



**A Season of Prayer at the SEC Prayer Ministry Retreat**

## Evangelism in the SEC

I greet you in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ.



This summer has been very exciting as we embarked on the Mission to the Cities evangelistic initiative. A large number (over 60) of pastors from the various Unions of the TED came to the UK to observe and learn about our evangelistic plans within the South England Conference. They took time to visit the different evangelistic centres and churches where programmes were underway.

In Uxbridge the church has rented a house where volunteers are reaching the community through friendship evangelism. They meet every Thursday for Bible study and presently three people are regularly attending. Our volunteers also play football with the community on Mondays. Members from the community who are sick lonely have been identified and a Christmas hamper is being prepared for each of the 14 families that responded to this effort.

The group would like to invite you to pray as they seek a venue where they can hold weekly meetings. They also wish to conduct a Health Expo. Please remember to pray for the Uxbridge group.

The Potters Bar project is in need of much prayer. The pastors from the various Unions also visited this site. Volunteers are needed to work in this area and help befriend the community before trying to meet the needs. They will be going from door to door and have requested your prayers.

The South London pastors worked with their members and culminated with a two week evangelistic series held at the Brixton Church which was live-streamed. The attendance was good and we thank God for the 5 precious souls that were baptised. The Youth Department ran an evangelistic series with a difference. University students and other young and people were invited to attend a café-style programme, which concluded with 2 people being baptised and interest generated in a number of others. Please pray for our young people as they wrestle with the challenges of life.

The Milton Keynes Church invited Pastor Telemaque to conduct a series of evangelistic meetings and concluded with a Prayer Conference. of their success.

## END TIME RAIN

### WEBSITE NEWSLETTER

#### REVIVAL AND INTERCESSION NETWORK

- Prayer Resources for Intercessors

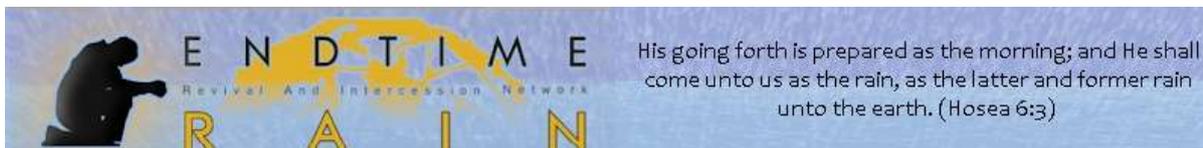
- Articles and Devotions

- Prayer Requests and Testimonies

***“Prayer does not fit us for the greater work; Prayer is the greater work!”***

***Oswald Chambers***





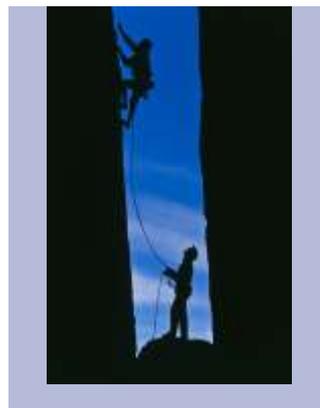
His going forth is prepared as the morning; and He shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth. (Hosea 6:3)

The Church has a very strong Prayer Ministries team which is the secret

The series ended with 28 souls being baptised – to God be the glory! I invite you to pray for these newly baptised members as they are nurtured and take their place in the life of the church. Other evangelistic programmes took place around the conference and some are still ongoing. There were over 200 people baptised this year as we

launched the Mission to the Big Cities. The church exists for the sole purpose of evangelism and Prayer Ministries is an essential part of our mission. We can make all the necessary plans but if there is no prayer, these plans will fail miserably. Let us continue to call on the name of the Lord so that we can fulfil our mission.

**Pastor Emmanuel Osei, Ministerial Association Director, SEC.**



## God does nothing except in response to believing prayer – John Wesley

### Except They Shall Be Sent

Romans 10:13-15

**“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”**

The followers of Christ are to labour as He did. We are to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and comfort the suffering and afflicted. We are to minister to the despairing, and inspire hope in the hopeless. And to us also the promise will be fulfilled, "Thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the Lord shall be thy rearward." Isaiah 58:8. (Desire Of Ages page 351).

