

# FRIDAY ASIA



## India/Bangladesh Fellowship East Asia Fellowship

Before the year 2000 Hong Kong will have been returned to China. While this event is foremost in the minds of most of the population the Church continues its work in faith and the B.B. plans for the future. While China has become more open to the world and the Church has more freedom, for many life is not easy in a communist country.

B.B. Singapore has implemented new plans for development and already there is an increase in the number of Companies. Help continues to be given by Singapore to the new work of 'Putra Pengabdian' in Indonesia and help has been promised to Malaysia where the B.B. still hopes to appoint full time staff.

In India the work of Junior Ministry continues to develop. The work is in the Arcot Lutheran Church and the Tamil Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tamil Nadu State but it is hoped to extend it into other denominations.

In Asia, Christianity is very much a minority religion although in many countries the work of the Church especially in service to the community is highly regarded.

**READING:** Psalm 98. God the Ruler of the World.

### PRAYER:

God, our Father we praise you for all that you have done for us, your children. You have given us life and you have provided us with means to sustain it. You have given us minds and wills so that we might be free to make our own decisions. We know that we have used our wills to turn away from you but you have given us Jesus Christ to be the one to bring us back. You have given the Holy Spirit to be our guide and friend.

We thank you for those who teach us about you and pray for those who do not know you. Today we think of millions of people in Asia and we thank you that there are those who faithfully witness to your love in situations of opposition and indifference. Bless the work of The Boys' Brigade, the Junior Ministry, Putra Pengabdian and use them to make known the redeeming work of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

AMEN.

# SATURDAY THE PACIFIC



The triennial meetings of the Pacific Regional Fellowship take place in Samoa in September 1987. A conference with Church representatives will be held just before the meetings to discuss the relationship between The Boys' Brigade and the Churches.

David Head from Australia went to Papua New Guinea (PNG) with his family early in 1987 to act as liaison officer and to help local leadership to make plans for the future development of the work.

The Pan Australian Camp in Adelaide in January 1987 had 700 participants from all over Australia as well as representation from New Zealand, PNG, Cook Islands & U.K. From 30th December 1987 to 8th January 1988 New Zealand will be having a national activity camp — Canterbury Challenge. Invitations have gone to all member bodies of the World Conference to send representatives.

David Carr, the full time PRF Secretary is based in Wellington, New Zealand but keeps in contact with Australia, PNG, and the islands both by correspondence and by visits. In New Zealand he promotes the work by means of 'road shows' and visits to the different battalions.

During January 1987 the Cook Islands were devastated by hurricanes and although major damage was done to buildings no lives were lost.

**READING:** Luke 11 v 1-9. Jesus' Teaching on Prayer.

### PRAYER:

Our Creator and Father, help us to accept the mysteries of your creation and give thanks for all its wonder. In the wide expanse of the Pacific we are aware of the division of time as the international dateline is crossed but we know that you are not bound by time. We know that your love also is unbounded as you gave Jesus Christ your Son for us. Help us to accept that love and to spread it abroad to those around us.

Bless the work in the Pacific Regional Fellowship especially in the scattered islands of the ocean and in the towns and villages of Papua New Guinea. In Australia and New Zealand where people come from many other lands give tolerance and friendliness especially in the work among young people that the stranger may feel welcome and respond to Christ's love shown by others.

AMEN.

# THE WORLD CONFERENCE



## Week of Prayer

This folder is purposely undated as it is used at different times of the year in different parts of the world. The majority of countries will use it during the week 25th - 31st October in 1987. The information which is prepared in April each year can be supplemented with more up to date information sent to national secretaries.

### How to use this folder

- 1 Share with all of the young people in your Company or group.
- 2 Translate into your local language where necessary.
- 3 Involve your Church by asking your minister or pastor to use it in a Church service.
- 4 Use the blank page to include a list of local topics for prayer.

Please let us know if you have found this folder useful.

### THE WORLD CONFERENCE PRAYER

In a world in which there is so much hunger  
we give thanks for food;  
In a world in which there is so much loneliness  
we give thanks for friends;  
And in a world in which there is so much to do  
we ask for strength to spend  
ourselves in Christ's service.  
AMEN.

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# THE WORLD CONFERENCE



# A WEEK OF PRAYER

*in which we reach  
up to God and  
out to each other*

THE WORLD CONFERENCE of The Boys' Brigade, Ansgarsförbundet, Frivilligt Dreng og Pige Forbund, Poikien Keskus, Neenah Menasha Boys' and Girls' Brigade, United Boys' and Girls' Brigade of America and Junior Ministry, India.

