

Samoa

Focus



Every Home

Australia & New Zealand

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Running the Race Before Us

Following in the wake of the Paris Olympics, I am reminded of what Hebrews 12:1-2 has to say to all of us in carrying Christ to everyone, everywhere and every generation and thereby fulfilling the Great Commission.

The Hebrews verse says:

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God...

Hebrews 12:1 uses the metaphor of a long-distance race to encapsulate the Christian journey. It emphasises the importance of learning from the faith-filled past, shedding hindrances and running with endurance on the unique path that God has marked out for each of us and of course EHC. The author has in view a marathon rather than a sprint, as seen in the phrase “with endurance” and

so Hebrews 12 reminds us that we are not alone in our spiritual journey and invites us to embrace God’s loving discipline, live a holy life and keep our focus on Jesus.

As I write this message, I am witnessing in the news so many challenges EHC faces in our humanitarian support. Countries like Cameroon, New Guinea, Ethiopia, Bangladesh and Israel are all in need of financial and spiritual support. Biblically, James reminds us that trials serve to strengthen our faith and bring us to maturity (James 1:2-3) so Hebrews 12:1 is reminding us to persevere through those trials, knowing that, by God’s faithfulness, we won’t be overwhelmed by them (1 Corinthians 10:13).

My personal ‘thank you’ for your continued prayers and support.

Blessings,
Greg Bondar,
Managing Director
Australia & New Zealand



Mission work in Samoa

EHC News Roundup

Vision Christian Media Radio

It was a blessing to have been interviewed in the radio studio of Vision Christian Radio in Brisbane with radio host Neil Johnson who is Head of News and Current Affairs.

The radio interview gave Every Home for Christ (EHC) a real boost in its quest to carry Christ to Everyhome, Everywhere in Every Generation which is part of our strategy to fulfilling the Great Commission. I discussed the work of Every Home for

Christ and the various humanitarian work EHC does in the Asia regions. This program is heard in over 800 Christian radio stations Australia-wide with a weekly audience of 60,000. My radio interview can be heard on our website at <https://everyhomeforchrist.org.au/mobilising-believers-to-win-the-world-greg-bondar-every-home-for-christ/> or by clicking on the QR code.



Samoa Needs Your Support

Samoa is a wonderful Christian nation with two main islands – Savai'i and Upolu and whilst it only has a population of around 200,000 there are many villages and locations where the Gospel has not been heard or where biblical truth needs to be reinforced.

EHC Australia & New Zealand is looking to help EHC Samoa fund a much needed gospel worker named Timothy who is a Fijian missionary and who is preparing to join the Samoan EHC team in Samoa for 2 years.

To support Timothy meet his meagre cost of living – food, clothing and shelter please donate on the reply slip enclosed.



Timothy, Fijian Missionary

Every Home for Christ Welcomes New Youth Ambassadors: Jemima Ayoub and Leon Karatzis

Every Home for Christ (EHC) is excited to announce its two new youth ambassadors, Jemima Ayoub and Leon Karatzis, who bring a wealth of skills and passion to the organization's mission of spreading the gospel.

Jemima Ayoub, an 18-year-old law student at The University of Notre Dame, has an impressive background in research, administration and content creation. Her experience as a Secretary and Research Assistant for a member of the NSW Parliament has honed her abilities in data analysis, legislative research and communication. Jemima's dedication to her faith is reflected in her extensive volunteer work with Trinity Christian Church, where she has been involved in food bank services, media management and advocacy. Coming from a family deeply rooted in Christian values, with her father being a pastor, Jemima will contribute her expertise in research, paralegal work and content development to help shape the future of EHC.

Leon Karatzis, 19, is studying Media and Communications at Macquarie University and has a strong foundation in media, communications and design. His skills in photography, graphic design and video editing are complemented by his technical abilities in software design and programming. Leon's experience includes content creation, public relations and volunteer work in various capacities, including community engagement. His creativity and technical expertise will be instrumental in enhancing EHC's digital and visual outreach, particularly as he assists with the development of the **NextGen Disciples** Youth Portal.



