



GB INTERNATIONAL PRAYER CALENDAR 2018

JULY 2018

FRUITFUL & OVERFLOWING:
Use this month to think about our sub-theme:
BE ROOTED IN CHRIST

REFLECTION

from Vivienne Aitchison (International President)

As I write these words (in December 2017), the UK is experiencing some unusually strong winds. Gale force gusts are whipping through the countryside causing havoc: trees are crashing to the ground! But when you look around you notice a strange thing. Though some trees have been tossed around like matchsticks, others close by are still standing strong.

The difference, is all to do with the depths of the roots. Trees whose roots are shallow bend as soon as the wind hits; those with deep roots remain standing strong year after year and survive no matter what. Healthy roots reach down to get nourishment to keep the tree fresh and strong. Deep roots hold the plant firm when testing comes.

As we engage with our 2018 theme FRUITFUL & OVERFLOWING, let's remember that if our ministry is to continue to bring forth fruit we, as leaders, need to keep our roots firmly grounded in God's word. We need to be fed by our Lord and held fast by His love. Christian service is not always easy.

There will be stormy times when our task is difficult. It is in these times that we need to be rooted and grounded in Him and not rely on our own understanding, wisdom or plans. My challenge is this - whenever you meet as a group of GB leaders this year, make sure you spend time deepening your roots so that no matter what challenges come your way your service may continue to be:

FRUITFUL AND OVERFLOWING!

BE ROOTED IN CHRIST

LET US PRAY FOR SPECIFIC EVENTS & NEEDS

WEEK 1

Pray for GB Singapore's GB Friendship Day (July 2018) and that GBS will be a blessing to the communities that they serve.

Pray also for GB Singapore's Fortnight (July 2018). Pray that their annual fund-raising will help to bring in the funds for their programs, and that they may be blessed as they bless others.

WEEK 2

Pray for GB Thailand's GB/YMB Week (July 2018) - that this annual fund-raising event will help to bring in the necessary funds to run the ministries.

Pray for traveling mercies for the International President's Committee and for guidance as the final IPC Meeting for the outgoing executive takes place (16th-20th July).

Pray for the organizing Committee, Venue Hosts and Volunteers for ICGB 2018 and for travelling mercies for all delegates as they journey to Zambia, Africa.

WEEK 3

Pray for God's intervention and blessing in the selection of the next GB International President and for wisdom as strategic decisions are made for GB's Mission for the upcoming four years.

WEEK 4

Pray that all who attend ICGB may become more deeply rooted in Christ through their experience at ICGB 2018. May they be equipped to lead GB on in alignment with God's will and direction.

PRAY FOR OUR GIRLS & YOUNG WOMEN

For many of our young women this is their experience: 'I am more likely not to have a choice about where and when my first sexual experience happens because I am a girl.' 150 million girls across the world have experienced rape or other forms of sexual violence before they reach 18 years old. Girls are exposed to sexual violence as they walk to school, go to the toilet, socialise with friends and even in their own homes. Pray that this may change!

