

## PRAISE

the Lord for:

- ★ The people who have committed their life to Christ through the testimonies in the paper
- ★ Funding coming in towards a vehicle for our Malawi director to make travel a lot easier as he distributes the paper throughout Malawi
- ★ Funding coming in for another project area being a motorbike for our rep (Henry) in Kenya. Kenya has 104 prisons and Henry has found it difficult to visit them all due to transport costs
- ★ Our Challenge directors around the world. They are our vital link in terms of promoting and distributing the Challenge throughout their countries and beyond

## HOLIDAY MODE: making time for opportunities

Christmas decorations are up in the shopping centres and it won't be long before the festive season is upon us. As we begin planning trips away and preparing for Christmas celebrations it can be easy to slip into holiday mode without even realising it.

The problem with this is that we soon become inward-focused and forget that it is the best time of year to be effective in our Christian witness. Rather than writing up grocery and gift lists and planning our trip itineraries, have you started thinking about ways you can reach out to neighbours, friends and family with the love and message of Jesus?

Here are some ideas to get you started as you think about ways to share your faith this festive season...

- 1. Share a meal:** Plan to have people you have been meaning to share your faith with for a while over for a meal. Be intentional about bringing up matters of faith.
- 2. Make an invitation list:** Make a list of people you can invite to your church's Christmas service and make sure you give them plenty of notice so they can arrange their plans accordingly.
- 3. Mentally prepare to share:** Be prepared to bring up church, the true meaning of Christmas and matters of faith when colleagues and people you encounter daily ask you what you have planned for Christmas. Make your conversations count.
- 4. Help out:** Many people will be working in their gardens, fixing things around the house etc. What a perfect time to be intentional about helping your friends and neighbours out. There will



*be wise .... make the most of every opportunity*  
Ephesians 5:16

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## PRAYER needed for:

- ★ The following editions being distributed this month - Australia, Malawi, Zimbabwe, South Africa, South America, USA and Military. Pray for their effectiveness
- ★ The particular editions having to cross borders such as Malawi and Zimbabwe. Pray they get across with no hold-ups or extra taxes as this has been an issue of late
- ★ Pray for team (Carl, Ron Edwards, Vic Bijl, Nic Dewar, Cobus Britz) going to Kenya, Malawi, South Africa. They go to strengthen the arm of local ministries who use the Challenge paper particularly into prisons. Pray for arrangements to be in place and easy access into prisons
- ★ Our reps and their families around the world. **USA** – Andrew & Karen Trezona; **South Africa** – Cobus & Christa Britz; **Malawi** – Ananda & Grace Pulla; **Kenya** – Lazarus & Jane Kisau; **Argentina** – Will & Ale Herndon. Pray for the Lord's care, protection and provision for each family

be all sorts of opportunities to share the reason for the season with these acts of kindness.

**5. Write meaningful Christmas cards:** Rather than sending out cards that all bear the same basic message, consider being intentional about what you write. Yes it may take a little longer but you never know what might come of your timely Gospel message.

**6. Handout Challenge newspapers:** Share the Good News through handing out Challenge newspapers in your neighbourhood, work office, local petrol station, grocery store, hairdresser and other key places you frequent.

These are just ideas to get you started but any thought has to be backed by action. Imagine if we all chose to follow through with one of these suggestions. There would be many more people who encounter the Good News of Jesus Christ this year! Let's work together to make this festive season count.



## MY RESPONSE

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