

the girls' brigade  
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# PRAYER FOCUS 2016





# WELCOME

Dear GB friends,



*'Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; BE COURAGEOUS; be strong.'*  
*1 Corinthians Ch.16:13 (NIV).*

As you probably know our GB International (GBI) theme for 2016 is BE COURAGEOUS!

GBI needs the prayers of our family around the world. Prayer is powerful and it's 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.

We challenge you to BE COURAGEOUS in your prayers. Why not engage your country and companies/groups in this year's BE COURAGEOUS PRAYER FOCUS 2016? It enables you to pray with your fellow GB-ers from around the world for the different countries' needs and for young women around the world who need to have their lives transformed. What a challenge this is to us all, both as individuals and as a community of God's people.

We're delighted to launch this new resource, which we hope will help you as GB leaders to:

- Pray knowledgeably for GB around the world
- Create a link to the BE COURAGEOUS INTERNATIONAL FOCUS 2016 resource
- Highlight our 2016 theme – BE COURAGEOUS
- Challenge yourself and others to BE COURAGEOUS in your approach to life.

We're grateful to representatives from all five GB fellowships who helped to gather the information, ideas and prayer requests for this publication.

You can use this BE COURAGEOUS PRAYER FOCUS 2016 in any way you like (there are some suggestions on the next page). It's our prayer that, together with its sister publication BE COURAGEOUS INTERNATIONAL FOCUS 2016, this will enable you to fully engage with this year's challenging and exciting theme.

Christian greetings,  
The GBI team.

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## USING THIS RESOURCE

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Here are some of the many ways you could use the BE COURAGEOUS PRAYER FOCUS 2016:

- Organise a prayer event on GB's International Day of Prayer on 10 June (or on a suitable date that's close to it).
- If 10 June isn't good for you, then why not choose the International Day of the Girl Child (11 October 2016) or International Women's Day (8 March 2016) for your day of prayer?
- Organise a WALKATHON to raise awareness of GB in your community and integrate our BE COURAGEOUS PRAYER FOCUS 2016 into this.
- Set up a GBI prayer space in your church or meeting place and use the creative prayer ideas from the BE COURAGEOUS INTERNATIONAL FOCUS 2016 and the prayer requests from the BE COURAGEOUS PRAYER FOCUS 2016 to guide people in their prayers for GB around the world.
- Ask your church to nominate a Sunday to give thanks for the work of GB and to pray for the needs of our GB family and young women around the world.
- Use the BE COURAGEOUS INTERNATIONAL FOCUS 2016 resource over six weeks with your group and pray using the specific prayer focus for the fellowship you're looking at each week.
- Using the ideas in the BE COURAGEOUS PRAYER FOCUS 2016 encourage your young people to make prayer cards to give out to church members, GB friends and members.
- Hold a special gathering of your district or region to pray for courage. Divide your time into six sessions and get a different person to lead each session sharing about, and praying in turn for, each fellowship and for young women around the world.
- Get your young people engaged online with our GB global family. Post your prayers on our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/GirlsBrigadeWorldwide](http://www.facebook.com/GirlsBrigadeWorldwide) and let the whole family be blessed. 10 June will be a key focus date for these shared prayers.
- Copy this BE COURAGEOUS PRAYER FOCUS 2016 and pass it to anyone/everyone who may be interested in supporting us with their prayers. If you pass it on - and the person you give it to passes it on - and they pass it on - think how many people will be engaged!

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Join with us!

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Let's pray for



# COURAGE TO DO THINGS DIFFERENTLY AND LET GO OF THE PAST



*Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing!*  
*Isaiah Ch.43:18-19 (NIV).*

Pray that we may seek God's leading as we strive to find new ways to be relevant in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Ask God for the courage to harness the passion of youth alongside the wisdom of experience so engaging all generations to make our ministry as effective now as it has ever been.