Together, Jemima and Leon are leading the charge in creating a new Youth Group at EHC, aimed at recruiting young people passionate about spreading the gospel. The NextGen Disciples Youth Portal will serve as a hub where young believers can join the movement, participate in events, engage in projects and share ideas on how to *'carry Christ to EveryHome, Everywhere in Every Generation.'*

Jemima and Leon's combined talents in research, communication and design make them valuable assets to Every Home for Christ. Their leadership will inspire a new generation of disciples, ensuring that the message of Christ continues to reach homes across Australia & New Zealand.

To find out how to join **NextGen Disciples** go to <https://everyhomeforchrist.org.au/nextgen-disciples/> or click on QR code.



Celebrating Fathers and Supporting the Zambia Farming Project

Father's Day is a time to honour the vital role that fathers play in shaping the lives of their children. Fathers are often seen as heroes by their children, embodying strength, wisdom and love. They teach life skills, provide support and set examples of courage and faith that guide their children into adulthood.

One of the greatest gifts a father can give is his unwavering belief in his children, encouraging them to reach their full potential. Fathers who are present, encouraging and loving make a profound impact, creating a safe and nurturing environment where children can thrive. Their influence extends beyond daily life, guiding their children's spiritual journey and helping them build a foundation of faith.

In the spirit of honouring fathers, we also recognize those who work tirelessly to support their families through projects like the Zambia Farming Project. This initiative has been instrumental in helping farming fathers in Zambia provide for their families, even in the face of climate change. By adopting Conservation Agriculture practices and promoting crop diversification, these farmers are securing a better future for their children. The project has also improved nutrition and food security through educational cooking demonstrations and the distribution of 1,500 trees to support sustainable farming.

This Father's Day, consider supporting the Zambia Farming Project, which empowers fathers to create a better future for their children. Your donation



can make a significant difference in the lives of these families.

Go to <https://globalconcern.org.au/> to Donate and support the Zambia Farming Project and help farming fathers in Zambia continue their vital work.

Please Pray for Bangladesh

Background

Bangladesh is currently experiencing significant political and social unrest following the resignation of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on August 5, 2024. This development occurred after weeks of widespread protests, primarily led by students, which resulted in numerous casualties and widespread chaos. The abrupt transition to an interim government has exacerbated tensions, raising concerns about the rise of fundamental radicalism, particularly with the involvement of the banned Islamic party, Jamaat.

Impact on Christian Communities

The situation has become increasingly dangerous for minority groups, including Christians and Hindus. According to the National Director for Bangladesh Every Home for Christ, several Christian organizations, churches and homes have been targeted in a wave of violence. Many pastors and evangelists, who play a crucial role in community support and outreach, have been forced into hiding or compelled to flee due to

direct threats and attacks.

The escalation of violence has led to significant destruction of property and the safety of ministry workers and their families remains a primary concern. Churches have been vandalized and the overall atmosphere is one of fear and uncertainty.

Action Taken

Every Home for Christ Bangladesh is closely coordinating with military authorities to ensure the safety of its workers. Precautionary measures have been implemented and pastors have been advised to remain vigilant.

Prayer Request

In light of these events, we urgently request prayers for:

- Peace and stability in Bangladesh.
- Protection and strength for our ministry workers, pastors and their families.
- Safety for all minority groups affected by the violence.
- Wisdom for leaders overseeing the transitional government.

Your prayers and support are crucial as we navigate this challenging situation.



Holistic Discipleship: Reaching South Asian Peoples for Jesus

People from India now make up the group with the highest migration numbers into Australia, overtaking China. In fact, if we include the broader category of South Asia (India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Nepal) and take into account the majority religions of those regions (Hinduism, Islam, Buddhism, Jainism, Baha'ism, Sikhism, etc) - it is clear that followers of Jesus need to consider how best to take up the opportunity to preach the gospel to this people group. Are we ready to get alongside people who desperately need assurance and stability that comes only in a relationship with God through Jesus Christ his Son?

The SATYA group invites you to come along to our annual conference. SATYA stands for South Asian Tide for Yesu in Australia. And that is our prayer and hope, that we might see a tide of South Asian people come to have a saving faith in Jesus.

The first letter of John says, 'Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.' For all people but culturally perhaps even more so for South Asian friends, it is

important for us to not only share the gospel with words but show the power of the gospel in our lives by the way we love.'

That's why our SATYA Conference this year is on 'Holistic Discipleship'. We'd love to see you there, as we learn from and encourage each other in this important work.

When: 9:30am - 4:30pm on Saturday 7th September

Where: St Paul's Anglican Church, Carlingford.