We are told to pray that God might send more labourers into his harvest. Not only are we sent, but we must also pray for more conversions: that little patch of land may be our family;

neighbourhood; circle of friends; workplace; college or school. Our efforts in prayer and witnessing are limitless.

Prayer connects with our Omnipotent, Omnipresent and Omniscient God- it knows no boundaries: it can travel across the globe, open prison doors and soften the hardest heart. If you are willing to work for the Saviour, he has work for you and will work within you. With the constant companionship of and influence of the Holy Spirit, the promise foretold in Daniel 12:3 is for you:

“Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever”.

**Dear Lord of the Harvest, please bless this reader with “beautiful feet that bring good news”. Increase their desire to work in your mission field. Empower them with your Holy Spirit and fill them with overflowing love for others. Give them zeal for your work and boldness to share the message of salvation that will turn many to righteousness. In Your Precious Holy Name, Amen.**

### Events & Prayer Calendar- December 2013-January 2014

**December prayer:** SDA leaders: conferences, presidents, directors, pastors, worldwide, nationally and locally. For Church growth, evangelism, revival and reformation (every member, children, young people, families, visitors).

**January prayer:** Loving relationships: single and married men and women, young people and children (women, men, family ministries and hospitality team, social and recreation).

**January events:** 8<sup>th</sup> SEC Day of Prayer and Fasting Stanborough Park; 19<sup>th</sup> Prayer Ministry Coordinators Advent Centre; 26<sup>th</sup> MOHAP.



## Evangelism: A Way of Life

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:19-20).

Does this sound like a tall order? It is not really, for God would not ask us to do something that we could not do with His help. The truth is we need to become so excited about our relationship with God that we cannot but share what we are experiencing.

Now “evangelism” can create fear and trepidation in those who are more reserved who are worried about speaking to strangers and encountering rejection. Because God wants us to be ourselves, he has already equipped us with gifts to enable us to reach people in a style that is comfortable for us. Our job is to find the style and method that best suits our personality and gifting, practice and develop it.

For instance, some people are very confident, bold and direct. They like to skip the small talk and get right to the point. This “Confrontational Style” was used by Peter in Acts 2. Individuals like this need the Holy Spirit to guide and at times restrain them. They also need wisdom to act with sensitivity and tact.

Others may find joy in serving others. They are patient, others centered and show love through action more than words. This is the “Serving Style” that was seen in Acts 9 and demonstrated by Dorcas. While acts of loving service are hard to resist, these individuals also need to verbally tell

people about Christ.

Good listeners who communicate very clearly and have been overwhelmed their own conversion can often see links between their own experience and that of others. Using the “Testimonial Style” of the Blind Man in John 9 to challenge others to apply learning to their life.

The “Intellectual Style” is used by Paul in Acts 17. This is a logical, analytical debating approach: more concerned with what people think than what they feel. It is important that they avoid arguments and use gentleness and respect in their approach.

Compassionate, sensitive and friendly people can use the “Interpersonal Style”. Lovers of conversation, they can focus on people and their needs, like Matthew did in Luke 5. It is important that they do not value friendship over truth: forgetting the ultimate goal of bring people to Christ.

Those who are hospitable, persuasive and enjoy meeting new people, see outreach events as unique opportunities can successfully use the “Invitational Style” of the woman at the well in John 4. They should not get discouraged when people refuse invitations but should prayerfully share the implications of the Gospel in their own lives.

God has called us and he requires us to call others. It is the Good News the “Gospel”, that we are to share- “the power of God unto salvation to all who believe” (Romans 1:16). We are all gifted to share it because we have all experienced it and have a testimony. We may not be called to be missionaries, evangelists, teachers or preachers- we are all disciples of Christ and so the great commission to “Go Ye Therefore” (Matthew 28:19) is for us all.

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