## AFRICA

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**ZIMBABWE:** Pray that officers will forget the difficult times and be focused and prioritise on work for GB, having faith that God will see them through.

**SOUTH AFRICA:** Pray that officers will leave behind petty issues with regard to protocol, uniform and ranks within GB so they can be more focused on leading the girl child to Christ.

**ZAMBIA:** Pray for God to give us wisdom, knowledge and finances as we plan to host the 2018 ICGB in Zambia.

**MALAWI:** Pray that we may be accepting of any girl child having been sexually abused and/or a school drop-out due to early or unplanned pregnancy. Help us to show her how to stand up and realise that it's not the end of the world and life can go on.

**GHANA:** Pray that God will equip girls and officers to engage in activities that are relevant and life transforming.

## ASIA

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**HONG KONG:** Pray that God will move in the hearts of volunteers from churches and schools and that these ladies will become auxiliary officers and support companies/groups. Pray, too, that university students who used to be in GB may desire to become leaders.

**THAILAND:** Pray that the integration of our God the Creator and the Good Shepherd programmes will ensure that we are in harmony with God, harmony with ourselves, harmony with others and harmony with creation. Pray that through it we may see lives transformed and the world, others and creation enriched.

## CARIBBEAN & AMERICAS

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**ST. MAARTEN:** Pray for courage as we seek out personnel to help review and re-establish our national council.

**CAYMAN:** Pray that our desire to take Girls' Brigade into the schools will come to fruition.

**TURKS & CAICOS:** Pray for God's wisdom and direction in preparing our Brigaders for effective living in this season.

**JAMAICA:** Pray that we may have courage to do things differently, so that we facilitate the development/increase in self-esteem and confidence of girls and young leaders.

**CANADA:** Pray that we may have courage to move forward with our plans to produce Bible study in the five languages/dialects used here.

## EUROPE

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**ENGLAND & WALES:** Pray that our volunteer leaders feel equipped to deliver GB's programme materials and have courage to share faith with the children and young people they work with. May they have courage as we move towards the vision, and carry out the mission, God has for us locally, nationally and internationally.

**IRELAND:** Pray for sensitivity as we plan to change our uniform to suit the girls and the times we live in.

**NORTHERN IRELAND:** Pray for the recruitment of a youth development officer on a six month pilot to work with our GEMS group. Help us seek new ways and opportunities to empower our young people to become the leaders of the future, while instilling in them a sense of social responsibility and citizenship.

**SCOTLAND:** Pray that God will continue to give the executive courage to work through the many challenges it faces as it seeks to take GBS forward, particularly in respect of succession planning and implementation of our new leadership training programme. May God help our leaders to see the benefit of such initiatives to help them and the girls in their care.

**EUROPE:** Thank God for the experience of mature leaders and for the passion of younger millennial leaders. May God help us to see that every generation is important in the GB family. Guide us as we seek to remain true to the call to Seek, Serve and Follow Christ and share the gospel in innovative, modern ways.

## PACIFIC

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**NEW ZEALAND:** Pray that as a country we may keep looking at new ways to engage young people, which will see the organisation flourish in the future.

**PAPUA NEW GUINEA:** Pray that GB in PNG will be able to build an office for GB, something we've never had before. Pray that this will enable us to move forward and manage our administration well.

**AUSTRALIA:** Pray for courage to explore and develop new and dynamic ways in our missional approach to communities, developing communication and connection within them.

**AUSTRALIA:** Pray that we may partner with our local churches in a new fresh way strengthening the church/community/company relationships and outreach to families.

**PACIFIC:** Pray that we may step out in faith to develop spiritual leadership courses for our young leaders.

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# COURAGE TO SPEAK OUT AND ADVOCATE FOR GIRLS AND YOUNG WOMEN



*'Speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.'*

*Ephesians Ch.4:15 (NIV).*

Thank God for the opportunity to engage with governments and social care organisations regarding issues that affect young women today. Pray that we may partner with them to speak out on behalf of all the young women of this world.

