



2015

GIRLS' BRIGADE

PRAYER WAVE &

WALKATHON

Girls' Brigade celebrating 122 years of mission, 1893 – 2015.

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Welcome to the GB Prayer Wave 2015 and Walkathon 122

Grasp the Vision: Live the Mission – BE EXPECTANT

GB International World Day of Prayer – 10 June 2015

Ensure your country and companies are involved in this year's Prayer Wave on GB's International World Day of Prayer on 10 June (or on a suitable date that is as close to it).

GB's Prayer Wave 2015 resource enables you to pray with your fellow GB-ers from around the world for the different countries needs within our Fellowships. Prayer is powerful and it is one of the greatest privileges we have as Christians. When we pray, we open the door for God to come into our problems and situations and work on them. Prayer makes us partners with God.

This year's resource shares stories of transformation from ICGB, prayer requests from GB countries around the world and is also linked to the *Hope for Girls* resource (available to download for free on 15 April 2015). There is also information on GB's Walkathon for 2015. We encourage all countries to take part in this event which raises funds for the GIVEaGIRLaHOPEfund.

This resource has been published early this year so that we can focus not only on our GB International World Day of Prayer in June, but so that we can also become involved in other significant global days celebrating girls and women such as International Day of the Girl and International Women's Day – see pages 17-18.

Make sure every leader receives a copy of this so that all companies worldwide will be praying and walking together for girls in 2015. It is really important that you start preparing for these events as soon as possible, please don't leave it till the last minute.

Join the GB family online!

There are many ways which you can pray online with your GB global family.



[www.facebook.com/
girlsbrigadeworldwide](http://www.facebook.com/girlsbrigadeworldwide)



[@_GBWorldwide](https://twitter.com/_GBWorldwide)



www.gbworldwide.org

Will you join the Prayer Wave 2015 and Walkathon 122?

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Grasp the Vision: Live the Mission – BE EXPECTANT

EXPECTANT is the International theme for 2015. What does '**being EXPECTANT**' mean? 'Mr Google' tells us EXPECTANT is something marked by eager anticipation, being hopeful, having expectations, a person who desires something, being excited, anticipating, anxiously waiting, eager, apprehensive, in suspense, waiting or looking forward in expectation.

Have you grasped GB's vision to see 'Girls' lives transformed, God's world enriched' through all the different ways we work among girls and young women in our local communities and countries around the world? The best way to see this amazing vision come into being is by being committed to living out God's mission among the girls and young women we encounter! To do this we need to ask God's Spirit to grow in us an openness to be:

- **EXPECTANT** that He is at work through us as we share our desires for this next period of time in GB
- **COURAGOUS** in the ways we respond to God's call to serve Him in old and new ways that are really relevant to girls in our community
- **EMPOWERING** in our attitude to one another - allowing God's gifts to abound as we build one another up and release a new generation to be leaders and influencers in his mission NOW!

What is it that we desire for God to do through GB in our company, district, region or country in 2015?

What are the 'Because I am a Girl' statistics?

On some pages, you will see 'Because I am a Girl...' statistics and stories which highlight the gender injustice that women face across the world. For example, 70% of the one billion people living in extreme poverty are women and girls. 'Because I am a Girl' is an international campaign by the aid organisation Plan. The goal of the campaign is to promote the rights of girls and bring millions of girls out of poverty around the world. Statistics throughout this resource have come from the Plan website – www.plan-international.org.

We want to mobilise the GB world family to pray for girls and women inside AND outside GB. If we don't, who will?

How can I use the resource?

Here are some ideas about how you can make the most of the Prayer Wave 2015 resource:

Leaders

- Bless your leaders by printing an individual copy of this resource for them to use or ensure that they can access it via email or the internet
- Organise company, district or regional events to coincide with these special days
- Plan when you will do your Walkathon now and include it on your year's calendar. Check out pages 19-20 for more details.

Delight yourself also in the Lord and He shall give you the desires of your heart (Psalm 7:4).

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Girls

- Get your older girls to help plan a GB International party night for our International World Day of Prayer and use some of the creative prayer ideas to get your girls involved
- Use the 'Because I am a Girl...' statistics to educate your girls about the position of women across the world
- Encourage your girls to ask their friends and family to sponsor them for their Walkathon.

Church family

- Make sure that your chaplain has a copy and encourage the church to become involved
- Leave some copies of the GB Prayer Wave in a prominent place in your church and encourage GB supporters to join in with the wave of prayer
- Print out the front page of the booklet and place it on the notice board in your church
- Encourage church members to donate money to the Walkathon... and even join in!

Who created the Prayer Wave 2015 resource?

The GB Prayer Wave 2015 resource has been compiled by GB u30 leaders co-ordinated by Jennifer Box, IVP Pacific, who also compiled the Walkathon section. The Prayer Wave has been designed by Claire Rush, IVP Europe. Natalie Lawrence (Africa), Virene Azarcon (Asia), Ayana Graham (Caribbean & Americas), Fiona McFarlane (Europe) and Mary Mokoroa (Pacific) invited each of their countries to contribute specific prayer requests for the resource. Those who replied before the submission date are included. Please note that some entries have been edited due to space.

Pray for girls all year round!

There are many ways that you can pray for girls and women all year round – find out more on page 17. Get your GB group involved with International Day of the Girl on 11 October 2015 or International Women's Day on 8 March 2016. Or use GB's *Hope for Girls* resource throughout the year. You can find out more details on page 18.

**We wish you God's richest blessing
as we join together across the world
in prayer!**

Let the Prayer Wave ripple on!



