

# The Shield



## Ignite 21

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2011 to Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2011

### 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting (Week 2)

*"Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see." – Hebrews 11:1*

As we enter our second week of Prayer and Fasting, we hope you are encouraged. As you fast this week, remember that fasting helps you get closer to God and allows you to grow spiritually. During this time, make sure you take time to read your Bible and pray more than you usually would.

#### Day 8 (Monday, 17th January 2011)

##### Focus: Pastor David Kabibi – Pastoral Care

Pray for Pastor Kabibi and his team. Pray the words of **1 Chronicles 4:10** over his life. Pastor Kabibi leads the Pastoral Ministry. The following ministries are under him.

##### 1. Plug-In Ministry:

This is the Discipleship Ministry at Nairobi Chapel that takes participants through a ten week discipling experience. Last year the ministry graduated over 500 people and is targeting to enrol 600 participants this year. Pray that a large number sign up for the experience and are disciplined in the Lord. Pray for the volunteers who oversee the strategy and planning of the Plug-In Ministry. Pray for the Lord's blessing over the weekend activities during the three Plug-In seasons.

As numbers have grown in our congregation and in the Plug-In sign-ups, there is an increased need for more facilitators. Pray that 60 facilitators and co-facilitators would be raised and trained in 2011 for the Plug-In Ministry.

##### 2. Connections Ministry:

The Connections Ministry takes care of all our first time visitors. Pray that at least 600 visitors would connect to the Church through Plug-In and become regular attendees. Pray for the training of 40 guides to assist them with this process.

##### 3. Marriage Ministry:

- **PMCC (Premarital counselling classes):** This ministry provides counselling for pre-wed (those engaged) and post-wed couples. Pray that 5 married couples will be raised and trained to counsel the couples going through PMCC, and that at least 30 couples will successfully complete the class this year.
- **SMCC (Special marital counselling classes):** Couples in 'come-we-stay' relationships are counselled through this class that they may dedicate their marriages to God and renew their vows. Pray that at least 30 couples complete SMCC this year.
- **APEX Marriage Enrichment Weekend:** Every year Nairobi Chapel organises a marriage retreat which seeks to refresh, rebuild and strengthen the marriages in our congregation. Pray that at least 50 couples attend the October 2011 retreat. In addition to this, pray that 20 Couple Accountability/Bible Study Groups will be set up during the course of the year.

**Malachi 2:15** *“Has not the Lord made them one? In flesh and spirit they are his. And why one? Because He was seeking godly offspring. So guard yourself in your spirit, and do not break faith with the wife of your youth.”*

## **Day 9 (Tuesday, 18th January 2011)**

### **Focus: Pastor Jackie Othoro – E-Groups**

#### **Leadership training.**

In 2011 the E-group Department will be focusing on training E-Group Leaders. Pray for the development of a leadership model that will be used to equip our leaders as they shepherd the members of their groups. Pray for wisdom and discernment for the E-Group Pastor and her team as they seek God's face in appointing new leaders who will carry greater responsibilities. Pray for the mentoring system to be established among these leaders as part of their training, and that their training curriculum will be finalised and implemented as an effective tool of discipleship.

#### **Curriculum Development**

Curriculum development for the E-Groups is ongoing. The groups have witnessed great success with *Experiencing God* by Henry Blackaby as the first study in the curriculum and are looking forward to begin *Ombi – School Of Prayer* by Simon Mbevi as the next study. Pray that the 800 E-Group members will successfully complete *Experiencing God*, with clear transformation taking place in their lives. Pray also that the same members will successfully go through *Ombi* in 2011, becoming active and engaged prayer warriors. Pray for the creativity needed to develop the curriculum for evangelism.

#### **Pray for the Evangelism Initiative in the E-Groups**

Pray for boldness for E-Group members as they share their faith with those in their networks – family and relatives, friends, colleagues, neighbours and other social networks. Pray for deep relationships to develop in neighbourhoods so that the gospel of Jesus Christ may be shared effectively and contextually. As the groups think through the different events they will engage in, pray that they will depend on the power of the Holy Spirit to convict unto salvation.