## AFRICA

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**ZIMBABWE:** Pray that we may engage with the relevant authorities, against the social injustices that are adversely affecting children.

**SOUTH AFRICA:** Pray for courage to speak out against emotional and physical abuse against women and children.

**ZAMBIA:** Pray for courage to speak out against the austerity measures of investors and lending institutions working in Zambia whose conditions violate the dignity and rights of citizens i.e. women and children.

**MALAWI:** Pray for those girls suffering abuse in the house/family by male relatives and in school by male teachers. Ask for wisdom that we may help our girls to know how to speak out so that their rights are respected.

**GHANA:** Pray that God continues to give officers and girls the courage to speak out 'the truth' especially in a challenging world where materialism and power interest has taken over.

## ASIA

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**HONG KONG:** Pray that God will bless our desire to build the image of GB by doing more community work, which may leave a small but lasting impact to the people around.

**PHILLIPINES:** Pray that all our programmes may make a difference in the nation, making ripples of effect in the different avenues like government agencies and public sectors, especially in public schools in the future.

**SINGAPORE:** Pray, with thanksgiving, for the impact of GB's friendship day on the girls, officers and the LENS (Lonely, Elderly, Needy and those with Special Needs) in their community. Pray that our annual outreach may continue to bless.

**ASIA:** Pray that GB may continue to equip girls with skills through our specially designed curriculum, for them to put into practice their learning through service demonstrating the values of humility, compassion, responsibility and service.

## CARIBBEAN & AMERICAS

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**ST. MAARTEN:** Pray for courage for open discussion about bullying, racism and other inappropriate behaviour, which may affect our young people.

**CAYMAN:** Pray for wisdom and courage as leaders strive to teach the girls to speak out about abusive relationships and bullying.

**TURKS & CAICOS:** Pray for boldness in speaking against societal ills that impact the lives of our young girls.

**JAMAICA:** Pray that officers and girls may all have courage to speak out about and hold fast to Christ's standards in a world that has different standards.

**CANADA:** Pray that we may be so filled with a sense of God's presence that we will speak out against the evil in our society.

## EUROPE

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**ENGLAND & WALES:** Pray for our initiative The Esther Collective aimed at 18-30s women (and not necessarily those with a GB background). May GB be a place which gives this age group the courage to speak out, as they are often described as the missing generation in UK church.

**IRELAND:** Pray that in the midst of the society we live in we may hold unto the GB ethic.

**NORTHERN IRELAND:** Pray for courage to speak out against any injustices in the world, especially those that impact on girls' lives.

**SCOTLAND:** Thank God for giving us courage to tackle sensitive issues which affect our young and ask that we may build on this in the year ahead.

**EUROPE:** Pray that God would give us wisdom and discernment to speak light and hope into His world - particularly in areas of injustice like the refugee/migrant crisis.

## PACIFIC

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**PAPUA NEW GUINEA:** Pray that we may know how to help our girls live by His standards in their daily living.

**AUSTRALIA:** Pray for courage to speak into the issues that teens face in the culture of Australia especially self-harm, binge drinking and cyber bullying. Pray that leaders may have courage to speak out, helping our girls to live the Romans Ch.12:1-2 model.

**AUSTRALIA:** Pray especially for young people led to self-harm. Ask that through GB they may realise they're valued and loved by God.

**PACIFIC:** Pray that we may stand by our girls and young women, having the courage to speak out for their rights within our countries.

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# COURAGE TO GO SOMEWHERE NEW



*'Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.'*

*Joshua Ch.1:9 (NIV)*

Pray that opportunities may evolve to reach young people in countries we've not worked in before. Ask, too, that God will help us see possibilities of new ways of working which will challenge and enrich us and so enable us to expand the reach of the gospel.

## AFRICA

**ZIMBABWE:** Pray for our rebuilding programme that God might give us the resources needed to reach out of the Capital Harare, resuscitate companies that are around the country and introduce GB in the rural areas.

