



PRAYER LETTER OF **CHALLENGE LITERATURE FELLOWSHIP** 

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## **DEVOTIONAL**

# MY LIPS SHALL PRAISE YOU

Psalm 63:3 "Your loving-kindness is better than life, my lips shall praise You. (4) So I will bless You while I live; I will lift up my hands in Your name. (5) My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness; and my mouth shall praise You with joyful lips"

What we do - My lips shall praise You, I will bless You while I live, I will lift up my hands in Your name, My soul shall be satisfied, my mouth shall praise You with joyful lips. Why? - because the Father's loving kindness is better than life.

Your loving kindness is better than what life?

The ones that we have chosen for ourselves. Some may choose to be in business or to be an employee. Some may strive for fame and fortune or be content with his lot in life, some a life of work or others a life of leisure. We strive for honours, riches, pleasures, applause, acceptance and belonging, but all this comes up short. When we finally arrive at that place we think will make us happy or satisfied we find it to be empty and not what we expected. Diverse are the lives that we live, but better is the life from God than the life of our own making can ever be.

# What would a man give in exchange for his life, to save it or to extend it?

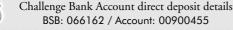
Many men have grown weary of their lives, as is evident throughout history; but no man in history has been found that was tired of the love and favour of God. No one values the sun and fellowship more than the person who has been shut up in the darkness and loneliness of solitary confinement. It is also true for those who have been in spiritual darkness who have seen the light of the favour of God.

Matthew 10:39 "He who finds his life shall lose it. And he who loses his life for My sake shall find it."

His loving kindness is seen in the gift of salvation through Jesus Christ, His grace towards us is better than life. Truly His Life in us is better than anything that this world has to offer. Scripture instructs us to lay our lives at the foot of the cross, dying to self, that we may experience eternal life in Jesus Christ as we abide in Him and He in us.

The joy that I knew when I first became a Christian should be the same joy that is evident right throughout my life. I cannot pretend to have these things for He says that He searches the mind and heart and knows the motives for all that we do. With this in mind we should live and work in such a way that all praise, honour and glory belong to the Father.

Psalm 40:10 reads "I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation."





AROUND THE WORLD

WITH CHALLENGE

Carl Carmody will be representing Challenge at the Word of Life conference being held in Argentina

from 19th – 23rd November 2008. Challenge is blessed to be currently partnering with Word of Life in several South American countries.

WORD OF LIFE is a non-denominational, Bible-believing organization, involved in over 50 years of ministry, reaching youth with the Gospel of Christ in 46 countries on six continents through camps, Bible Clubs, Bible Institutes, radio, television and youth rallies. Currently Word of Life ministries are distributing a Spanish edition of Challenge paper under the name El Desafio into Argentina and Paraguay.

Challenge Literature Fellowship is looking to extend its partnership with Word of Life ministries into every country in South & Central America and also into Mexico.

South and Central America is made up of 18 countries with a total population of 422 million, while Mexico has a population of 109 million. The primary language in each of these countries is Spanish with the exception being Brazil (Portuguese). According to internet encyclopaedia Wikipedia the religious makeup averaged over all these countries is approximately 74% Roman Catholic, 11% protestant, 15% various or no religion.

In August 2008, 6 members of Urbancrest Baptist Church in the USA went to Argentina on a mission trip. They had the opportunity at a college to present a 10 minute testimony in each class and handed out 750 English and 500 Spanish copies of Challenge newspaper. By week's end 7000 copies of the paper were also distributed into homes, so that the true number of people reached with the gospel may be many times that number. Now we might never see the full result of the team's effort but we are sure that God will bless the sowing of His word. We praise the Lord for the privilege of sowing the seed of the gospel in so many families in such a short period of time. "We trust the lord that eternity will reveal the true impact of this evangelistic effort," says Will Herndon of Word of Life, Argentina.

"I greet you the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Great is the job you are doing to spread the word of hope to people. I received a CHALLENGE GOOD NEWS PAPER from a friend I read it, and I shared it with a friend after a short time people were asking me whether it's possible to get them. I promised by faith but I didn't know how? From where? I thank God when I connected to the internet I was able to see your website. Now is my request if possible to send me every month which is enough to distribute in my country. I will be happy when you consider my request." God bless, Sam



If you would like to join the next Impact Africa trip for 2009 please contact the office:

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### **FAREWELL**

FROM THE WORDS OF ...

#### Joe Attwater:

"All the staff at Challenge are a bunch of lunatics, and that's why I fitted right in!"

"Seriously now, it has been a wonderful privilege to work with Challenge in graphics for the last five years. It's been a joy to present testimonies, and colour kid's pages (I'm just a big kid.)

"Challenge has helped me realise it doesn't matter where you work, or what you do, it's who you serve that gives you



peace. Carl, Bob and Roger, you are precious mentors. I would like to thank all the staff for their eternal friendship. Thankyou Pastor Jim & Armadale Cong. Church for cloaking my family in prayer and support. Thankyou Joline, my wife and best friend, for being exactly who you are. You make our home special. I love being bowled over with hugs at the door every night by Jacob, Isaac, Joshua & Leah (all born whilst at Challenge). And most of all thankyou my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ for bringing me from death into life.

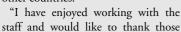
"I have loved the Challenge, been blown away by the Literature and will forever cherish the Fellowship. Now I'm off to Bible College to discover more about my King. What a journey!"

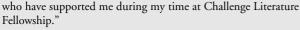
Yours in Jesus Christ,

Joe Attwater

#### **Abdel Moorhouse:**

"As you maybe aware I have been involved with Challenge for over 1 ½ years. The time has come for me to leave and pursue other areas where God might be leading me to. It has been a privilege working at Challenge and seeing the expansion of the work and how the Lord has opened doors in other countries.





Yours in Christ,

Abdel Moorhouse

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." - Isaiah 9:6

# PRAISE POINTS

- The opportunity to work with Word of Life ministries in Southern and Central America and into Mexico and for the desire they have to share the good news of the gospel.
- For the nearly 100 000 copies of the Challenge paper that will be distributed throughout Australia in December and that the Lord may be glorified through this work.
- For all the people who have supported the work of Challenge financially, prayerfully and practically again throughout this year.
- For all the writers who contribute stories and articles for each edition of the paper, for the time and prayerful thought that goes into every article.
- That God has chosen to bless this small operation in Perth with great opportunities around the globe and for the great response that we have seen again in this year and for the lives that have been changed by the paper.

#### PRAYER POINTS

- "The situation in Zimbabwe is becoming critical on a daily basis. Famine is gripping the country and people have to go door to door begging for food. Many people are perishing including two Christian Leadership Institute trained pastors that have died of starvation. Please pray that the Lord will intervene in Zimbabwe." Jabulani, Multi Ministries Zimbabwe (Challenge is working in partnership with Multi Ministries who run the C.L.I. training)
- The global demand for our paper is out stripping our ability to supply. Funds are a constant hindrance to meeting these requests from countries such as Egypt, Nigeria, and Uruguay, as well as other parts of South America.
- For Carls trip to Argentina, that the Lord will bless the trip and grant Carl travelling mercies, and continue to strengthen him on his busy schedule. For our current Word of life partners and for the potential expansion into each country in Southern and Central America.
- Please pray for a suitable desktop publisher/graphic designer.
- For the nearly 100 000 copies of the Challenge paper that will be distributed throughout Australia in December. That they may be directed to the right people and that God will speak into their lives through the testimony of Jesus Christ recorded in these pages.
- For our Partner organisations in Africa, USA, India, South America and the work that is being done in each of these countries.

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