**2 Peter 1:20-21;** *“Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things. For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.”* Pray that the Spirit would lead and guide His work in His servants.

## **Day 10 (Wednesday, 19th January 2011)**

### **Focus: Pastor Nick Korir – Youth (Club X-pressions/XP)**

#### **Curriculum Development – Crossroads & Vuma**

The Youth Ministry is developing a standard curriculum for the two transitional programs under the Youth Ministry – Crossroads (which includes *GUZA*) for the 12-13 year olds, and *VUMA* for the 17-19 year olds. Pray that the development of this curriculum would be Spirit-led and the Lord would grant discernment and wisdom for the team working on this endeavour. Pray for the 40 new volunteers who will be recruited and trained to teach in both the programs.

#### **High Schools Outreach – Adopt 10 High Schools**

10 High Schools situated in the communities surrounding Chapel are to be adopted as focus areas for outreach to youth in schools. The outreach will involve unconventional methods like sports outreach and assisting with the arts and drama in the respective schools. Prefect and student leadership training programs as well as a mentorship program that will involve “old boys and old girls” (alumni) of the respective schools will be started this year. Pray for the Lord's provision to facilitate all these initiatives as well as for dedicated men and women who would volunteer and own the programs. Pray for wisdom, discernment, creativity, leadership and resilience for those who will be involved.

### **Youth Plug-In to form D-Clubs**

Pray for the Youth Plug-In program (D-Clubs), as they re-brand and recruit X-expressionites with the aim of establishing inter-generational small groups that are discipleship focused and regularly meet in homes and schools. Pray that every X-expressionite would submit to a lifelong discipleship process as they join an active D-Club.

“God’s ultimate intention is to for you to rule your personal world and to partner with His other kids in ruling the world around you.” (*Authority in Prayer – Praying With Power and Purpose* by Dutch Sheets). Pray that this would be so for Pastor Nick as he leads the youth.

**Isaiah 55:11** “So is my Word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.” Pray that the Word of God will accomplish the prayers that you have prayed for X-pressions.

## **Day 11 (Thursday, 20th January 2011)**

### **Focus: Pastor Cathleen Rotich - Kinara Leadership Development Program and Human Resources**

#### **Kinara**

This is the Leadership Development Program at Nairobi Chapel that seeks to grow interns and pastoral trainees in different aspects of the ministries in church. The program also mentors them spiritually, in character and career development.

Pray for transformational ministry experience for every trainee that God would send to the program. Pray for the fortification of leadership gifts – that each trainee will realise their full leadership potential in Christ and step out boldly to be all that God has called them to be. Pray for Pastor Cathleen as she mentors, coordinates and shepherds trainees going through the program. Pray that she would have wisdom, insight, compassion and diligence.

Training and maintaining the trainees requires huge sums of money. Pray that God would provide the financial resources – KSh 15 million is needed every year to effectively implement all aspects of the program.

Pray for the 3 trainees in theological school and 3 more that are to be sent in September this year. Pray for the resources needed to make this a reality.

#### **Human Resources**

It is the desire of Nairobi Chapel to be a great place to work. Pray for Pastor Cathleen as she is the custodian of the human resources policies – for wisdom, understanding and diligence to implement them well.

#### **Writing Sabbatical**

This year, Pastor Cathleen is one of the pastors going away on a writing sabbatical. She will be looking to write curriculum for the Leadership Development Program. Pray for favour, insight and clarity through the writing process.

**Acts 20:32** “Now I commit you to God and to the word of His grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.” **John 5:25** “I tell you the truth, a time is and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live.”

## **Day 12 (Friday, 21st January 2011)**

### **Focus: Pastor Faith Mugeru – Social Justice**

#### **Church Engagement**

In an endeavour to bring collaboration between the ministries and the church members, pray for 200 skilled volunteers to give of their expertise in resource mobilization, management and development of programs in the various frontline ministries. Pray that at least 60% of the congregation will be engaged in community service and transformation through Chapel's Social Justice ministries. Pray for the two new frontline ministries that are still in the initial development stage.