So you must be ready because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him (Psalm 7:4).

9am – GB International

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Please pray for our new GB International team:

- Give thanks for the service, dedication and commitment of Ruth Chikasa (IP 2006-2014) for her faithful leadership for eight years. Thank God, too, for the work of our retiring treasurer Joyce Evans and outgoing IVP Yong Hua Thay (IVP Asia)
- Pray that the new international team may soon gel together as they lead GB in the next four year period
- Pray for our new President Vivienne Aitchison as she responds to God's calling to lead GBI at this time
- Pray that our new treasurer, Lynne Rogers may be granted wisdom as she seeks to help us find new ways of funding our work
- Pray that our two new IVPs - Poh Imm Tay (IVP for Asia) and Claire Rush (IVP for Europe) may soon feel part of the International team
- Pray that Jennifer Box (IVP Pacific), Hazel-Ann Hannaway Boreland (IVP for Caribbean Americas) and Priscilla Penny (IVP for Africa) may continue to bring their wisdom and experience to the President's Committee
- Pray for our Executive Director Ruth Gilson and those who administrate for us at our International Office that they may ensure the momentum of our work is maintained
- Pray for the practical arrangements for the President's Committee to be held in the UK in June and ask that the meetings may be proactive in moving forward the agenda agreed at ICGB 2014.

Please pray for the strategic goals agreed at ICGB 2014:

- Pray that ALL who lead in GB in different parts of the world may grow in their intimacy with Christ that we may all be alert to His word and open to His leading
- Pray that we may seek 'open doors' around the world where GB may step through and bring the gospel message to new groups. Pray that we may engage with new age groups, new countries, new people groups as relevant to the different cultural backgrounds in which we all work
- Pray for ways to ensure we use leaders of all ages and generations to share in this work so that experience is mingled with fresh eyes, tradition is tempered with cultural relevance and our 122 years of mission remains relevant to the 21st century
- Pray that we may continue to find ways to communicate effectively with our worldwide family. Ask for wisdom for those who oversee the publication of our new newsletter, for those responsible for our Facebook presence and for those charged with the upkeep of our web site that all may use their gifts wisely to spread the wonderful stories of transformation that are GB's story
- Pray that we may be expectant of God - expectant that he will work through GB to transform lives so that those around may see the reality of our vision 'Girls' lives transformed: God's world enriched'.

Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive that your joy may be full (John Ch.16:24).

10am - Pacific



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Info bubbles:

Girls' Brigade Pacific works in 10 countries providing fun and Christ-centred activities. The Chair of GB Pacific is Jennifer Box from New Zealand.

SPLASH CREATIVELY !

On a map of the world, identify the boundaries of the Fellowships and highlight the countries that have GB.



* FOCUS ON AUSTRALIA – BE EXPECTANT*

- October 2015 is our Triennial National Conference and election of National Office Bearers for the next three years; we are Expectant that God will work in the lives of those who attend as we *Gather, Grow and Go*
- In 2016 the GB International theme is Be Courageous and the older girls will be joining together for our National Fonomarae in January 2016 with the theme 'fearless'.

ICGB STORIES...

In 8th Perth GB, we're very excited about 2015. We are Expectant that GB is going to be more interesting and better organised. We will Grasp the Vision with the new GB Australia Programmes & changes to structure. We are Expectant that with these changes, our leaders will have the resources to make the 'work' of GB easier so we can concentrate on the girls in our care; we will see more girls coming to GB and making commitments to Christ; and that GB will continue to be relevant for our girls. Our Company is Expectant for a new and exciting 2015!

Corinna Farr from Australia.

* FOCUS ON NEW ZEALAND – BE EXPECTANT *

- For growth within all areas of GBNZ
- Praise God for the number of churches who are grasping the vision of our new Icons For Girls programme
- Youth Forum in Nelson in May
- GBNZ AGM in Wellington in June.



* FOCUS ON SOLOMON ISLANDS – BE EXPECTANT *

- Pray for Solomon Islands and growing number of teenage pregnancies
- Pray for other churches to form more companies
- Pray for the work of GB and its leaders
- Pray for the first ever training organized by BB Queensland and GB SI for South Seas Evangelical Church in Honiara.

In the **Solomon Islands**, a growing number of girls are being raped and abused. The most vulnerable group is girls from the age of 3 to 30. Girls are also God's creation. Girls are important in God's eyes. God has created man and women equally.

I know that there are girls out there and within Girls' Brigade who are victims and are frightened to voice their needs. As GB leaders we must find ways of helping and offer practical and spiritual support.

SPLASH ONLINE !

Share your favourite Bible verses on the Girls' Brigade Worldwide Facebook page and encourage others.



Because I am a Girl...

God has made us what we are, and in our union with Christ Jesus he has created us for a life of good deeds, which he has already prepared for us to do (Ephesians Ch.2:10).

11am - Asia

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Info bubbles:

Girls' Brigade Asia works in six countries and its mission statement is 'Reaching Out - Touching Lives.' The Chair of GB Asia is Poh Imm Tay from Singapore



SPLASH ONLINE !

Visit www.gbworldwide.org/where/asia and get to know more about GB Asia and be excited to see God at work!

SPLASH CREATIVELY !

Get a piece of paper and draw around your hand. Write a prayer for each of the fellowships in the outline of each of your fingers.



* FOCUS ON ASIA FELLOWSHIP - BE EXPECTANT*

- Deepening of GBAF officers in their relationship with the Lord that the GB ministry may be a sweet overflow
- Clear directions and deep convictions that will bring utmost glory to God as the newly-elected officers lead GBAF
- Expansion of God's Kingdom to the girls in different parts of Asia.