## SUNDAY OUR WORLD FAMILY



THE WORLD CONFERENCE is the co-ordinating body for seven youth organisations with work in some sixty countries and a concern not only for almost half a million young people in membership but also for those who do not have the opportunity for physical, educational, social and spiritual development.

With the aim of advancing Christ's Kingdom among the youth of the world the World Conference works through ten regional fellowships which send representatives to the World Conference Committee meeting every three years. The next meeting is in Northern Ireland in September 1988. In between meetings a small standing committee receives reports of the work, prepares business and supports the Secretariat.

The Secretariat consists of Stewart McCullough, Executive Secretary and Hendra Bannerman, Administrative Assistant, located in Belfast; David Green, Development Projects Officer and Della Leyshon, working for one year on promotional and publicity material, located at Nuneaton and Raymond Bray on part time secondment as Treasurer located in London.

The Secretariat among other things is responsible for keeping in touch with the members by correspondence and by publications. This helps to draw the world family together so that they can share in each others successes and problems. From time to time international workshops are organised. In 1987 in October a three week workshop for full time staff and key people from around the world is being held in Denmark.

**READING:** 1st John 3 v 11-18. Love one Another.

### PRAYER:

Our Lord and Father who has set us in families so that we might have the love and support of others, bless our world family and grant that we may not only receive benefit from our membership but also give support and encouragement to our brothers and sisters around the world.

Bless the Secretariat as they seek to serve us and provide for us.

Grant that your Holy Spirit may guide those who arrange workshops and conferences and that those who attend may be helped and encouraged so that the work of advancing Christ's Kingdom may go forward around the world.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

## MONDAY THE AMERICAS



### North America Fellowship Western Caribbean Fellowship Eastern & Southern Caribbean Fellowship

In the Caribbean, leadership is the problem which prevents development. Because of lack of employment on many islands potential leaders migrate to America or elsewhere. In 1988 a party of young leaders from Europe will join with a similar number from the Caribbean to enjoy each others fellowship and culture and to take part in some practical leadership work.

The B.B. is found in over twenty different islands and countries in and around the Caribbean. These include Dutch islands, French speaking Haiti and Saint Martin, American Virgin Islands as well as many Commonwealth territories. In some of the smaller islands there is only one B.B. Company which makes contact with others difficult.

Tom Hoare is Director of the Neenah Menasha Boys' & Girls' Brigade in Wisconsin U.S.A. which has had increasing contact with other member organisations of the World Conference. The UBGBA, mainly on the West Coast of America, is growing and Brigade Canada, now a boys and girls organisation, keeps hoping for the breakthrough which will result in expansion.

Work continues to go well on the island of Bermuda in the Atlantic.

**READING:** Isaiah 40 v 1-11. Words of Hope.

### PRAYER:

Heavenly Father we know that through your Holy Spirit we can receive strength to overcome the difficulties of life which surround us. Grant today the strength that is needed by those who suffer in the Caribbean because of difficult economic problems. Where there is hunger or lack of the necessities of life give success to all who work to change these situations. Help those who provide skills training for young people and provide them with the necessary resources.

In America and Canada, lands of plenty, help those who would provide for the moral and spiritual needs of young people. Grant not only numerical growth in the membership of the Christian organisations but also an increasing number of young lives committed to the service of your Son Jesus Christ in whose name we pray.

AMEN.

## TUESDAY AFRICA



### West Africa Fellowship East & Central Africa Fellowship Southern Africa Fellowship

A continent of great problems but also of great opportunities. Africa is seldom out of the headlines - war, famine, refugees, racial and tribal strife. Even with all the suffering the Church of Jesus Christ is growing rapidly and with it the work of The Boys' Brigade. Nigeria now has a membership of 80,000. Uganda has over 300 Companies. Many new leaders have been trained in Kenya.

The needs of young people in Africa are great with survival often being a top priority. In Nigeria a large skills training programme is being undertaken in a number of centres to give young people the opportunity of preparing to support themselves. A national projects officer is co-ordinating the efforts. A programme based on agriculture is operating at Kaniki in Zambia where a new hostel for trainees has been opened. Zimbabwe, Ghana, Uganda all hope to proceed with similar schemes.

