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Dear Prayer Supporter,

Could you imagine being aware of having the responsibility of what these words carry? Esther, was a young Jewish woman in a hostile country. She was recently crowned the new queen of Persia and coupled with her Jewish ancestry placed a heavy burden on her shoulders. What would she do? Allow the status quo to continue or take hold of her God given destiny?

It took a lot of faith for her to choose the latter, as her position was precarious and risky if it did not go to plan. Much of God's work in the world today sometimes hangs in the balance like Esther and Israel faced. Even though God is not mentioned in the book of Esther, His hands are surely seen in the final outcome.

When you pray, you may not hear God's name being mentioned but be assured that His hand is at work in the world we live in. And like Esther, who knows your prayers are needed for such a time as this.

Grace & Peace

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"...Who knows, perhaps you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this." Esther 4: 14 (Holman Christian Standard Bible)

URGENT NEEDS FOR PRAYER

- **Iran**— Has recently been through a major election which has resulted in corruption and public demonstrations. In the recent past any form of public demonstrations was unheard of, however, this has resulted in a clash with authorities. Please pray for minimal casualties and that the demonstrations will bring about further reforms within Iran, resulting in an openness towards the Gospel.

WEEK ONE

Jesus All About Life NSW:

As each month concludes the September 15th launch date for JAAL campaign draws near. As of late June there were approximately 1000 churches registered of a required 1500. This month also has the JAAL Sunday offering within churches on July 12th and 19th. These two important dates will aim to collect the major funding towards the media buy for the campaign. Please pray that the minimum target of 1500 churches and that the churches give generously in order to meet the media buy for JAAL.

Bangladesh:

More than 430,000 Chakma people live in Bangladesh and on the border of India. Approximately 300,000 live in the Chittagong Hills Se of Bangladesh. Global recordings Network (GRN) materials have been transforming olives amongst this tribal group. Recently 4 Chakma men have received Christ and need your prayers. Please pray tht the Buddhist families of these men will follow them and that the GRN materials have greater inroads into the lives of the Chakma people.

WEEK TWO

Missions Trip, Cairns Queensland:

We have three trips in July all travelling to Aboriginal communities in Far North Queensland. The teams will link in with Wontulp Bi Buya College, spending time with the students, learning about the college and then having the chance to experience and see the difference the college is making in Aboriginal communities. They will also be running children's ministry linked in with churches in these communities. Please pray for the safety of the teams, that the students will return with a greater burden to see the Gospel move amongst Indigenous Australians and for the work of the Bible Society in general.

Refugees: Austria

Every copy of God's Word has the potential to impact lives far beyond the individual who receives it. In Austria, if a refugee is sent back to their home country or to where they first entered the European Union, they want to take the copy of their Bible with them. What a great opportunity to reach nations with the Gospel. In 2008 over 2000 Bibles in 33 languages were distributed to refugees in Austria's refugee institutions and detention centres. Please pray for an ever increasing impact with refugees to enable the Gospel to change lives.

WEEK THREE

Bible Friends:

Every organization has its' regular pledge giving. For us it is "Bible Friends". For \$10 pm a Bible is able to be given to someone anywhere in the world. On a recent China Missions trip, Sun, the English speaking tour guide said " *My parents live in a village; my mother goes to a local church and is very, very happy. My father is a traditional medicine doctor and I requested he let my mother continue to go because she was happy. He did.*" When he was given a Bible as a gift he said " *it was the best gift I have received and I am sure it will change my life. I will read it. This trip is very special for me and it will change my life. I think Christianity will be the number one religion in China. Many young people are interested and studying Christian teachings.*" Please pray for increase funding for this program.

Reap Literacy India:

Reap International in India aims to impact children through teaching English in after school literacy classes. Apart from the improvement in education the programme has also reached children and families for Christ. This programme not only helps to increase normal church attendance but gathers people around God's Word where there are no churches. A missions trip is arranged for December to reach these needy children and to help train many of the young Christian workers in REAP. Please pray for continued growth and success of this program in India.

WEEK FOUR

School Youth Projects:

Rick George is our Youth worker who visits schools to present the Jesus All About Life show to 100s of children at a time. The children's minister at All Saints School, Nth Epping comments " *This is now the fourth year I have supported a country through the Children's project with the kids at my church and each year it is getting better and better.*" The projects this year are for India and Pakistan, two very needy countries. Pray for the continued growth of school visits and support of the Children's projects.

Pastors Material and Training, Ethiopia:

The biggest need for Africa now is not new missionaries but many good books for Pastors who have no library in their home villages. This was a comment from a prominent African Minister about the current needs there. The average church in Africa starts around 250—300 people. Therefore, these pastors have a great responsibility to feed their people. Without these books at their disposal they are open to all kinds of misinterpretation and deception. The Pastors' Book Sets Project enables 39 books to be translated to help them interpret sound Biblical truths. Please pray for the funding and continued growth of this viable ministry.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- July 12th & 19th JAAL Sunday giving in churches.
- July 8th –14th; 11th—18th & 18th –24th 3 School Mission Trips to Nth. Queensland
- July 24th & 25th Pt. Macquarie Showcase and Archeological Seminar
- City to Surf registrations with the JAAL T-Shirt, 2000 people to participate.

Your on-going prayer support for the Staff of Bible Society is greatly valued and appreciated. Also a number of our supporters from time to time face health, financial and other family issues. Your regular prayer for our brothers and sister in Christ who are in need, both here in Australia and overseas, is both welcomed and valued.