* FOCUS ON MALAYSIA - BE EXPECTANT *

- Pray for the GBM headquarters
- Pray for newly elected EXCO members for the term 2014 - 2016
- Pray for that new staff will help GB to move forward
- GB companies to grow in spirit, quality and quantity.

* FOCUS ON PHILIPPINES - BE EXPECTANT *

- For Davao Region as they host 5th Boys and Girls Brigade Philippines (BGBP) National Camp in Oct. 2015
- For the different Regional Councils to follow-up inactive member companies/schools and to invite and train more Christian schools.

ICGB STORIES...

First of all, I am so thankful to God and everyone else that was part of the International Conference of GB that I was given the privilege to join as a delegate. It was my first ICGB and it will definitely not be my last. The most interesting and memorable thing for me would be the fellowship we had. It is an eye opener to me as a leader in a fairly small company to know that there are so many other angels and disciples out there sharing God with the world. The talks I enjoyed the most were the evening sessions held by Kelly. Her words touched my heart in many ways that allowed me to understand myself and girls at a deeper level and inspired me to be better in my service.

Janice John from GB Asia.



There are six sessions exploring gender justice issues with teenage girls. Download it free from www.gbworldwide.org. Available after 15 April 2015.

For Christ's love compels us because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And He died for all that those who live should live no longer for themselves but for Him who died for them and was raised again (2 Corinthians Ch.5:14-15).

Noon - Asia

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Info bubbles:

Girls' Brigade Asia consists of six countries – Brunei, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand.



I love GB because we are family. We are a family of many generations working together in God's mission and ministry to see lives transformed & God's world enriched.

Grace Tiong & Catherine Tiew from GB Asia.

* FOCUS ON THAILAND – BE EXPECTANT *

- Pray for the continued work of GB in Thailand
- Pray for a way forward for the Young Men's Brigade.

* FOCUS ON HONG KONG - BE EXPECTANT *

- Thank God for opening doors of greater expansion of GB work. Pray for strength and faith to go for it
- Pray for preparation of heart for the next General Secretary of GBHK. May God's love and goodness be the abounding motivation for the support in GB work.

SPLASH ONLINE !

Some countries in GB Asia have their own Facebook pages. Why don't you join their online communities and help pray for their ministry? [GB](#)



ICGB STORIES.

I thank God for the privilege of being able to attend ICGB in Perth, Australia. Here are some 'take aways' for me to ponder, reflect and act upon.

- Making the main thing, the main thing
- Go deep (with God and people)
- Go and Grow/ Grow and go!

Perhaps what struck my heart the most is the challenge by Miss Hee Piang Chin on the four paradigm shifts that are needed if we are to be relevant for kingdom work in this present time and season:

- From **entertaining** to **equipping**
- From **customer** to **partners** in mission
- From **training** to **mentoring** & coaching
- From **organizational** mindset to **kingdom** mindset.

In conclusion, this ICGB has helped me see our GB Motto in a new light which is to:

Seek Him Expectantly,
Serve Him Courageously
Follow Him, Empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Lily Law from Malaysia.

Gender-based violence causes more deaths and disabilities among women worldwide, aged 15-44 than cancer, malaria, traffic accidents and war, and three million women across the UK experience rape, domestic violence, trafficking, forced marriage or other violence each year.

Because I am a Girl...

So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him (Matthew Ch. 24:44).

1pm - Africa



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Info bubbles:

Girls' Brigade Africa's mission statement is 'that all countries in the Fellowship will be equal partners and shall not neglect to network and meet together to share in each other's strengths and weaknesses, using their varied gifts and cultures for common good to be able to grow to full maturity in Christ.'

* FOCUS ON ZAMBIA – BE EXPECTANT*

- Prayer needed for the families of their departed leaders in Lusaka
- Prayer for guidance and strength for planning and preparation as the hosts of ICGB in 2018.

* FOCUS ON SOUTH AFRICA - BE EXPECTANT*

- Prayers for the Namakwaland Region which is a new Region that is starting seven new companies in the Northern Cape.
- Also needs prayer for the poverty stricken areas within South Africa and the high rates of women and children abuse
- Pray for committed GB officers in South Africa.

* FOCUS ON KENYA – BE EXPECTANT *

- Pray for a breakthrough on the GB Kenya structure, finances, extension, commitment and time management.

FOCUS ON UGANDA – BE EXPECTANT

- Pray for growth in GB Uganda that the two groups will keep on multiplying and that God will continue to bless the leadership and ministry
- Pray that more children would be able to get an education in Uganda.

ICGB STORIES...

Aimee Demingo from South Africa shares her experience of attending The Gathering in 2013 and ICGB in 2014.

To have been part of the first GB Gathering was truly AMAZING! It was my first GB International experience and it was truly 'transformation from the inside out'. I was able to listen and share stories of faith, trials and challenges with other girls. I can now actively go out into the world and be a drop in the ocean to bring some sort of change. The Gathering changed my life, my view of GB and most importantly my relationship with Jesus. I now know that I am called to be a light to the darkness. I am surrounded by amazing women who are rooted in Christ and have the same motto to Seek, Serve and Follow Christ.

With the changes made to my life, both from the Gathering and more recently ICGB, I am day by day, bit by bit growing an intimate relationship with God. Putting Jesus at the centre of it all is definitely a goal that I try to accomplish every minute of every day. A seed has been planted and my 'gardener' God will let it grow. I love seeing how the seeds God has planted in me, and through me planted in other girls, grow and evolve so they too can have an encounter with Him.