In Southern Africa in Lesotho help has been given with further training for leaders. In South Africa B.B. work continues despite the increasingly difficult situation.

Most countries in Africa suffer from serious economic situations which tend to get worse as the developed countries of the world become richer. This places heavy burdens on the Church and The Boys' Brigade as they struggle to be self supporting.

**READING:** Psalm 34. Praising God in Prayer.

### PRAYER:

We thank you, our Father that there are no problems too great for you, that you are with those who suffer and you have concern for those in need. Help, we pray, the hungry, the refugees, the victims of violence and war in Africa. Bless all who work to relieve suffering and to bring peace. We remember the work of relief organisations and especially those who work in the name of Jesus Christ.

Grant to the Church in Africa an even greater vision of your kingdom and help the leadership as they struggle to take the opportunities for witness and service presented to them. Bless the work of The Boys' Brigade and especially the full time organisers often working under difficult circumstances.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN.

## WEDNESDAY EUROPE



The European Fellowship meets every year and organises two events, one for young leaders and one for seniors. The Easter event in 1987 was in Finland hosted by Poikien Keskus (Christian Boys' Association). In July and August there will have been national camps in Sweden (Ansgarsforbundet) and Finland and in Wales Campus '87 will have taken place.

At all of these events many young people will have had the opportunity to share in culture and fellowship with each other, to think about the world in which they live and to contribute to better international understanding.

Young people in Europe are fortunate in that they can travel relatively easily to meet each other.

The Boys' Brigade in the United Kingdom has been involved in special schemes with government in creating jobs in areas of high unemployment and in the Republic of Ireland where most Companies are small because of a scattered population the work continues to make a valuable contribution to the life of the Church.

The Danish FDF/FPF have continued their interest in international affairs and after a very successful project on Bangladesh are now involved in a project in Madagascar.

**READING:** Ecclesiastics 4 v 1-16. Injustice in the World.

### PRAYER:

Grant, O God, to all of us a better understanding of our brothers and sisters in other countries. Help us to realise that while we may have different concepts and ways of thinking we are all made one in you. Give to us all the ability to share with others your love for us so that we may be able to live in peace one with another.

We pray for Europe which for so long took Christianity to the rest of the world. Grant that the Church of your Son Jesus Christ may once again be strong there and that it may be open to receive from the young Churches in other countries of the world something of what you have revealed to them through your Holy Spirit.

Bless all the members of the European Fellowship and give them success and encouragement in the events they hold each year. Where change is needed in organisations grant wisdom to those in leadership and give to all a unity of purpose in advancing Christ's Kingdom.

AMEN.

## THURSDAY FULL TIME STAFF



Around the world full time staff work organising, developing and administering the different organisations and national councils. It is difficult to give an up to date list of all of them because of the time lapse between writing this prayer folder and it being distributed and used, however, here are some of the staff for whom we should pray —

Tom Hoare, U.S.A.	Joselyn Chambers, Jamaica
Daniel Fei, Ghana	Nanchang Nanyak, Nigeria
Friday Akpan, Nigeria	Timothy Adara, Nigeria
John Bagorogoza, Uganda	James Kikaffunda, Uganda
William Kithara, Kenya	Dennis Mugala, Zambia
Andrew Banda, Zambia	David Head, Papua New Guinea
Sarayi Sithole, Zimbabwe	Martin Chitsiko, Zimbabwe
Gabriel Tjea, Lesotho	Gerald Walker, UK & Ireland
Erik Hubertz, Denmark	Christer Swahn, Sweden
Mikko Lannenpaa, Finland	Neethidoss Nimalan, India
Edmund Williams, India	Chan Ka-yiu, Hong Kong
John Gowman, Australia	David Carr, Pacific RF
	Mike Hoare, New Zealand
	Lim Khay Tham, Singapore

Also the many other field and administrative staff around the world.

**READING:** Romans 12 v 1-21. Life in God's Service.

### PRAYER:

Our Lord and Father who gives to all his children gifts and talents, today we pray for all those in our organisations responsible for administration. Equip them for the work they undertake. Give to them dedication, patience and vision as they motivate and encourage others and help them when they feel lonely or insecure.

Grant us all the enthusiasm and loyalty required to make our organisation the best so that others may wish to join and enjoy the benefits we receive. Help us to be unselfish in our service of others and of you as we remember what Jesus Christ has done for us. Make our presentation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ clear so that others may give their lives in service to him.

AMEN.