

FRIDAY ASIA



India/Bangladesh Fellowship
East Asia Fellowship

In **Hong Kong** the Kwai Hing Children's and Youth Centre run by the B.B. continues to provide a service to the community. Opportunities of presenting the gospel in talks, discussions and music are taken at Christian Camps where there is always plenty of fun and fellowship.

B.B. Singapore also runs a community centre at its headquarters and encourages service to others through events like its National Day Thanksgiving Carnival. The number of Companies is increasing and now stands at over 40. Help has been given to **Indonesia** in setting up Putra Pengabdi an organisation in the Methodist Church in Medan.

The Junior Ministry in Tamil Nadu state in **India** provides for both girls and boys. It is hoped that the work will expand into other areas in the future as other Churches see the value of the work among the young people.

In **Malaysia** Beriged Putera (B.B.) has produced plans for their full-time staff project and hope these will soon bear fruit. It has been difficult to get news of the work which was started in **Bangladesh** a few years ago but we hope some of it still survives.

READING: Isaiah 58 v 6-11. Making a just world.

PRAYER:

We thank you Father for the witness of The Boys' Brigade, Junior Ministry and similar organisations in Asia where Christians are in a minority. Let their light shine brightly so that others seeing their work will ask "Who is this Jesus?" Grant that your Holy Spirit may guide in responding to such questions so that your truths may be given in love.

Bless young people where there are great pressures and temptations to turn to drugs. Give strength through friendships and fellowship which centre on you and help leaders to be sympathetic toward those at risk.

We pray for Church leaders that they may be given wisdom in their relationships with governments. Bless especially the young people of Hong Kong as they live in uncertain times. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN.

SATURDAY THE PACIFIC



The PRF Secretariat and Management moved from New Zealand to Australia at the beginning of 1988 and John Gowman has become part-time Secretary on retirement from his Australian and New South Wales posts.

The Boys' Brigade in **Australia** has a particular interest in **Papua New Guinea** where David Head has been Liaison Officer for over a year encouraging the work and preparing training literature. The number of Companies has grown although the setting up of a national structure is difficult because of the size of the country and high cost of travel.

Work is also growing again in **Samoa** and **Tonga** which have close relationships with New Zealand. **New Zealand** had a very successful Camp 'Canterbury Challenge' with over 800 participants. In the North Island the training and conference centre near Auckland is well established and Wellington Battalion are developing their Camp Site.

READING: Mark 12 v 41-44. Costly giving.

PRAYER:

Our Father who has created the great oceans of the world we remember today those who live on islands of the Pacific both great and small. We thank you for those who risked their lives to carry the good news of Jesus Christ in the past and for those who have passed it on from generation to generation.

Give to the young people of today the same faithfulness to Jesus Christ. Help them as they grow up in an ever changing world to hold on to the good in their traditions and to add what your Holy Spirit reveals to them.

Encourage those on small and lonely islands as they carry on the work among young people and draw us all together as a great family around the world in your worship and praise.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
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 23rd-29th October in 1988. 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 Drenge 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



Many young people in our organisations are unaware that they are part of a worldwide family. We call ourselves The World Conference because the body brings together seven similar youth organisations so that we can discuss, communicate, meet and share with each other our faith in Jesus Christ, our problems, our successes and our resources.

The largest and oldest member of our family is The Boys' Brigade found in over 50 countries. The youngest is the Junior Ministry in India which became a member in 1982. Ansgarsforbundet in Sweden, FDF/FPF in Denmark and Poikien Keskus in Finland are Lutheran organisations which have a long history of friendship and co-operation with each other and with The Boys' Brigade. The United Boys' and Girls' Brigade of America and The Boys' and Girls' Brigade of Neenah-Menasha (USA) have their roots in The Boys' Brigade.

As organisations helping young people to grow spiritually, physically, socially and educationally we have much in common. We are members of the family of Jesus Christ - the Church. We exist for others and in all our work we should reflect the love of Christ.

We have a great responsibility as a family to have concern for each other and for those outside of our family. The World Conference gives us the opportunity to share through literature, projects, exchanges, international camps and conferences.

READING: 1st Corinthians 12 v 14-27. One Body.

PRAYER:

We thank you our Father for the energy and enthusiasm of young people. Help us in our organisations to use these gifts for the benefit of each other. Draw us together as a worldwide family caring for each other, seeing each others needs and helping each other.

May the love of Jesus Christ, your Son, fill our lives and spill over to others. Keep us from being selfish and help us to use all the gifts you have given us in the service of others.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN.

MONDAY THE AMERICAS



North America Fellowship Western Caribbean Fellowship Eastern & Southern Caribbean Fellowship

Due to take place in the **East and Southern Caribbean** in July '88 was a joint event with young leaders from Europe. Plans are in hand to appoint an Area Co-ordinator for the region to encourage and develop the work. Last year the **Western Caribbean** held a successful Camp in the Bahamas.

Reports from **Haiti** indicate that despite the political and economic problems in the country the B.B. is progressing. It is hoped that a local organiser will be appointed soon.

In **Jamaica** the skills training workshops have had difficulties because of lack of finance but steps have been taken to raise funds and it is hoped to appoint another staff member to visit and encourage the Companies.

Two new Companies of the UBGBA have been started in Maryland, **U.S.A.** and the work of the B.B./G.B. in Neenah Menasha continues to go well with their Campsite at Lake Onaway being put to good use. The Toronto Battalion of Brigade **Canada** hope to improve and make more use of their Campsite.