As Mother Teresa said, 'I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples'.



SPLASH ONLINE !

Join the GB Worldwide Facebook community and write a prayer online for GB Africa. #

Dina- a life transformed!

Find out how GB is transforming lives in Tanzania, including Dina's at www.gbworldwide.org.



For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil; To give you a future and a hope (Jeremiah Ch.29:11).

2pm - Africa

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Info bubbles:

GB Africa has 12 members including Botswana, Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, Malawi, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Swaziland, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe. The Chair of GB Africa is Priscilla Penny from Zimbabwe.

* FOCUS ON TANZANIA – BE EXPECTANT *

- GB Tanzania gives thanks that we have been able to do extension work into the new region of Shinyanga. Pray that in 2015 we may open GB in the Bukoba region, and that God will lead us to more regions
- Pray for students enrolled for 2015 at the GB Sewing and Handcraft Centre as we give thanks for our 6th year of operation
- Pray that we will be able to raise funds for the Africa Fellowship and International fees and that we will be able to send at least two delegates to the GB Africa Gathering to be held in Zimbabwe in December 2015.

* FOCUS ON ZIMBABWE – BE EXPECTANT *

- Pray for strength and patience as we are planning and hosting the Africa Fellowship Girls' Brigade Africa Unite Gathering in December 2015
- Pray that God may grow GB Zimbabwe and that he will equip more leaders
- Pray for the Government to open doors for GB so that it can fully operate in schools.



SPLASH ONLINE !

Find out more about GB in Africa by checking out this webpage – www.gbworldwide.org/where/africa.

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* FOCUS ON MALAWI – BE EXPECTANT *

- Pray for God to place an understanding of the Girls Brigade ministry upon the hearts of the leaders old and new
- Pray for Girls' Brigade to grow in Malawi and the passion of Girls' Brigade being passed on from officers to girls to the community.

SPLASH CREATIVELY !

Write the name of each of the 12 countries of the Africa Fellowship on a piece of paper. Fold it closed and put it into a container. Invite your GB group to individually pick a piece of paper and pray for the country written on it.



* FOCUS ON GHANA – BE EXPECTANT *

- Pray for children, who are forced to work on cocoa farms, quarries etc, street children, abused children, girls who are forced into early marriages
- Pray for the world, especially for Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea as we deal with the Ebola epidemic
- Pray that as we celebrate 60 years of GB in Ghana in 2015 that we would be more committed to our calling to evangelise girls and impact the lives of more girls.

Pray for Chibok girls.

On 14-15 April 2014, over 250 young women were abducted by terrorist group Boko Haram from a boarding school in Chibok, Nigeria. 219 girls are still missing. At least six of them are GB members.

Please continue to pray for all the young women including GB members – Deborah, Awa, Abigail, Grace Deborah & Esther – as well as their families.

GBI has created a creative prayer resource to encourage you to spend some time praying for these girls. You can download this resource from www.gbworldwide.org/projects/hope-for-girls/

* FOCUS ON NIGERIA – BE EXPECTANT *

- Pray that God should uplift the work of Girls' Brigade in Nigeria
- Prayer for the release of the Chibok girls captured by Boko Haram
- That God should intervene in the terrorist attacks in Nigeria and stop it.

Because I am a Girl...

This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it, for then you shall make it your way prosperous, and then you shall have good success (Joshua Ch.1:8).

3pm – Your group

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* FOCUS ON LEADERS – BE EXPECTANT *

- Give thanks to God for all leaders, past and present for their commitment & dedication to GB
- Pray that God will continue to bless them as they continue their work
- Pray for the empowerment, equipping and nurturing of emerging leaders
- Pray that we will see a generation of 'Esthers' rising up who are bold in their faith as the hands and feet of Christ in today's world.

* FOCUS ON THE CHURCH – BE EXPECTANT *

- Pray for the families of your girls, especially those who do not attend church. Pray that they would see how good God is through their child's involvement in GB
- Pray that the leaders in your church feel a greater sense of the potential of GB as a mission field to families in the local community
- Pray for encouragement and a strengthened support network from your church to allow the group to grow.

* FOCUS ON GIRLS – BE EXPECTANT*

- Give thanks to God for the girls and young women who are part of your GB weekly community. Remember them and their families in prayer – ask for protection and strength against the pressures that they face in their daily lives
- Pray that they would grow stronger in their faith and relationship with Jesus so that He can use them to be His mighty agents of transformation in their circles of influence.

SPLASH CREATIVELY !

Get your registration/enrolment book. Look at each name recorded in the roll. Each person is loved by God. Pray that this is a truth which becomes real in each person's life.



SPLASH ONLINE !

Think back to the person you were, how your life was, before you became a Christian and became involved in GB. Then reflect on the person you are today – the ways in which God has transformed your life. Thank God for what He's done. Perhaps as an act of worship you could share a few words on the Prayer Wave Facebook page stating how God has transformed you through Girls' Brigade or share these with other leaders and girls.



I'm more likely to be unable to read and write because I am a girl.
I'm more likely to have tears of sorrow (not tears of joy) on my wedding day because I am a girl.
I'm more likely to be missing from the face of the earth because I am a girl.

Girls' Brigade cares with and for this generation of silenced, oppressed, unloved, unseen, forgotten and under-valued girls and women across the world. God has used Girls' Brigade to give hope to many girls across the world by providing life skills, a caring family, and empowering them to understand 'life to the full'. Girls like Dina from Tanzania, the winner of the GB International photo competition 2014. Girls' Brigade has helped Dina to grow in her faith, gain an education, an income generating business, and a ministry in her own GB company. You can see her photo story on the GB Worldwide website.

