



Prayer

Issue 1 - 2011

The Coventry Litany of Reconciliation

All have sinned and fallen
short of the glory of God.

The hatred which divides nation
from nation, race from race, class
from class, **Father Forgive.**

The covetous desires of people
and nations to possess what is
not their own, **Father Forgive.**

The greed which exploits the work
of human hands and lays waste
the earth, **Father Forgive.**

Our envy of the welfare and happiness
of others, **Father Forgive.**

Our indifference to the plight of
the imprisoned, the homeless, the
refugee, **Father Forgive.**

The lust which dishonours the bodies of
men, women and children, **Father Forgive.**

The pride which leads us to trust in
ourselves and not in God, **Father Forgive.**

Be kind to one another, tender-
hearted, forgiving one another, as
God in Christ forgave you.

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Peace through Partnership

February /

Focus on Chad and the Sudanese

These are historic times for the Sudanese as the past few weeks have seen a vast turnout in the referendum which could divide the south from the north and see the formation of Africa's newest nation with its capital the city of Juba. This could happen as early as July.

Most northerners are Arabic-speaking Muslims while most southerners are Christian or follow traditional religions.

Cord is monitoring developments to assess the implications for the 85,000 Sudanese refugees with whom we work in the camps of eastern Chad, many of whom have been in exile since 2004.

"The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!" Mark 1 v12-15 (NIV)

FEBRUARY 7 - 13

As the outcome of the referendum on southern Sudan's break from the north is expected, pray for all those who travelled hundreds of miles to cast their vote. May we be humbled by their example in their fight for freedom and independence; and ensure we never take for granted our own part in shaping democracy here at home. Pray for a peaceful resolution to the conflicts of the past in Sudan, and pray for all those Sudanese refugees still living in exile in the camps of eastern Chad.

FEBRUARY 14 - 20

Remember the Cord staff working in N'Djamena and in the refugee camps of Gaga, Farchana, Bredjing and Treguine as well as in 23 local Chadian villages, giving thanks for their continuing commitment and hard work in incredibly difficult conditions.

Give thanks for the school inspectors, the teachers, the parents' associations and their presidents, the pre-school monitors and the animateurs who lead the Child Protection activities.

Pray for Cord's discussions with international donors: that they prove fruitful and that we can continue to help the people from Darfur and Chad, giving thanks for Cord's work with UNICEF, United Nations High Commission for Refugees and other agencies.

FEBRUARY 20 - 28

Pray that we do not lose sight of God's blessing on our work and for a humble spirit of appreciation of all that God has achieved through Cord staff and our partners in the last 12 months.

Give thanks for the international donors and UK supporters who have helped make this work possible.

Pray that the relationships between the various country teams will be further strengthened and that, despite the different situations in each country, we shall be able to learn from each other's work.

Pray for the plans being developed for 2011-12 and that they reflect God's will for Cord and the people with whom we work.

March/

MARCH 1 - 6

Give thanks for all the supporters in the UK who have given financially to Cord's work in Cambodia since the Regional Office was opened in 2007, asking that more people will step forward so that this work can grow both in Cambodia and in Laos PDR.

Pray that the Cord programme to support partners involved in vital livelihoods and peace building work in Cambodia continues to expand and receives the funding it needs for 2011 and beyond. Pray for the success of the sustainable development model that we have developed in Cambodia.

MARCH 7 - 13

Pray that those relationships already in place with local organisations will thrive; that democracy, human rights

and accountable governance will grow in Cambodia and that the voice of the poor and dispossessed will be raised and heard by those in power.

On March 8, the 100th anniversary of International Women's Day, give special thanks for Cord's work with the women of South East Asia who bear the responsibility of raising children and caring for a family, often in abject circumstances.

May the inequalities in Cambodian society be acknowledged by those in power and attitudes continue to change over the coming year.

On March 9, Ash Wednesday, prepare your thoughts and prayers for Lent and the challenges facing us all as we begin this holy season.

MARCH 14 - 20

Hold in your thoughts and prayers our team in Laos PDR, in particular our Senior Advisor Luisa Peticucci as she works to unleash the untapped potential of those most in need. Support her and her colleagues at what is a very critical and hopeful time in Laos' history.

MARCH 21-27

Give thanks for Cord's team in Phnom Penh, for their determination and enthusiasm in promoting our message. May their spirit engender trust and understanding in our numerous partner organisations across Cambodia, as together they strive to build the ability of hundreds of Cambodians, both personally and collectively, to run their lives peacefully and effectively.

Focus on South East Asia

As our work in the region spreads from Cambodia to Laos PDR it is important to remember that Cord's work is set against a background of incredible difficulty:

In Cambodia 2.5 million adults are illiterate and education facilities are poor; there is low foreign investment due to corruption and a lack of law enforcement; tourism is affected by the global economic downturn, whilst garment factories have cut production and jobs.

Despite all this, Cord's partners have successfully addressed many issues, including the threats from climate change, into their programmes, making their work more environment friendly and sustainable.

Importantly, the number of young people involved in promoting peace has increased.

April/

Focus on Burundi

Cord's programme in Burundi continues to support vulnerable returnees.

At least 700 families, some 5,600 people, have been provided with shelter and mosquito nets in the past months.

A further 150 water springs, three gravity schemes, and rain water collection for two schools are being protected or constructed, and it's expected that an additional 20,000 people will have access to portable water within 1km of their home.

Cord's programme with ADDF has seen 1,710 people - 87% of them women - develop their literacy skills and be trained and informed about their rights.

MARCH 28 - APRIL 3

Pray especially this week for Cord's Burundi team as they strengthen their knowledge of rehabilitation and peace building initiatives both in country and regionally. Support them in building alliances with the relevant organisations across the Great Lakes Region.

Praise Him for the opportunity to work with ADDF in supporting women so effectively. Ask that in 2011 we can consolidate that relationship and see real progress in helping these women to improve their lives immeasurably.

APRIL 4 - 10

Having enough to eat is a major worry for the Burundian returnees. Pray that Cord will be successful as we continue to develop our programme across the country over the next three years; improving food security and revenue for 3,000 people through our goat multiplication scheme, distributing cassava and bean seeds and establishing more school gardens.

Ask for God's help in improving the water supply so that thousands more may have access to clean, safe water. Thank Him for the opportunities he has given Cord to work with Burundi's most vulnerable as they begin to rebuild their lives and look forward to a better future.

APRIL 11 - 17

As we think about the ultimate sacrifice that Jesus made for us, pray for all those who have been affected or displaced by war and conflict and who have been forced to give up the life they know, sometimes having lost contact with close family.

Give thanks for individuals and churches that are supporting people affected by violent conflict in choosing Cord and its work as the beneficiary of their easter appeal or easter giving.

Give thanks for the financial sacrifice Cord's supporters make throughout the year in order that people in developing countries may be helped to build peace.

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