

**PRAYER FOCUS FOR SEPTEMBER 2008 “G-R-O-W” : GROW IN OUTREACH”**

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<b>Senior Citizen’s Home @ Block 117 Bukit Merah View</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ask for the Lord’s mercy upon the 20+ residents of the home – the Lord to extend their life that they may know the Lord.</li> <li>• Give thanks for the faithful workers from the Philippines. The Lord to grant them patience, strength and joy.</li> <li>• Bless the 50 other senior residents in the block who join in the Home’s programmes on Saturdays.</li> <li>• Give thanks for Pastor Joyce, Brother Sebastian &amp; other Hokkien congregation members who do weekly house calls in vicinity of the Home to reach out and touch lives.</li> <li>• Uphold the outing planned on 27 Sep (Sat) - visit to HortPark where this would be a time of relationship building and renewal for Zion members – we would spur one another to love and do good deeds to the poor, lost &amp;</li> </ul>	<b>National Council of Churches</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Uphold the National Council of Churches of Singapore, led by Most Revd Dr John Chew (Bishop of Singapore &amp; President of National Council of Churches of Singapore). At his sharing at the National Thanksgiving Service on 14 Aug, he shared on “The Issue That Matters” – pray that churches will spur one another towards love and good deeds, and one another to make a difference to the community.</li> <li>• Key Christian leaders to discern the move of His Spirit, and exercise exemplary leadership. Uphold: Revd Dr Wee Boon Hup (Methodist Church); Dr Bobby Sng (President, Bible Society of Singapore); Revd Dr Patrick Lau (General Superintendent, Assemblies of God); Bishop John Tan (Lutheran Church); Revd Edwin Lam (Chairman, Spore Baptist Convention),</li> </ul>	<b>Political Situation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pray for the Lord’s continual protection upon this Land. That there would be no instigation of social unrests.</li> <li>• East Timor s Prime Minister Xanana Gusmao was in Australia at the end of Aug. Give thanks that the Australian Government has committed plans to help East Timor across a range of areas including education, training, security and infrastructure development. Continual wisdom on the Prime Minister in dealings with other countries.</li> </ul> <b>Mission Trip in Nov 08</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preparation for the mission trip to Dili in November, joining Eternal Life church to minister to youths and to connect with Assembly of God work. Both churches to spur one another in this work.</li> <li>• Clarity in future plans with Eternal Life church in working</li> </ul>	<b>People &amp; Political Situation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ask for mercy upon Vietnam and its 85 mil people (13th most populous country in the world). Most identify with Buddhism even though they do not practice on a regular basis.</li> <li>• As the country struggles with inflation, the Government issued 5 courses of actions this month, i.e. to manage public spending, tightened monetary policies, stable supply of essential commodities, stable power supply for key industries and increased assistance for disadvantaged people. Pray for righteous execution of these plans.</li> </ul> <b>Mission Trip in Dec 08</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Give thanks for Rev Irvin Rutherford and the Global Ministry Team. Pray for encouragement within the team, that they may spur one</li> </ul>

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<p>neglected.</p> <p><b>Henderson Student Care Centre @ Block 129 Bukit Merah View</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Uphold Kim Beng, the Centre Manager and staff: Periya, Mala, Gary, Sok Lay, Beng Lay &amp; Mdm Teo (cook) and the 48 children who attend from Mon-Fri &amp; 12 on Sat.</li> <li>• Plead mercy and help for the children’s families (single parent/low income) who struggle with broken relationship and financial lack. Open doors for volunteers to build relationship with the families.</li> <li>• The Lord to touch volunteers with purpose in this ministry – pray for creativity and wisdom to work amongst this multi-racial group. Give thanks for the fun and enriching activities held on 26 July &amp; 30 Aug. Next session will be on 27 Sep.</li> </ul>	<p>The Very Revd Kuan Kim Seng (Dean, St Andrew’s Cathedral) and leaders of other denominations and congregations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Lord to stir our hearts with compassion for the needy – revival of the ministry of love and compassion to usher in the presence of God to all parts of Singapore. Churches to find their specific niche in reaching needy groups or foreign workers.</li> </ul>	<p>in the sub district of Laulara. The long-term plan is currently to set up computer learning facility and teaching social care matters through the “Compassion House”, the social outreach arm.</p>	<p>another to continue this worthy task of training people for missions and reaching out to the poor and marginalized Vietnamese children.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preparation for the mission trip to Hanoi from 3 to 8 Dec. The Lord to give wisdom to the Mission Committee to work out with the GMT.</li> </ul>