GB wants to celebrate the value and potential of girls and women across the world as they're made in God's image. After all, that's what Jesus did.

Because I am a Girl...

Take delight in the Lord, and He will give you your heart's desires' (Psalm 37:4).
If this is God's promise to us (and it is), what is it that we are expecting Him to give us?

4pm – Europe



Info bubbles:

Pray for GB in England & Wales, Ireland, Kosova, Northern Ireland and Scotland.

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* FOCUS ON NORTHERN IRELAND – BE EXPECTANT *

- Thank God for the dedication of the hundreds of volunteers across NI who are making a difference in girls' lives every week
- Thank God for the service of the GBNI staff who moved on to pastures new in 2014 and for sending new staff to join our enthusiastic GBHQ team
- Ask God to guide and direct us as we pray for, discuss and agree our priorities for the next three years. Pray that we may agree an inspiring and shared vision that will focus on growing GBNI.
- Please pray for Fields of Life our partner in mission this year and pray for GB members who will participate in mission teams with Fields of Life in Africa.

* FOCUS ON KOSOVA – BE EXPECTANT *

- Thank God for the work and commitment of GB leaders in 1st Gjakova. Pray for God's continued blessings and encouragement in their lives
- Pray for the Christian Church that God may provide His people with protection, opportunities to share faith and resourcefulness to overcome barriers in this predominantly Muslim Society
- Pray for God's wisdom and discernment for GB Europe as it seeks to develop and work in the Balkan area.

SPLASH ONLINE !

Why don't you visit the up-to-date websites for more info?
GBEW – www.girlsb.org.uk,
GB Ireland - www.girlsbrigadeirl.ie,
GBNI – www.gbni.co.uk and
GB Scotland – www.girls-brigade-scotland.org.uk.



GB STORIES

Throughout the week during the evening worship sessions at ICGB, I was made to think about and appreciate the gifts I have been given. I don't know about you but I used to long to be musically talented and got jealous over how easily my brother could read music and has taught himself how to play numerous musical instruments. I realised I need to stop longing for what I don't have and appreciate and use what I do have to my full potential. I have been given these gifts, skills and talents for a reason; these skills are not any more or any less important than each of yours.

When Jesus chose the 12 disciples he didn't pick men that were rich, or men with extremely high IQs. He chose fishermen. 12 ordinary men to change the world, and they have done just that. God accepts us just the way we are. He looks for us, and he doesn't look past us to look for anyone better than us. As said in Jeremiah Ch.29:11: 'For I know the plans for you declares the Lord plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.'

I would like to take the opportunity to express sincere thanks and gratitude to GBNI for choosing and investing in me to go on this amazingly eye opening, once in a lifetime trip. It was a fulfilling experience and I learnt so much about other countries, issues facing girls worldwide and about myself. I have definitely come back with a stronger relationship with Christ and would recommend it to any girl that has a love for Jesus and the Girls' Brigade too, if given the opportunity, to take it.

Megan Noble from Northern Ireland.

Don't fret or worry. Instead of worrying, pray. Before you know it, a sense of God's wholeness, everything coming together for good, will come and settle you down. It's wonderful what happens when Christ displaces worry at the centre of your life (Philippians Ch.4:6-7).

5pm – Europe

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Info bubbles:

The leadership of GB Europe changed at ICGB, the IVP is now Dr Claire Rush. Vivienne Aitchison who was the previous IVP has now been commissioned as the International President for 2014 – 2018. Pray for both Vivienne and Claire as they take on these new roles.



* FOCUS ON ENGLAND & WALES - BE EXPECTANT *

- Please pray for our team of development workers who are aiming to start 55 new GB groups by March 2016
- Please pray for a growing attendance at our three leadership conferences in 2015, as we equip leaders to grapple with the challenges teenage girls navigate, such as healthy friendships, sexual relationships, and living free from harm.

* FOCUS ON IRELAND - BE EXPECTANT *

- Pray for all leaders and GB members across Ireland that their lives maybe transformed and they become followers of the Lord Jesus Christ
- Pray for all girls who are starting their lieutenants training this session, may God enrich their lives.

150 million girls and 73 million boys under 18 have experienced rape or other forms of sexual violence.

Every three seconds, another girl is forced to marry someone she doesn't want to.

Because I am a Girl...

* FOCUS ON SCOTLAND – BE EXPECTANT*

- As we give thanks for the new companies established in 2014 we ask God's blessing on the new and exciting work due to start in 2015 so that the work and witness of Christ becomes known to more girls and young women in Scotland
- God has blessed GB Scotland in so many ways and we ask that the 'roots and fruits' of GBS will grow and bear even more fruits for His Kingdom
- We pray for the GB Scotland family – girls, leaders, parents, chaplains and staff – in all that they do in his name to Seek, Serve and Follow Christ
- As work begins on new programme material for juniors and the development of a new leadership training programme we ask that Christ will walk beside us as we explore new ideas
- We pray for our 'Young People Taking the Lead' initiatives over the next two years so that our young women may come to the forefront of GB and develop their God given leadership potential
- Where there has been challenge and despair for some in GB we pray that there may be healing that gives rise to hope for the future. Where there has been anxiety and stress we ask for calmness of mind and strength of purpose. Let us not look back but live in the present and look forward to where God calls us in the future
- May the leaders of GBS be strong Christian women who are torch bearers for Christ and may that light shine into new places in 2015
- Separated by distance, language or culture but united by Christ who loves all we ask God to bless all in the GB International family in the year ahead.

