners are involved in combating the enslavement of women and men for the sex industry, forced labour or organ harvesting – in India, Nepal, Bangladesh, West Africa, Moldova and elsewhere. Pray that God will strengthen their efforts. Pray that God will cause the world to unite to stamp out this barbaric trade.

25 Libya Pray for the ongoing work of our partners in Tripoli, Benghazi and throughout the country. Chaos and violence still rule in many places. Pray that our partners will be able to testify boldly and effectively of the love of Christ.

26 India Give thanks for the work of PM and Grace Matthews, with our partners *IEM*. They serve 20 churches in West Bengal and three house churches in Bhutan; a shelter for the homeless, shelters for children and the elderly, a school, a Bible training centre and much else. This amazing couple are typical of the very effective *IEM* workers.

27 India Please pray for *IEM's* work throughout West Bengal, especially with the Sadri tribal group. Pray that many will receive help and hear about Christ.

28 Turkey We were very glad to be able to offer help in the aftermath of the Van earthquake in October 2011. A recent visit has uncovered many who are still in great need. Pray for God's provision of means to help them. Pray for our partners in this area, where there are serious inter-communal tensions.

29 **Iran** Our partners in Iran report that pressure on Christians continues to grow. Some are intimidated or imprisoned; others are forced abroad. Pray for Iran, and especially for God's people there.

30 **South Africa** Bishop Hendrick Mahlangu arrives in the UK this week for a visit to friends and churches who support his ministry. Pray that this will be a most effective visit, and will stir up more interest in the work of *Hope for Africa Missions*. Their work now extends to South Africa, Lesotho, Swaziland, Mozambique, Malawi, Zimbabwe, Angola, Tanzania, Kenya, Sudan, Ghana, Burkina Faso and most recently, Ethiopia.