**SOUTH AFRICA:** Pray that we might move out of our comfort zones and reach out to the broader community in need. Help us not only to preach to the converted but to reach those who don't know Christ.

**ZAMBIA:** Pray for courage that God will enlarge our territory to relaunch and extend GB to Botswana, Namibia, Lesotho and Congo-DR.

**MALAWI:** Pray that our girls are focused and have a mindset that gives them the courage to go anywhere and be confident to explore new places.

**GHANA:** Pray that God will enlarge our territories to relaunch and extend GB to other communities and countries.

## ASIA

**HONG KONG:** Pray for our husband team - husbands of GB officers who are working as our partners, side-by-side with our officers reaching out to the girls in Hong Kong.

**MALAYSIA:** Pray for our ministry among the Malay-speaking indigenous people in Sabah where we currently have five companies/groups. Pray particularly for the Christians ladies in Sabah who also face the problems of Islamization and Islamic influence.

**PHILIPPINES:** Pray that, guided by the wisdom and experiences of the older generation, a new generation of leaders will be honed and empowered to catch the vision and live the mission here, taking on the different leadership responsibilities at hand.

**SINGAPORE:** Pray that the T houses, life clubs and servant leadership projects being developed and piloted might be fruitful in blessing the local communities they serve.

**THAILAND:** Pray for wisdom as we develop and expand the pre-juniors curriculum for kindergarten kids (ages four to six years).

## CARIBBEAN & AMERICAS

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**ST. MAARTEN:** Pray for courage to change the things we do by tapping into new resources to help us in our work.

**CAYMAN:** Pray for courage to go into cyber space - to develop our website and to take GB Cayman Islands into the world of technology.

**TURKS & CAICOS:** Pray that we may have God's guidance in embracing bold opportunities - whatever they may be!

**JAMAICA:** Pray that leaders may have the courage to get out of their comfort zone and minister to un-churched girls.

**CANADA:** Pray that we may be inspired to go into new regions. Free us from any sense of nervousness which may stop us from stepping out in faith.

## EUROPE

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**ENGLAND & WALES:** Please pray for our koko website ([www.thekokostory.com](http://www.thekokostory.com)) – aimed at teenage girls. The videos, blogs and images made for this site are a new way for GBEW to work.

**IRELAND:** Pray for us as we look at opening companies/groups in the new churches that have come to Ireland.

**NORTHERN IRELAND:** Pray for the vision and opportunity for GBNI to organise a mission trip for our members in partnership with Fields of Life.

**SCOTLAND:** Pray that the Lord will help us to find new ways of sharing the good news with young people and adults in new areas and in new situations. Challenge us Lord to look at where we can make a difference for you.

**EUROPE:** Thank God for His call to us all to go and grow. Pray that we would have the courage to expand GB into new communities and people groups in UK and Ireland as well as new areas across Europe.

## PACIFIC

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**NEW ZEALAND:** Pray for new members - that our reach will increase in the coming year.

**AUSTRALIA:** Pray for our Rubies programs in schools – helping our girls see that they are gems in God's eyes, and presenting the gospel to see transformation in girls' lives in the local school context.

**AUSTRALIA:** Pray for the development of a new peer mentoring support program which all pioneers and leaders can access and use within their life and leadership.

**PACIFIC:** Pray that as a fellowship we may be courageous in establishing new partnerships within our countries.

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# COURAGE TO GO AGAINST THE CROWD AND STAND UP FOR OUR BELIEFS



*'Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is - his good, pleasing and perfect will.'*

*Romans Ch.12:2 (NIV).*

Ask for courage whenever we're making the work of GB known to proclaim our foundation in Christ in an appropriate way - whether it be by words or actions, by being His hands and feet in the world or by stating boldly our vision to transform girls' lives and enrich God's world.