SPLASH CREATIVELY !

Draw three circles in a 'bullseye' diagram. On the circle in the middle, write prayers for your neighbourhood. In the next circle, write prayers for your country and on the outside circle, write prayers for other countries.



Be cheerful no matter what; pray all the time; thank God no matter what happens. This is the way God wants you who belong to Christ Jesus to live (1 Thessalonians Ch.5:16-18).

6pm – Caribbean & Americas



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FOCUS ON JAMAICA – BE EXPECTANT

- We are grateful for acquisition of property and the continuous involvement and commitment of girls and officers
- Lord, we ask you to increase our numbers, bless camp preparations and continue to provide financial resources to do your will.

FOCUS ON BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS – BE EXPECTANT

- We thank Almighty God for the dedication of leaders, who are willing to go the extra mile
- We pray for girls of the BVI, their parents and leaders to continue to grow in their commitment to Seek, Serve and Follow Christ.

FOCUS ON TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO – BE EXPECTANT

Father God, we ask that our girls become grounded in their faith, may they become assets and not liabilities and may there be physical growth in companies.

MALALA YOUSAFZAI

See how girls from around the world are celebrating Malala's Nobel Peace Prize win.



<http://plan-international.org/girls/stories-and-videos/malala-one-girl-among-many.php>

Because I am a Girl...

Info bubbles:

GB Caribbean and Americas is divided by seas, but united in Christ in the mission of encouraging regional cooperation and advancement of Brigade for the transformation of the lives of girls and enrichment of the world around us.

Why I love GB...

My GB experience so far has been an extremely remarkable one. Girls' Brigade for me is a time when I can fellowship with my friends, learn about God and grow spiritually and also into an all rounded young woman. GB for me is where I help and encourage my peers and where the younger ones look up to me. GB is a time where I can demonstrate my leadership skills as well as be taught by older ones.

GB brings a sense of belonging. GB is a family; it is where you feel welcomed and loved. You know when you go to GB you will always have a wonderful time, especially if you are in a time of trouble; you can definitely lean on your sisters shoulders. Here we are: Girls' Brigade for Jesus.

Natalyia Lovell from Trinidad and Tobago.



Session #1: Girls' in the world today.

This session explores the opportunities and challenges of being a girl in the 21st century as well as the concepts of fairness and justice.

Download it free from www.gbworldwide.org

For we are co-workers in God's service, you are God's field, God's building (1 Corinthians Ch.3:9).

7pm – Caribbean & Americas



The Girls' Brigade Prayer Wave 2015

Info bubbles:

Girls' Brigade Caribbean & Americas consists of 16 countries. Hazel Ann Hannaway-Boreland is the Chair and International Vice President.

ICGB Stories...

Two emerging leaders, Shana Linwood-McLaughlin and Jennelle McLaughlin share their experiences of ICGB.

We both went to the conference with an open mind. As this was our first ICGB, we didn't know what to expect. After two long days of travel, we finally arrived in Perth where we were welcomed by the Aussie crew. Their bubbly charisma and excitement quickly permeated throughout the camp.

For one full week we found ourselves moving from breakfast, to morning worship, to spiritual lessons, to fellowship discussions, to evening worship and teatime. Lots of teatime! It was very exciting to experience the different cultures that exist in our Girls' Brigade family. This quickly opened our eyes and made us realize that we are part of a bigger family than just the one we have here in Cayman. We all share the same goals and aspirations, which are to see God's work enriched and girls' lives saved. To hear stories of how GB is growing and helping the communities they operate in was very encouraging. Being in a setting where we heard different languages, saw the variety of GB uniforms and just experienced the different ways we worship God, gave us the opportunity to see what Girls' Brigade is really like all around the world.

The stories they shared broke our hearts, lifted our spirits, and made us realize how blessed we are here in Cayman. For example, the officers and girls of the Solomon Islands shared their travelling experience, where sometimes they have to travel a week or more in order to arrive at another island for training sessions or camps within their fellowship. We were humbled by their story and came to the realization that our 25 hours of travelling was not so bad after all.

* FOCUS ON USA – BE EXPECTANT *

- We thank God for the restoration of our 1st Cambridge Company. Pray for their strength and stability
- We pray for the restoration of dormant companies, vision as leaders to fulfil the mission of GB and for our young leaders and emerging leaders.

* FOCUS ON ST MAARTEN – BE EXPECTANT *

Dear God, we pray for young women who followed the Lord in Baptism, our reach program, training of officers and restoration of dormant companies.

* FOCUS ON CAYMAN ISLANDS – BE EXPECTANT *

- We give God thanks for committed girls, parents, leaders and our community as they continue to serve and support us
- We pray for a growing awareness of and support for mental awareness and that all of our girls will see our GB companies as a place where they are safe and secure.



SPLASH ONLINE !

Write a brief prayer on the GB Worldwide Facebook page for GB Caribbean–Americas. Ask God to bless the leaders with safety as they travel long distances between companies.

Pregnancy is the leading cause of death for young women aged 15-19 in developing countries.

Because I am a Girl...

If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. James Ch.1:5-6.

8pm – Pacific



The Girls' Brigade Prayer Wave 2015

Info bubbles:

Girls' Brigade Pacific has 10 members – American Samoa, Australia, Cook Islands, New Zealand, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu. Its mission statement is that 'all countries in the Girls' Brigade Pacific Fellowship will be united and equal partners in caring, sharing and in teaching of each other.'