The B.B. in **Bermuda** continues to flourish and has participated in community programmes.

READING: Matthew 25 v 31-46. Christ is our neighbour.

PRAYER:

Father we pray for North America which so easily influences the lives of young people in the Caribbean through television, economic pressures and politics. Help political leaders to use their influence for good. We pray also for those in the Caribbean and South America who through drug trafficking influence young lives in North America. Help them to see the evil and suffering they bring.

Bless all who try to help young people both rich and poor, deprived and affluent, to live in the way of Jesus Christ. Give to them compassion and concern and guide them by your Holy Spirit. In Jesus name we pray.

AMEN.

TUESDAY AFRICA



West Africa Fellowship East & Central Africa Fellowship Southern Africa Fellowship

In West Africa efforts have been made to extend and strengthen the work in **The Gambia** and the **Ivory Coast** with the help of Nigeria and Ghana. In **Nigeria** the growth of B.B. continues with latest membership figures at 86,000. In December 1988 a Camp is being held to mark B.B. Nigeria's 80th Anniversary. Skills Training projects are operating in six centres with training being given in welding, woodwork, mechanics, typing, weaving etc. **Ghana's** plans to have a new headquarters are still in the process of being developed.

Uganda has produced an ambitious rural development programme to intergrate the present Company skills training efforts into a wider scheme.

Further training courses have been held in **Kenya** and the number of Companies has increased.

In **Zambia** Leif and Margit Fink of Denmark have completed their two years of service at Kaniki and the centre now has good buildings. Andrew Banda the agriculturist has completed a course in Denmark.

Zimbabwe with two full-time organisers has a growing work but because of drought the international Camp had to be moved to Harare.

The B.B. in **South Africa** has been helping with Officer training in **Swaziland** where the work has grown rapidly. B.B. South Africa celebrates its centenary in 1989.

READING: Matthew 25 v 14-27. All have talents.

PRAYER:

Eternal God you have made all people like you so that even though we have difference of race and tribe, customs and culture, we have a common Father. Help us to live together as your children and forgive us where we have put our differences before our togetherness.

Bless Africa with all its problems of hunger, poverty and conflict. Help those who bring the good news of Jesus Christ and relieve suffering. Bless the work of The Boys' Brigade and guide those who develop programmes to help young people grow in body, mind and spirit.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN.

WEDNESDAY EUROPE



The Boys' Brigade in **Ireland** has been celebrating its Centenary in 1988 and in September will have hosted the triennial meetings of the World Conference Committee and a Young Leaders Workshop and Council meetings for Officers from the **United Kingdom** and Ireland. Brigade House, Parsons Green has been sold and new offices have been bought in London.

The FDF/FPF **Denmark** introduced a new national Camp for junior members this year and an International Project for Madagascar.

Ansgarsforbundet, **Sweden** had a wet but successful camp last year and hosted the Easter Event for young leaders in 1988.

Poikien Keskus, **Finland** also had a national Camp in 1987 and participated in the European Fellowship events.

The European Fellowship is fortunate that it can have annual meetings and has received help from the European Youth Foundation in running events which contribute greatly to international relationships and developing understanding among young people.

READING: Psalm 96. The Lord is King.

PRAYER:

Gracious Father as we look at the nations of the world and see how men and women struggle for power and position help us never to forget that the Lord is King. Grant that He may be king of our lives and that we may put Him above all other things.

We pray for young people growing up in Europe which has still so many opportunities to influence other parts of the world. Give to them a sense of responsibility and remove any feelings of superiority. Help them in the midst of materialism to recognise and seek the gifts of the Spirit.

Bless the organisations in the European Fellowship and draw them closer together in the efforts to challenge young people with the Gospel of your Son, Jesus Christ.

AMEN.

THURSDAY FULL TIME STAFF



The number of full-time staff around the world is too many to name them all but we can give you some names of people with responsibility for a number of other people or working alone in difficult situations.

Nanchang Nanyak, Timothy Adara (Nigeria); Daniel Fei (Ghana); John Bagorogoza, James Kikafunda (Uganda); William Kithara (Kenya); Dennis Mugala, Andrew Banda (Zambia); Sarayi Sithole, Martin Chitsiko (Zimbabwe); Gabriel Tjea (Lesotho); Lim Khay Tham (Singapore); Chan Ka Yiu (Hong Kong); Edmund Williams, Neethidoss Nimalan (India); Mike Hoare (New Zealand); Ken Evans, Brian Prangnell, Gordon Wallace (Australia); David Head (Papua New Guinea); Joselyn Chambers (Jamaica); Tom Hoare (USA); Sydney Jones (U.K. and Ireland); Erik Hubertz (Denmark); Mikko Lannenpaa (Finland); 'New Person' (Sweden).

Remember also other full-time staff especially in your own country - field officers, office staff, depot staff etc., - each important for the smooth running of your organisation.

World Conference Secretariat - Stewart McCullough, David Green, Raymond Bray, Hendra Bannerman.

READING: John 15 v 1-17. Love one another.

PRAYER:

Father, you have given to us all different gifts and talents. Today we pray for those in our organisations who work in positions of leadership and administration. Help them to remember daily the purpose of their work and help them to look to the Holy Spirit for guidance and inspiration.

We thank you for the bonds of friendship that have been built up in conferences and meetings. May there be a great desire to work in harmony with one another. Where there are tensions and difficulties give wisdom to those who mediate.

Grant that all service given may be worthy of Jesus Christ your Son.

AMEN.