

 **DEVOTION**

**Psalm 1:3a**

***He [the blessed man] shall be like a tree***

***Planted by the rivers of water.***

The godly man is not like a tree which grows wild. He is like a tree planted in a place which will best promote its growth.

We cannot but notice here how our Saviour's words are anticipated: "You have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you and I have appointed you [I have planted you]", John 15:16.

If **He** plants you, it shall always be by rivers of water!

– M R Vincent, *Gates into the Psalm-Country*

## MUM COMES TO CHRIST

From Lynda G. to Carl Carmody (Challenge CEO)

"It was great to speak with you yesterday and share the absolute miracle of my mum's conversion.

"As I mentioned, I have been praying for her for 28 years and must admit over the last few months I had begun to wonder if it was too late for her. I had always sent her *Challenge*, which she always read cover to cover, but something held her back from making the decision to follow Jesus.

"She has had a number of mini strokes lately and I felt I could no longer reach her at the depth needed to lead her to the Lord. This caused me to press into the Lord even more and I asked Him to reach her as I could no longer do it. Geoff and I continually prayed that the Lord would not let her die until she came to know Him as her Lord and Saviour. She would often wake and ask why she was still alive and I always told her of my prayer for her! Then out of the blue she called me up and in the middle of a casual conversation she asked if I would come to Sydney as she wanted me to help her fill in the prayer in *Challenge*. So at 83 (nearly 84) she had, at last, definitely made up her mind to ask Jesus to be her Lord and what a privilege it was to pray for her. There was a noticeable change in her moments after the prayer, a softening that only Jesus can do. After accepting Him, she then told me how she had begun to recognize Him in situations and had even been thanking Him for answers to her childlike prayers.

"He had been calling her and she had begun to understand this. My heart swells every time I think of His love for mum. How He perseveres even if our faith begins to waver."



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## POINTS TO PONDER

### PRAISE POINTS

**1. For being able to put out the good news in so many different places.** This month Spanish, Indian, African Military and another Australian edition went out.

**2. For faithful, gracious and kind pray-ers and givers to the Challenge work.** We could never do what we do without their support.

**3. For our Challenge building and facilities** that enable us to do the job that God has called us to.

**4. For churches, groups, ministries and individuals who use the paper faithfully each month to sow the good news.**

**5. Praise God that He is opening up new opportunities :**

i. We are preparing to move our printing operation from Kenya to Uganda so that we can print in the capital of Kampala a full colour, eight page newspaper suitable for both Uganda and Nigeria.

ii. A developing partnership with Ireland Outreach International. Jim Gillett, who heads up this work, visited Australia in September and we are looking forward to working in Nigeria, Kenya and Zambia with them.

### PRAYER POINTS

**1. Growing distribution here in Australia to sow more seed.**

Whilst we are greatly encouraged with what God is doing around the world we as a staff are burdened for our own nation as it becomes increasingly secular.

**2. Our financial needs.** We are under huge pressure with all the editions that we are doing. Whilst we have never been larger or more influential as a gospel newspaper, conversely we've never been more fragile in the financial realm. We would value your prayer for South and Central Africa, India, South-, Central- and North-America. We're also in need of increasing the personal support of staff which once again is a slow and difficult process at best.

**3.** For much needed **quality testimonies and stories** for the paper as well as for the **writers** of general interest articles who contribute so wonderfully each month for the different editions around the globe.

**4. Our various Directors:** in the US with Eric Whitmer, Will Herndon doing a very good job in Argentina, and Sheldon Samuel with Destiny Newspaper in Hyderabad India. Also for Cobus Britz doing the work for us in South Africa.

**5. For our various partner organisations.** It's not easy doing their own ministry as well as taking on Challenge. We are very grateful for what they do and how they do it and pray that God's will be done.

**6. For Andrew Trezona who has had long term eye problems.** Pray for the Lord's healing hand upon his eyes. Obviously it makes his job very difficult if he continues to have problems with deteriorating eyesight.

**7. Continue to pray for the staff:** for unity amongst the team, and for the Lord's anointing and enabling upon what He's called us to do.

### MY RESPONSE

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