* FOCUS ON TONGA & TUVALU – BE EXPECTANT *

- Pray that doors will be opened for renewed communication with Tonga
- Pray that training will be made possible for the GB leaders in Tuvalu.

* FOCUS ON VANUATU – BE EXPECTANT *

- Pray for the GB Executive elected last year as they take over their new positions
- Pray for growth in membership
- Pray for finances to help Vanuatu with their GB work and to get to the PF Conference.

* FOCUS ON PAPUA NEW GUINEA – BE EXPECTANT *

- Pray for churches to open up for training
- Pray for GB girls to stay focused amongst many distractions
- Pray for the new leaders and their commitment to GB
- Pray for new ideas and initiatives for fundraising.

* FOCUS ON COOK ISLANDS – BE EXPECTANT *

- Cook Islands are celebrating 50 years of self governing in 2015. Praying that GB girls will be able to lead the celebration march
- Encourage girls and leaders to stay strong in their faith and teach the young ones GB knowledge so that future generations of leaders know what is expected of them in the future
- Encourage our Avarua GB for a better and exciting GB week next year since we are hosting it.

SPLASH ONLINE !

Do you have any prayer requests for your own GB group? Share them online on the GB Worldwide Facebook page.



65 million girls are missing from classrooms across the world. Internationally, one in five girls of lower secondary school age are not attending school.

Because I am a Girl...

ICGB Stories...

The impact of ICGB has made me rethink my perspective in life with GB and wanting to be a stronger leader.

My faith has heightened to a limit where I didn't want to come home; what we shared in ICGB was just overwhelming.

As a Christian I know that God will not abandon me and I will not forsake Him, He will always be in my life and in my heart (John Ch.3:16). This gives me pride to know that I am a sinner and I will fail, but we have a Saviour that has given us a second chance only when we believe.

Mary Mokoroa from Cook Islands.

SPLASH CREATIVELY !

We have now reached the end of the GB Prayer Wave 2015... but let's not stop. Hold your hands open in front of you and sit in silence for several moments, staring at them. Pray that your hands will be a physical representation of what you desire your heart to be. Ask God to help you remember and pray for your sisters in Christ.



Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Never rely on what you think you know. Remember the Lord in everything you do and He will show you the right way (Proverbs Ch.3:5-6).

What now?



The Girls' Brigade Prayer Wave 2015

The Prayer Wave 2015 may be over but there are still many ways which you can continue to pray for girls and women across the world throughout the year. Here are some ideas!

Individually:

- Use the GB Worldwide Facebook page to keep praying
- Sign up for the GB Worldwide e-newsletter and learn more about your GB family around the world (www.gbworldwide.org)
- Pray that Girls' Brigade will continue to be strengthened, not only as an organisation, but as God's mission that can make a real difference in the lives of so many. Let Girls' Brigade be 'a bridge' to girls, families and churches, in many different countries across the world
- Continue to look through this booklet and take the needs of the countries and fellowships to God. You can follow this up by looking on the websites of all five fellowships
- Thank God for His faithfulness, for all that He has already done through GB, and ask that He continues to pour out His Spirit in this way! Pray that His direction will always be at the centre of our paths - BE EXPECTANT.

Be creative:

- We hope the Prayer Wave 2015 resource gave you some new ideas for creative prayer. Why don't you use the creative prayer ideas with your girls?
- You could create prayer stations around your church on a GB night using the new ideas. Maybe you could invite church members to join in also and spread the word about the GB International family

In GB:

- You might even want to give each girl in your company an individual country to keep praying for. Lead everyone in a general group prayer, and then encourage them to pray quietly and individually about the country they have chosen. This would be great with your older girls!
- Have a theme night! Dress up, eat food, sing songs, learn dances and have lots of fun as you think about and pray for those elsewhere.

Use *Hope for Girls* to explore gender justice issues.

Hope for Girls was created by a group of Millennial 18-30s leaders who attended The Gathering 2013 in South Africa. One of the main themes to emerge from The Gathering 2013 was that this generation of Millennial leaders are passionate about being advocates for hope and justice. The *Hope for Girls* resource features stories and videos from across the world exposing the injustices that girls face - and empowering GB members to be part of transforming their world in positive ways. *Hope for Girls* is based around two principles: education leads to action, action leads to transformation.

You can download the resource for free from www.gbworldwide.org.

Let the wave ripple on!

What now?

The Girls' Brigade

Prayer Wave 2015



There are also a number of key global dates that we can celebrate and commemorate in GB throughout the year:

International Day of the Girl – 11 October 2015

In 2011 the United Nations declared 11 October as the International Day of the Girl to raise awareness about all issues concerning gender inequality around the world. It's a day when groups come together under the same goal to highlight, discuss and take action to advance rights and opportunities for girls everywhere.

What can you do?

- Take the opportunity to raise public awareness of the different types of discrimination and abuse that many girls around the world suffer from (The Hope for Girls resource is a perfect tool for this)
- Talk to your local communities and politicians about the importance of girls' rights to equal education and their fundamental freedom
- Incorporate a special prayer for girls in your church service – use the Prayer Wave resource to help you.
- Donate to projects that work to empower girls through education. Being in school keeps girls away from violence and emboldens them to make blows against injustice
- Read books, blogs and fact sheets related to empowering women and girls
- Didn't have the chance to do the Walkathon in June? Organise one for 11 October 2015 and raise money for GB's GiveAGirlAHOPE fund.

'Empowerment of and investment in girls are key in breaking the cycle of discrimination and violence and in promoting and protecting the full and effective enjoyment of their human rights.'