Registration:

<https://www.satyanetwork.org/satya2024>

The conference will be full of biblical teaching and practical wisdom on why and how we can build relationships, love and evangelise people from Hindu and South Asian backgrounds, so they too can trust and obey Jesus as Lord.

Your brother in Christ,
The Rev Ben P George
Chairman, SATYA



SATYA
CONFERENCE 2024

Holistic Discipleship

Saturday 7 September

9:30am - 4:30pm at St Pauls Carlingford Anglican Church

The poster features a collage of images: a man speaking into a microphone, a woman playing an acoustic guitar, a group of people sitting in an audience, and a QR code. The background is a mix of orange and green.

Share the Gospel with Your Legacy



Aussies urged to donate more of their \$5.4 trillion inheritance

A report on Australian bequest trends show that only 1% of the \$150 billion in annual inheritances goes to charity, with the nation facing a once-in-a-generation chance to unlock funds for good.

Consider gifting Every Home for Christ (EHC) a Bequest and supporting us in your Will

Making a prayerful gift in your Will is a positive way to continue supporting EHC even after your earthly life has ended on this side of eternity.

We greatly appreciate the generosity of all who give to EHC in their Will. These gifts enable EHC Australia and New Zealand to pursue its vision and mission of bringing the Gospel to *Everyone* and *Everywhere* and so fulfill the Great Commission.

How will gifts be used?

Leaving EHC a gift in your Will enables us to grow the ministry of getting the gospel to *Everyone* and *Everywhere*. It will also help us in visiting churches, undertaking campaigns, conducting Schools of Prayer events, contacting those in remote and rural regions, providing education and training to churches and finally partnering with other Christian organisations to fulfill the Great Commission.

For more information please contact us at
Ph: +61 2 9570 8211

Email: ehc@everyhome.org.au

May we Speak at your Church



As part of fulfilling the Great Commission, Greg Bondar is undertaking a series of deputations and speaking engagements at churches, delivering sermons and participating in church and Christian events about the work of Every Home for Christ. As an accredited Chaplain and authorised Lay Minister, Greg has spoken at regional and capital city locations across Australia.

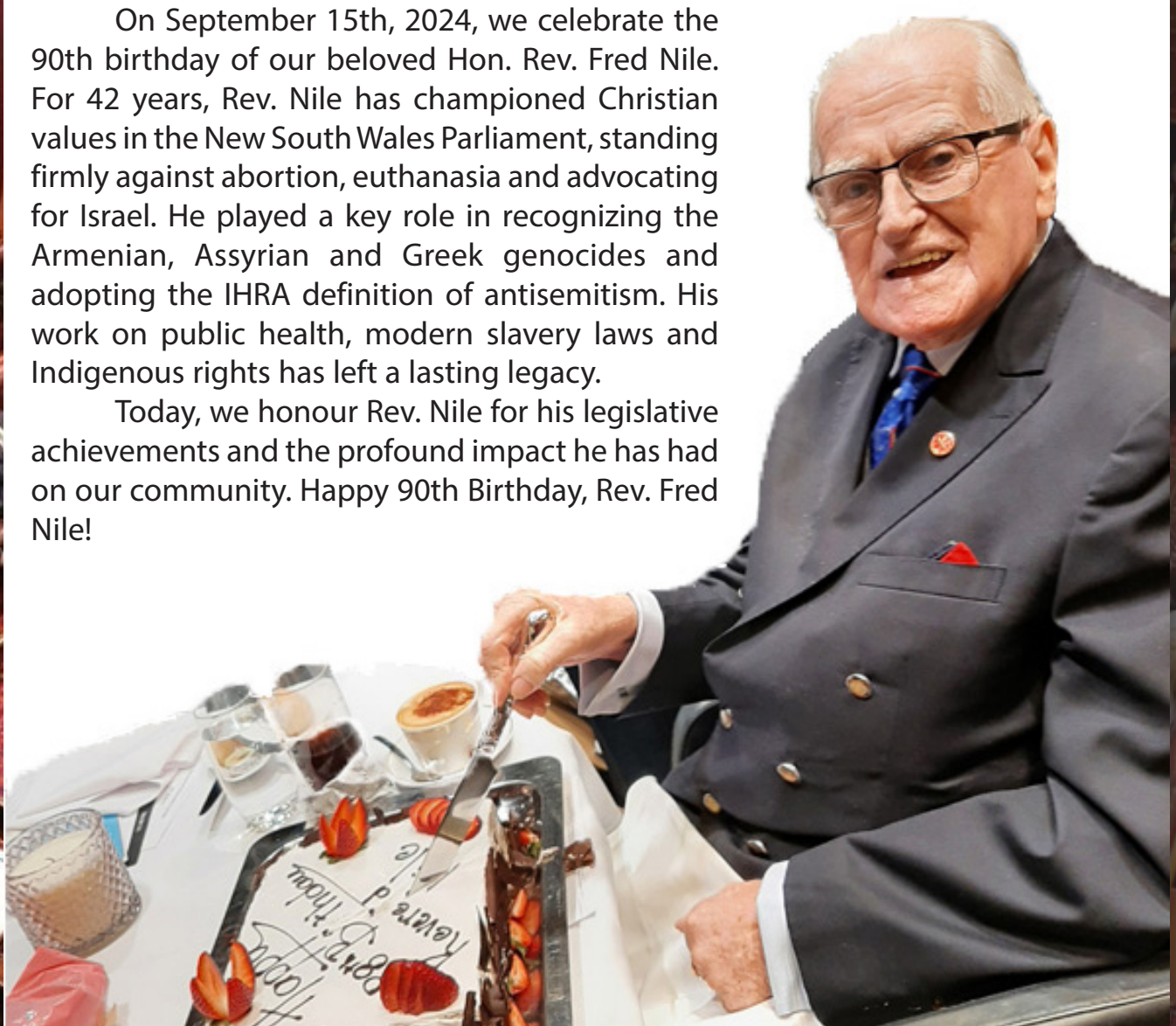
Greg is now reaching out for invitations to speak at local churches or events anytime and anywhere as part of the vision to '*carry Christ to EveryHome, Everywhere in Every Generation*'. Congregations are encouraged to approach their Pastor or Minister to extend an invitation, especially during ministry months or weeks.