## AFRICA

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**ZIMBABWE:** Pray for our land where there is corruption in every sector of our day-to-day lives due to the economic hardships. Ask that girls, officers and their families may be able to resist corruption and moral decay and stand up for what we believe in.

**SOUTH AFRICA:** Pray that our girls will, despite worldly peer pressure, continue to Seek, Serve and Follow Christ, standing strong against the social evils of our time.

**ZAMBIA:** Pray that our young people will be courageous in the fight against HIV/AIDS, moral decay and abuse. Give them courage to say no to what is against their beliefs.

**MALAWI:** Pray that our girls may be courageous enough to stand up and fight for their rights in a country where cultural beliefs are a hindrance to education.

**GHANA:** Pray that girls and officers will have the courage to stand strong despite the pressures of modern society.

## ASIA

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**MALAYSIA:** Pray for Malaysia where few women hold high position in government jobs, politics or the corporate world, and the earning power of women is less than of men. Pray for more equipping and better opportunities for the women of Malaysia.

## CARIBBEAN & AMERICAS

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**ST. MAARTEN:** Pray that we may have courage to be more vocal in these troublesome times - to proclaim the gospel wherever, whenever and at whatever the cost.

**CAYMAN:** Pray that as a Christian organisation, we may have the courage to speak the gospel of Christ in the midst of atheism. Pray that we may have courage to seek opportunities to be visible in the community - standing up for who we are and what we believe.

**TURKS & CAICOS:** Pray for boldness in sharing our beliefs and Godly principles.

**JAMAICA:** Pray that we may have the opportunity to equip girls with knowledge to make right decisions when facing social evils and to have the courage to go against the crowd/stand up for their beliefs.

## EUROPE

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**ENGLAND & WALES:** Please pray for the advocacy projects GBEW is involved in – may we help our members to stand up for what they believe and also to advocate for girls and women around the world.

**IRELAND:** Pray that we may speak out as a faith-based organisation.

**NORTHERN IRELAND:** Pray for the courage of all Christians to stand firm in the truths of the Bible and not to compromise our beliefs because of pressure from the secular world we live in.

**SCOTLAND:** Pray that in all that we do, wherever we are, God's will may be done. May we not stay silent or be people pleasers but in God's strength have courage to share our thoughts and concerns in ways that are positive and affirming.

**EUROPE:** As the culture in Europe is becoming more secularised and our religious freedom becomes more restricted, we pray that God would enable us to shine brightly as Christians and give us wisdom to navigate this new cultural landscape.

## PACIFIC

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**NEW ZEALAND:** Pray for girls who have to make choices when schoolwork and other activities take precedence over Girls' Brigade and they have to choose to drop an activity. Pray that the girls will make wise choices.

**PAPUA NEW GUINEA:** Pray for a change in attitudes here - girls are often left with the responsibility of caring for their family and so don't feel free to attend Girls' Brigade gatherings due to the responsibility imposed on them.

**AUSTRALIA:** Pray that we may remain culturally relevant while still upholding the values and standards that God has made clear in His word.

**AUSTRALIA:** Pray that as we strive to be relational, relevant and responsive in today's Australia, we remain focused on God. Pray that we may be dynamic and attractive – not 'popular', but a shining light in the communities we serve.

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# COURAGE TO FACE DIFFICULTIES



*'Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.'*

*Psalm Ch.23:4 (NIV).*

Pray that the challenges presented by the diverse nature of our worldwide family with its varied cultural, social and environmental needs may be overcome by our common goal to transform lives and enrich communities all around the world.

## AFRICA

**ZIMBABWE:** Pray for our members to be satisfied with the little they have and believe that God will always provide for them. Pray against satanism, human trafficking and child/teenage pregnancies.

**SOUTH AFRICA:** Pray that despite the financial difficulties facing our girls we as officers will give girls hope in Christ. Pray, too that the children we work with will not seek worldly things but will seek God's face.

