

 **DEVOTION**

**Psalm 62 vs. 1**

***“To the choirmaster:  
according to  
Jeduthun. A Psalm  
of David. For God  
alone my soul  
waits in silence;  
from him comes my  
salvation.”***

**My soul waits in silence for the Lord.** – David would wait in silence before the Lord that he may hear the Lord. For many of us today we rush into the presence of the Lord, present our list of requests and then rush into the day. We do not know what it is to wait on the Lord, to be silent before the Lord and to listen to the Lord.

**God alone is my salvation** – So often we think of salvation as being saved from hell to heaven, but that is just location. Jesus said that He came to give life, and that was His life for us and then His life to us. We celebrate Christmas and Easter remembering what God has done for us but so often we forget Pentecost. This is where God gave Himself to us, that He might live His live through us. This is the victorious Christian life, to let God be God in you.

**COUNTRIES :**

**Australia:** Our prayer is to see the paper distribution increase to 75,000 each month. To encourage churches and individuals to see the opportunities the paper presents to share the Gospel. We are sharing about the value in using a stand in a local shopping centre to act as a 24/7 evangelist and to alert the community to the local church and some of the things that the church does that are relevant to the local community.

**USA:** The locations where the paper is being used tends to be for specific events. We need to see the paper distribution grow both in the number of churches using the paper and also the regularity of use. Funding the paper and staff support require further addressing. Challenge also needs to appoint a new director in the US as Eric Whitmer is no longer with Challenge. Urbancrest Church (our US headquarters) continue to be a fantastic supporter of Challenge both in the use of the paper and also financially. Our desire is to see other churches partner with us in the promotion of the paper and also with some of our international projects.



*A church newly built in the Lower Sherry Valley about two hours outside the city of Blantyre and is a plant of our partner organisation in Malawi, Christian Mission in Many Lands*

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## POINTS TO PONDER

### PRAISE POINTS

**South African Prisons:** It is wonderful to report that in excess of 30,000 prisoners are currently being disciplined. Many are becoming leaders in prison churches and mentoring new converts.

● Interest in the paper globally never ceases to amaze us. We thank the Lord that the paper is so well received. There are responses to the paper in countries where the paper is not specifically distributed. Thank you for continuing to partner with us so that all may have an opportunity to hear the good news of the gospel.

● We are blessed to have opportunities to speak at churches around Australia. This allows us the privilege to encourage believers in their Christian walk and also how they can use the paper locally and prayerfully to impact their community.

● The Impact mission team for 2011 is nearly finalised. There will be a mix of regular attendees as well as first time travellers to South Africa. We are thankful firstly for all that the Lord does in us on a trip like this and then what He does through us for His name's sake.

### PRAYER POINTS

**India:** Carl and John have returned from a successful trip to India and we need to specifically pray for:

**Staff:** To begin the task of promoting the paper to churches so they will use the paper and become regular subscribers; for the raising of personal support for staff, which will alleviate the pressure on finances.

**Paper:** That there will be writers in India willing and able to contribute to making "Destiny" a truly local paper; for more local content and for the staff to seek testimonies from individuals where the paper is being distributed; and for the Lord to lead regarding the expansion of the paper both in terms of numbers produced and locations distributed throughout India.

**USA:** Carl and Andrew will be in the US in March encouraging churches who are currently using the paper how they can better use of the paper and also looking to break new ground with churches and Christian organisations. There will be strategic meetings with partner organisations looking to future work including financial implications. Also to raise financial support for the work in the US and in South America.

**Finances:** are at a critical point for the running of the Australian office including personal support for the staff and also for the commitments we have made to the global printing and distribution of the paper. Challenge needs to raise an additional \$10,000 per month to continue this work and we are seeking the support of 1000 individuals who will commit to \$10 or more per month, if they are in a position to do so. One off gifts are also greatly appreciated. We thank you for prayerfully considering this before the Lord.

**Easter edition:** Please pray specifically for the testimonies and articles that they will speak into the lives of all who read them. For hearts prepared to receive the good news of the gospel and for churches to use this wonderful opportunity to sow seed into their local community.

**Staff:** We continue to pray for a full time editor to help shoulder some of the work load and also for a journalist to replace Charissa as she will be departing for overseas mission work in June. We also need volunteers who are willing and able to help with the wrap of the Australian edition one day a month. This does not involve heavy lifting.

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