If Greg is unavailable, there are plenty of standby speakers ready to step in. For more information or to arrange a speaking engagement, please contact the EHC Office at (02) 9570 8211 or if you prefer email us at ehc@everyhome.org.au.

Happy 90th Birthday Hon. Rev. Fred Nile

On September 15th, 2024, we celebrate the 90th birthday of our beloved Hon. Rev. Fred Nile. For 42 years, Rev. Nile has championed Christian values in the New South Wales Parliament, standing firmly against abortion, euthanasia and advocating for Israel. He played a key role in recognizing the Armenian, Assyrian and Greek genocides and adopting the IHRA definition of antisemitism. His work on public health, modern slavery laws and Indigenous rights has left a lasting legacy.

Today, we honour Rev. Nile for his legislative achievements and the profound impact he has had on our community. Happy 90th Birthday, Rev. Fred Nile!



Join our Webinar for a Night of Prayer for the Nation

Zoom Prayer Topics

ReChurching Movement

Protection against Natural Disasters

Youth & Education

Indigenous Communities

Global Peace & Stability

**Thursday
12th September**

7:00 pm AEST

**Register for a zoom
link by emailing**

**[ehc@everyhome.org.
au](mailto:ehc@everyhome.org.au)**

**or by scanning QR code or going to
this link**

**[https://everyhomeforchrist.org.au/
prayer/](https://everyhomeforchrist.org.au/prayer/)**



Let's Pray!

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Bible Readings: This month the daily text will be taken from the book of Psalms. For those wanting to do the one-year Bible reading program these chapters are in brackets.

1 PRAY FOR TANNER & BETHANY PEAKE Tanner is now the International President of Every Home for Christ with a large responsibility for EHC ministries across the world. Please pray for them as they take over the role from Dick and Dee Eastman. **Psalm 55 (Isaiah 24-27)**



2 PRAY FOR GREG AND LYNNE BONDAR Pray God will guide Greg in his leadership as Executive Director in Australia and New Zealand and his wife Lynne as she supports Greg in the ministry. **Psalm 56 (Isaiah 28-35)**



3 PRAY FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS Pray for the EHC Directors in Australia & New Zealand that the Lord will guide them in all their decision-making. **Psalm 57 (Isaiah 36-39)**