**ZAMBIA:** Pray for courage to find ways to eradicate illiteracy, poverty and unemployment, which are challenges in our land.

**MALAWI:** Pray that our girls may have faith and courage to overcome the challenges they face in their daily living.

**GHANA:** Pray that we may help girls to overcome the challenges of illiteracy, poverty and unemployment that they face in their everyday life.

## ASIA

**HONG KONG:** Pray that despite a drop in numbers, the Lord may remind us to abide in Him always, that we may be faithful even with little, that He may prove us faithful when He gives us much.

**MALAYSIA:** Pray for our heart's desire that there may be one staff member to every 15 companies/groups. We now have five ladies in our employment.

**PHILLIPINES:** The transition of our educational system from 10 to 12 years basic education serves as a challenge to make BGB relevant to the changing times (especially catering to senior high school) but faithful to the unchanging word of God. Pray that we may touch territories beyond our perceived limitations.

**SINGAPORE:** Pray that despite a downward trend in numbers God will raise up more girls who wish to join GB where they can meet committed officers who will effectively train and raise them up to make a difference in their homes, schools and communities.

**THAILAND:** Pray for the continuing impact of our annual outreach to the underprivileged via our Blanket Them With Love Project. Thank Him for the 3,000 beanies provided last year to celebrate His goodness and grace!

## CARIBBEAN & AMERICAS

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**ST. MAARTEN:** Pray that we might overcome problems in communication so that we can keep in touch within the fellowship.

**CAYMAN:** Pray for those affected by the decline in the economy and ask that we might help and encourage those affected by it.

**TURKS & CAICOS:** Pray for God to increase our faith and persistence in following Him.

**JAMAICA:** Pray that we may overcome the difficulties and challenges we're faced with as we seek to establish a new headquarters.

**CANADA:** Pray for strength as our executive seeks to make wise decisions when faced with difficulties and challenges.

## EUROPE

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**ENGLAND & WALES:** Pray for challenges in the arena of funding and hope that more funding may be released by the government and/or a youth work coalition of which GBEW is a part. May we have courage to think about funding our projects in new and innovative ways.

**IRELAND:** Pray for wisdom and courage as we seek to deal with the challenges we're facing with the new Charities Act.

**NORTHERN IRELAND:** Pray for the newly appointed national secretary of GBNI - may they be guided by God's wisdom and take forward His plan for GBNI.

**SCOTLAND:** Pray for a blessing on all GB companies/groups and members involved in church, school or community initiatives to support refugees who have arrived here looking for a safe haven. Also pray for those who need to use foodbanks and for those who help with such initiatives. In particular pray for government to have courage to find a way to eradicate the need for these.

**EUROPE:** Being a young person in UK and Ireland can be difficult. Please pray for all our younger members as they Seek, Serve and Follow Christ in their homes, schools, universities and work places. Pray that God would use them to be a danger to the darkness.

## PACIFIC

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**NEW ZEALAND:** Pray that the right people will come forward to take up the roles that need to be filled in our elections in 2016 e.g. national commissioner and board members.

**PAPUA NEW GUINEA:** Pray for courage to endure the El Nino-dry season that's slowly claiming lives in PNG. Pray with us that we'll have the courage to address these challenges Biblically and to endure all that comes with it with a loving heart.

**AUSTRALIA:** Pray that in this world of technology, we don't lose the opportunities to create networks and support systems that are face-to-face. Pray that GBA will be connected first to God and secondly to each other as we continue to communicate the gospel to a lost and hurting world.

**AUSTRALIA:** Pray for the many girls who come from hurting families where relationships are fractured and emotional and mental health are damaged. Pray that we may connect with these girls giving them a sense of belonging and helping them in seeking God for their emotional and mental health healing.