International Women's Day 2016 – 8 March 2016

International Women's Day is celebrated in many countries around the world. It is a day when women are recognized for their achievements without regard to divisions, whether national, ethnic, linguistic, cultural, economic or political. It is an occasion for looking back on past struggles and accomplishments, and more importantly, for looking ahead to the untapped potential and opportunities that await future generations of women.

Let's use this day to remember our beginnings and the women who have brought GB to where it is today. Are there leaders in your GB community that need to be acknowledged? You could use this day as an opportunity for publicity. You could run an event celebrating women to raise awareness for gender equality. Do a media interview. Whatever you do, celebrate women, call for equality and 'make it happen'.

Find out more at www.internationalwomensday.com.

Let the wave ripple on!



'During your times of trial and suffering, when you saw only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you.'

Let's get walking the world for girls with GB's Walkathon 122. The idea of this exciting initiative is three-fold. In our 122nd year GB will join together to:

- Raise awareness of issues and needs of girls all around the world
- Raise money for GBI's GIVEaGIRLaHOPEfund and other International projects
- Raise the profile of GB in local communities – let's celebrate 122 years of mission among girls.

What is the expectation of each country in regards to the Walkathon?

Each country is responsible for sending the information out to all companies, ensuring that everyone is aware of both the Walkathon and the Prayer Wave, and encouraging them to participate.

How does the Walkathon work?

Every GB member is asked to find people to sponsor them on a walk or something similar that can be measured. The girls need to get sponsors for what they are doing, these can be family, friends, church members, neighbours etc. The walk or event is a pre-determined distance based on the age and abilities of the participants.

As GB is now 122 years old we have used that figure as a pre-determined distance. For younger members they could walk 1.22 kilometres or miles, 12.2 kilometres or miles for our older members, or another option would be just to walk for 122 minutes – it is that simple.

Here are two examples of how this works:

1. Say the sponsored walk is 12.2 miles or kilometres. If a girl gets sponsorship of £1 UK per mile/km from five friends she will raise £12.20p from each sponsor = £61 in total.
2. Say the sponsored walk is for 122 minutes, girls could seek sponsorship per minute e.g. 1p per minute. If they complete the 122 minutes they would receive £1.22 from each sponsor and if they had five sponsors this would be £6.10 in total.

This is a very easy fundraiser where both International and local GB benefits.

When planning the route for your walk:

In order to raise awareness of the issues facing girls and women as highlighted throughout the Prayer Wave resource, you are encouraged to plan a route that includes passing one or two places that influence girls (e.g. schools, school bus stops, fashion shops, media centres like radio stations or music stores).

Walkathon 122 – BE EXPECTANT

What will you do for Walkathon 122?

- Why not organise an AMAZING RACE?

A Company in Dunedin NZ did this. It was based on the principle of the TV programmes of the same name and girls spent an afternoon completing a wide variety of challenges. All girls wore pedometers which recorded the number of steps they took to complete the tasks. Girls were in company teams of four as they challenged each other to become the winners. With a donation from the Otago Area added, the amount raised for the GIVEaGIRLaHOPEfund was \$NZ500. (£258 GBP)

- Hire treadmills and put them in the middle of a shopping mall. This is a great way to complete your Walkathon which is not reliant on good weather, and a great way to promote GB
- Walk for 122 minutes discovering parts of your city/town/village that relate to the history of the beginnings of Girls' Brigade ensuring that you go past places that influence girls (e.g. schools, school bus stops, fashion shops, media centres like radio stations or music stores)
- Complete laps around a local park and finish with a picnic.
- Approach all denominational churches in the community and ask them to come on board with your Walkathon. As you walk around your community these churches would join in along the way, making it bigger and bigger. The volume of people then might mean some good publicity in the newspapers
- Prayer flags – put these at strategic places along your Walkathon route where you will stop and pray for GB countries (from the Prayer Wave resource), or pray for issues relating to girls
- A silent walk – in the silence members would be encouraged to use this time for prayer and for taking in the sounds of God's wonderful creation
- Outdoor nature walks - a nature walk is a great opportunity to focus on God's creation and for the members to learn about conservation and respect for nature. Reinforce the values of being respectful towards nature and of leaving things the same way you found them
- Aerobics – for those who have winter in June, why not consider a sponsored 'aerobathon' which can be held indoors
- Have a walk around the houses of GB families and people who support GB with predetermined stops for the girls to do tasks for a donation. This could be to clean a car, vacuum a room of a house, weed a garden patch, read to an elderly person etc.

Sponsorship cards:

Samples of sponsorship cards can be downloaded from the GB International website; don't forget to print off enough for each GB member.

Publicity and promotion:

- Make sure you advertise these events in your church and community. You can download some flyers from the GB International Website.
- Ask your local newspaper to come and take photos and feature you in an article – this is a great opportunity to showcase your GB group to your community.
- For the walk please encourage everyone to wear something that identifies them as belonging to GB
- Don't forget to put photos etc. onto your Facebook page and other social media sites (with parental permission).

Please advertise these events well; it is an opportunity for us to let the world know about our GB mission.

What is the target per member?

The GB International target has been set at £1 (one UK pound) per member. Money raised over and above the GB International target can be retained to support GB work locally. It is realised that some countries may not be able to reach the full target but it would be great if everyone can take part and send in what they can.

Sending your funds to GBI?

It is anticipated that each country will deposit funds raised into their Fellowship account, tagged **Walkathon 2015**. Fellowships will then ensure that this money is transferred on to GB International.

Support GBI through Walkathon 2015

*Don't forget to send us your photos and stories of your Walkathon to
home@gbworldwide.org.*