4 PRAY FOR OUR REGIONAL AND CONTINENTAL DIRECTORS Pray for Alan Lit (Hong Kong) and Manasa Kolivusso (Fiji) as they guide EHC ministries throughout Asia Pacific. **Psalm 58 (Isaiah 40-43)**

5 PRAY FOR YOUR FAMILY -sons, daughters and grandchildren, plus others to come to Christ. Get a piece of paper and write down their names. Get their photos and pray every day for their salvation; eternity without Christ is a long time! **Psalm 29 (1 Chronicles 13-16)**

6 AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND Aust: Pop. 26,439,111 Map 147 NZ: Pop. 5,228,100 Map 148 Please pray for the nations of Australia and New Zealand. Pray for the spiritual awakening and revival among their people, that hearts may be open to the message of the gospel and that they discover the love and truth of Christ. **Psalm 30 (Psalms 42-44)**

7 BOLIVIA Pop. 12,413,315 Map 221 Please pray for a Christ Group that has recently been launched in the community of Santa Ana. The believers in this group have received threats from other religious groups. Pray for God's protection and courage so that these believers can gather to praise God. **Psalm 61 (Isaiah 58-66)**

8 BANGLADESH Pop. 173,562,364 Map 132 Summer is here and it is so hot many people have suffered heat stroke. The government closed schools and issued a heat alert. The situation in the north is particularly severe. Every Home volunteers continue to work very hard. Please pray especially for the health and safety of our volunteers. **Psalm 62 (Hosea 1-3)**

9 CREATIVE ACCESS - SOUTH ASIA Tensions between religious factions is increasing day by day in this nation. Unfortunately, this means that many churches here are under threat. Please pray for this situation, that the Lord would bring resolution so that these places of worship would be free to remain open. **Psalm 63 (Hosea 4-7)**

10 IRELAND/NORTHERN IRELAND Pop. 5,255,017 Map 91 We are delivering 1,000 Gospels of Mark to a partner church in the upcoming days. Our prayer is that people read God's Word, it would speak to their hearts and they would come to know Jesus. **Psalm 64 (Hosea 8-13)**

11 CREATIVE ACCESS - CENTRAL ASIA Events are one of the primary ways our teams reach people in this nation. Please pray that these outreach and evangelism events will draw many people and result in their salvation and connection with a church. **Psalm 65 (Hosea 14)**

Send your prayer request to
ehc@everyhome.org.au
and we will pray for you too!

12 DEM. REP. OF CONGO Pop. 109,276,265 Map 20 Pray that God would bring new partners to work with Every Home in the ministry in the DRC. The work we are doing in the field takes a lot of manpower. We need help from people who are zealous as well as humble. Pray for more volunteers. **Psalm 66 (Micah 1-3)**

13 PARAGUAY Pop. 6,929,153 Map 222 Pray for the new co-ordinators working with local churches. God has called them to a great work. Pray that the "Love Your Neighbor" initiative will be effective and that believers will serve as witnesses in how they live their lives, showing people how to exist with love and kindness. **Psalm 67 (Micah 4-5)**

14 KOSOVO Pop. 1,900,000 Map 72 Pray for God's provision in calling people to help in the ministry, whether it be through short term volunteers or teams. The work is great but the workers are few. Please pray for the Lord's guidance in reaching the Serbian communities in Kosovo. **Psalm 68 (Micah 6-7)**

15 CREATIVE ACCESS - CENTRAL ASIA This nation has great challenges when it comes to sharing the gospel but our workers thrive even in the harshest situations with your prayers to cover them. Please pray for the people in the mountain areas, that Every Home will soon be able to access and would be open to the Good News. **Psalm 69 (Nahum 1-3)**

16 LEBANON Pop. 5,805,962 Map 114 In Lebanon each day presents unique challenges to our ministry. Please pray that we would meet these challenges with grace and wisdom. We also request prayer for everyone we meet as we share the Word of God. **Psalm 70 (2 Chronicles 33-34)**

17 GAMBIA Pop. 2,759,988 Map 48 Pray that people will be open to the gospel. Pray that many would be set free from the powers of darkness. Pray for those who gave their lives to Jesus, that they would stay strong and grow in maturity to be living witnesses for him. **Psalm 71 (Zephaniah 1-3)**