#### **Jubilee Scholarship Fund**

Jubilee Scholarships are offered to children in our midst who are disadvantaged and cannot pay fees. Funds are raised through partnerships in the congregation, international partnerships and other activities (for example, a fund-raising golf tournament was organised last year). Pray that the Jubilee Scholarship Fund builds up to support 200 children and raise at least 250 mentors to directly interact with the scholars in the program. Pray for all the logistics needed for this to be achieved.

There is work being done towards engaging and developing a symbiotic relationship with Jamhuri Primary, Lenana School, Dagoretti High School and Precious Blood School for continued contact with our scholars in those schools, and to launch an Endowment Fund – KSh 5 million is needed to make this happen. Pray for an even more successful Jubilee Golf Tournament this year to raise funds towards this cause.

#### **Microbusiness Development**

This year, plans are underway to create a strategy that will allow mentoring and business skill transfer between micro-businesses in the communities around us and Chapelites' diverse business expertise. Pray that a Strategic Partnership Involvement will be established and a discipleship process through the inception of a Kiswahili Plug-In Experience. Pray for the establishment of Lending microfinance's/micro franchises who would give the expertise and capacity needed.

There are also plans to formalize a strategy on how each Frontline Ministry can develop multiple income generating streams and create an endowment of at least KSh 1 million each. To this end, pray for God's leading to establish an Advisory Board/Business Management Team of 5 Chapel Business People. The work of the board will be to create a strategy that speaks into areas of generating income while still aligned to social transformation.

***Deuteronomy 15:11;** "There will always be poor people in the land. Therefore I command you to be openhanded toward your fellow Israelites who are poor and needy in your land."*

## **Day 13 (Saturday, 22nd January 2011)**

### **Focus: Mrs. Jane Mungai - Finance And Administration**

Thank the Lord for Mrs. Mungai and the ministry she helps run in the finance and administration department. Mrs. Jane Mungai and her team have worked tirelessly in the past year to ensure that Chapel systems would become compliant through our Compliance Manager, Jim Hopkins.

In the year 2010, Deloitte & Touche was retained as Chapel's audit firm. Pray that the Audit/Management report will be ready in time for the AGM in April. Last year there was an increase in expenditure as the Lord added to the staff numbers and office space. Pray for an increase in finances to meet the financial obligations at the end of each month – pray the congregation will be generous in giving of tithes and offerings so that projected budget for this year is met.

New office space along Ngong Road was identified in 2010 with the objective of reducing spending on rented facilities. The plan is to move into the new offices by April. Pray for the provision of the finances for relocation to the new offices and for a smooth transition to these new offices.

The Finance and Administration ministry has in the past year been working on a Finance & Procedures Manual. Pray that all departments would have implemented the procedures and be compliant with at least 96% of all regulatory requirements by 30th June.

**Malachi 3:8-12 8** *“Will a mere mortal rob God? Yet you rob me. But you ask, ‘How are we robbing you?’ ‘In tithes and offerings. You are under a curse – your whole nation – because you are robbing me. Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,’ says the LORD Almighty, ‘and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it. I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not drop their fruit before it is ripe,’ says the LORD Almighty. ‘Then all the nations will call you blessed, for yours will be a delightful land,’ says the LORD Almighty.”*

### **Focus: Liz Kimondo – Prayer and Counselling**

**Rom 12: 1**, *“Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God – this is your true and proper worship.”* It is on the basis of this intimate relationship with God that people can then stand “between” Him and others, serving as intercessors on behalf of others – praying for them.

Today, if you may have grown lukewarm in your faith for various reasons e.g. disappointment because of unanswered prayer, betrayal by a loved one, loss of faith, lost your zeal and passion for the Lord ...whatever the reasons maybe, bring a confession before the Lord and ask Him to renew and revive you again. Begin a prayer journal and let this be the start of a new adventure with God leading and guiding you.

