

MAY 2018

FRUITFUL & OVERFLOWING:

Use this month to think about our sub-theme:
NURTURE THE PLANTS

REFLECTION

from Aruk Omri (IVP for Africa)

Nurturing is the act of nourishing or nursing or giving tender care to someone, education and training. Tendering, simply means being fond, loving, gentle, sweet and sensitive.

A Christian mother has a big role to play in the nurturing and tendering of a girl child. She is to nurture her children to discover their potentials and talent.

Teach them to dream big and think big and be patient in their progress. Help them to stand back on their feet when they fall. Enlighten them to eradicate the fear of failure. Show them how to live a healthy and modest life and hold themselves to the highest conduct. A Christian mother must teach her child to discover her passion in life. She must know her worth and value. She must tap into the deep strength, courage and true spirit to overcome life's challenges.

She must learn how to use her hindsight, foresight and insight to maximize her impact with critical thinking. A believing mum is a role model who never gives up on her children. She connects her children to God in prayers. (Proverbs 15:14 & Luke 18:1).

She demonstrates unconditional love and cultivates a joyful environment for them to grow (1 John 4:8 & Psalm 16:11). A good Christian mum will teach her children to learn to forgive others willingly (John 20:23). She will nurture her children to trust in God and grow in perseverance (Proverbs 28:20). Educate them to discover the path to an unstoppable life in Christ. They grow in love and comfort. Every mother is a blessing to humanity.



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LET US PRAY FOR SPECIFIC EVENTS & NEEDS

WEEK 1

Let us pray for GB Hong Kong's Officers' Retreat Camp (May 2018). Pray for good relationship with one another and that all will draw closer to God.

WEEK 2

Remember members of the GB Europe executive as they meet in Antrim, Northern Ireland (11 – 13 May 2018).

Pray that those seeking visas for ICGB 2018 will be successful in their applications.

WEEK 3

Pray for the start of a new term (May 2018). Pray for smooth transition and preparation for the year; for good recruitment of a new batch of GB and YMB (Young Men's Brigade) members.

WEEK 4

Pray for the GB England & Wales' Cliff College Festival (25-28 May 2018). Pray for the GB staff team who will be helping to lead the 18-30s stream at the Festival. Pray too, that the 125 GB members attending will feel God's presence as they engage with the activities and the festival theme 'Ablaze', looking at the work of the Holy Spirit.

PRAY FOR GIRLS & YOUNG WOMEN ROUND THE WORLD

'I'm more likely to have tears of sorrow (not tears of joy) on my wedding day because I am a girl.' Every 3 seconds another girl is forced to marry someone they don't want to.

Pray that legislation and cultural change which will enable girls to make decisions for themselves. Pray that GB may be a place where young women are given a sense of self-worth and purpose.