18 CHILE Pop. 19,764,771 Map 220 Pray for the northern part of Chile and for the evangelism that will be happening this year. We are believing that the Lord will do something great in our country. Pray that God would bless our efforts and pray for the believers to be strong. **Psalm 72 (2 Chronicles 35)**

19 CZECHIA Pop. 10,735,859 Map 82 EveryHome teams are conducting outreach with churches in three regions. Our teams are also working with people incarcerated in local prisons. Pray that this experience will change hearts and that those in prison will find grace that can only come from God. Pray also for all those people who will receive the gospel. **Psalm 73 (Habakkuk 1-3)**

20 CREATIVE ACCESS - SOUTH ASIA The government has enforced a strict law against evangelism. The situation is getting more restrictive by the day. It is challenging to conduct gospel outreach under these circumstances. Yet, Every Home has not given up. Pray for God's protection, wisdom and courage for every volunteer as well as the office staff. **Psalm 74 (Jeremiah 1-6)**

21 SOUTH SUDAN Pop. 11,943,408 Map 32 Every Home is facing an overwhelming situation where humanitarian needs are beyond the resources available. However, spiritually speaking, Every Home volunteers are able to show the love of God and make Christ known to their neighbours. Pray for continued grace. **Psalm 75 (Jeremiah 11-12)**

22 DOMINICA Pop. 66,205 Map 192 The leadership of Every Home in Dominica requests prayer that many in their nation would come to Jesus Christ. They also request that believers will become more sensitive to the Holy Spirit and obey the Lord's commands, especially as they relate to reaching others with the gospel. **Psalm 76 (Jeremiah 26, 7-10)**

23 RUSSIA Pop. 144,820,423 Map 106 Our team went on a trip to villages where there are no churches at all. We were amazed how people were listening attentively, as if they were hearing about God for the first time. Pray for these communities, that many would come to know Jesus and a church would be established. **Psalm 77 (Jeremiah 14-20)**

24 PHILIPPINES Pop. 115,843,670 Map 169 We praise God for his protection of the Every Home team that recently visited the island of Masbate and the province of Sorsogon. The team met with pastors who may partner in the house-to-house evangelistic work. Pray that this effort would result in many partnerships and that pastors would be excited to partner with Every Home. **Psalm 78 (Jeremiah 35-36)**

25 CREATIVE ACCESS - MIDDLE EAST We request prayer for God to give the ministry in this nation more people to help in the work. Pray that the Lord Jesus' name would be glorified in this nation for years to come and that no obstacle would hinder the work. **Psalm 79 (Jeremiah 45,25)**

26 SOUTH AFRICA Pop. 64,007,187 Map 1 Pray for the anointing of the Holy Spirit and the tangible presence of God during upcoming prayer meetings and outreach events. Pray for a revival in Petrusburg as people encounter the love and power of God. **Psalm 80 (Jeremiah 46-49)**

27 VENEZUELA Pop. 28,405,543 Map 214 Pray for the teams in Venezuela. They will be in different places around the country giving large-scale evangelism trainings to groups of churches. Pray that God would give them the best strategies, so that they can provide churches with all the preparation they need to develop their evangelistic work. **Psalm 81 (Jeremiah 13,22-23)**

28 CREATIVE ACCESS - SOUTH ASIA Several young people are taking part in outreaches with Every Home in the southern part of the country. The high temperature and rainfall are unpredictable in this region. Pray for good weather, health and protection for all the participants. Believers need to be strong as people practise witchcraft here. **Psalm 82 (Jeremiah 24,27-29)**

29 NORTH MACEDONIA Pop. 1,823,009 Map 74 With elections coming up this year, please pray for justice to rule and for good leadership for their country. Pray that people would not put all their hope in human leaders but rather that they would seek Jesus. Pray for God's will to be done in the election. **Psalm 83 (Jeremiah 50-51)**

30 CYPRUS Pop. 1,358,282 Map 113 Pray for a couple from Israel that our Every Home team is following up with on a weekly basis. Pray for God's work in their hearts. Pray for our team, volunteers and the church partners who are going daily to preach the gospel around the island. **Psalm 84 (Jeremiah 30-33)**



ZOOM WEBINAR

THURSDAY 12th SEPTEMBER

7:00PM AEST

to register email ehc@everyhome.org.au

or go to <https://everyhomeforchrist.org.au/prayer/>