**PACIFIC:** Pray that we may not be overcome by the many distractions and problems that test our faith.

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# COURAGE TO GRASP NEW OPPORTUNITIES



*'Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.'*

*Philippians Ch.4:6-7 (NIV).*

Pray for wisdom to grasp the opportunity to use social media sensitively but effectively as a tool to communicate and publicise our vision and impact not just with our members but into the world beyond!

## AFRICA

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**ZIMBABWE:** Pray that God will help us to realise that in all the darkness and hardships, by faith, we can turn the challenges into opportunities.

**SOUTH AFRICA:** Please pray that God will open our eyes, minds and hearts to grasp opportunities before us and make a success of them.

**ZAMBIA:** Pray that the soon-to-be launched GB Zambia website [www.girlsbrigadezambia.org](http://www.girlsbrigadezambia.org) will open doors for effective worldwide communication.

**MALAWI:** Pray that our girls may have positive self-esteem which encompasses belief and therefore be able to grab the opportunities before them without despair.

## ASIA

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**HONG KONG:** Pray for the Advance Officers' Training in July 2016. Please pray for all the preparations, for the Lord's provision and protection, and mighty moving in and through this activity.

**MALAYSIA:** Pray that our work in Methodist schools may continue to be blessed. Pray with us that we may find ways to extend God's territories.

**PHILLIPINES:** Pray for wisdom as to how we might 'extend the tents of service'. Ask God to give us access to Christian schools in the different barangays where we're not yet working.

**THAILAND:** Pray for all annual activities especially those that serve to strengthen the officers (e.g. BOTC, AOTC, commissioning and dedication service) that they may be times of refreshing for all who lead in GB.

## CARIBBEAN & AMERICAS

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**ST. MAARTEN:** Pray that we may have courage to grasp opportunities to assist in the formation and support of new companies/groups.

**CAYMAN:** Pray that we might have the courage to review, revise and develop new programmes to attract and impact the lives of girls.

**TURKS & CAICOS:** Pray for wisdom and boldness as we seek to follow God's direction.

**JAMAICA:** Pray that we may grasp and create opportunities to effectively plan and implement succession planning for our local companies/groups, national executive and committees.

**CANADA:** Pray for wisdom when faced with endless possibilities – that we may know God's priorities.

## EUROPE

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**ENGLAND & WALES:** Pray for the GB companies/groups which all around England & Wales are enriching and transforming their local communities. Pray that they may engage in social action – ranging from fundraising to serving in the local community – practical action in the service of others. Pray that our local groups will have courage to grasp these, and fresh opportunities, to serve others.

**IRELAND:** Please pray that we may not be afraid to step out in faith.

**NORTHERN IRELAND:** Pray for our new partnership with Fields of Life as we work to ensure that young girls are able to reach their full potential by enabling them to attend school full-time.

**SCOTLAND:** Give thanks for the many opportunities afforded to us in 2015 and ask God's blessing that we may step out in faith in 2016 to take up even more opportunities to benefit our members and strengthen His kingdom in all that we do.

**EUROPE:** 'Because of GB, I am strong, transformed, free and loved!' God has been using GB to transform lives across Europe and the world for 123 years. Thank God for His incredible mission and ministry and the countless lives and communities who have been transformed for Jesus.

## PACIFIC

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**NEW ZEALAND:** Pray that we may be prepared to step out of our comfort zones to grasp each opportunity as it arrives.

**PAPUA NEW GUINEA:** Please pray that we may face every opportunity with knowledge, skills and wisdom so our work may develop and grow.

**AUSTRALIA:** Pray that we may grasp the wonderful opportunity each week of presenting the gospel to the girls who attend our meetings. Pray that we may be dynamic in our programs and connections with our girls.

**AUSTRALIA:** Pray that leaders may grasp the opportunity, on a daily basis, to develop their spiritual life and leadership. May they experience a deep spiritual growth and development with God in all areas of their life and leadership.

**PACIFIC:** Pray that we may all have the wisdom to see those around us in need and the courage to share with others less fortunate wherever the Lord sends us.