As the church has grown, the need to train and equip leaders has been realized. Pray that by the end of 2011, 12 leaders will have been trained and equipped for the Plug-In Facilitations and 8 leaders for ‘The Shield’ on Sunday (Chapel’s prayer tent). Pray that at least 60 prayer counselors will be equipped by year end. Pray for ownership and bonding amongst the prayer counselors, for commitment and discernment. Pray that the Lord would raise more labourers in the field of prayer and intercession. Pray that the congregation would own and join the prayers at the Shield on Sunday morning 9am, Tuesdays 12-1pm at the Hyperdome, and Tuesdays 6-7pm at Paresia Centre. Pray for the training resources needed and for large numbers to sign up for the training sessions. Pray that the Lord would raise for Himself men and women who will be committed to Him and His calling, men and women of integrity.

### **Counselling Ministry**

As the Lord has answered Chapel’s prayers and added to the congregation, the number of those required to give counselling and guidance has increased. The goal of counselling is found in **Colossians 1: 28**, *“He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ.”* Thank the Lord for the Counselling Ministry – pray that the Lord would raise up men and women who would serve wholeheartedly and without reservation to the cause of helping people deal and cope with the issues of life.

Pray for the Counsellors Training Season 1 set to start on January 23rd and run to March 26th, 2011. Pray for trainers and program logistics, as well as finances for the trainees. Pray that all who sign up would complete the training. Pray for the Counsellors Training Season 2 which begins in August 2011 and will be open to the whole church.

Pray for the set up of a counselling office and a hotline for tele-counselling (telephone hotline). Pray that enough volunteers will rise up to meet the counselling needs. Pray for provision and resources for this ministry.

**Ephesians 6:10-13** (The Armour of God), *“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armour of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armour of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.”*

## **Day 14 (Sunday, 23rd January 2011)**

### **Focus: Nairobi Chapel's Daughter Churches**

#### **Mavuno Central: Pastor Muriithi Wanjau**

Mavuno is grateful to God for 5 years of fruitful ministry during which He has blessed the church in ways far beyond what could have been imagined. Please stand with them in the following for 2011:

Through Life Groups, the plan is to 'invade' Nairobi through prayer, care and the sharing of the Christian faith. Please pray that many in the city will experience the love of Christ through this witness

Pray for growth and impact for Mavuno Kampala, which began in May 2010. This year, there are plans to start churches in Lusaka and Berlin. Pray that these will begin as planned. Also pray for the several planned mission trips to Dar es Salaam and Kigali, where the hope is to plant churches there next year.

**Matthew 9:37** "... The harvest is plentiful but the labourers are few ..." Pray that God will bring gifted people of high integrity and with a passion to reach the un-churched, to serve as pastors over the existing congregations as well as upcoming church plants. Pray that great interns will be found from the nations where Mavuno plans to plant churches. Also pray for synergy, love, protection and unity of heart for the staff team in serving together.

Mavuno's mission, 'Turning Ordinary People into Fearless Influencers of Society' entails training the congregation to have impact in every sector of society. Pray that God will cause the church to be increasingly more effective in raising leaders who are directly impacting business, politics, governance, education, media, the arts, etc. for the Kingdom.

Pray for Mavuno to own land that can be developed as a worship venue for Mavuno Central and also for a venue for Mavuno Mashariki, which has outgrown its current venue.

#### **Lifespring Chapel: Pastor Bob Kikuyu**

Pray that the attendance will increase to 600 and that 350 will be disciplined through LIFE foundations to connect with LIFE at Lifespring Chapel. Pray that meaningful relationships will develop through Lifegroups (small groups) and that there will be an increase of Lifegroups to 40 by the end of the year.

Pray for increased involvement of those who are disciples and grow up to 200 leaders of various ministries. Pray that many will grow in the stewardship of their skills and recourses as the giving of the church increases. Pray for the Elders' Court, pastors and volunteer leaders.

Pray for the growth of the facilities and the beginning of building of the ministry centre – for the administration and Sunday School blocks to be ready in the coming year. Pray also for the Church plant in Syokimau – that the identified land in Syokimau will be acquired, and the move to the new land will be successful.

Pray for the growth of the Church plant in Syokimau as part of the mission from the current 50 to 150 in the coming year. Pray for the next church being planted in Utawala – pray for a core group that will drive this process.

**Ephesians 4:1-3**, "As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace."