

## Upcoming Events

An evening with Gladys Staines\* on Aug 17, Sun (5:30pm) at Plano Convention Center.

(\* Wife of Graham Staines and mother of two sons who were martyred in Orissa)

Special Fasting Prayer for the upcoming school year on Aug 22-23 (Fri & Sat) at Metro

PYCD Stage Event Competition (August 29 - 3,1 Fri - Sat)

Song, Instrumental, Speech, Junior Choir, Group Song

Location: IPC Hebron, 1751 Wall St, Garland TX 75041

Church Retreat in Glenrose, TX (Fri - Sun, Sept 5 - 7)

Congratulations to **Jeremy & Jobin** on their baptism!!!

Let the Holy Spirit guide them in their spiritual walk and growth.

## Weekly Schedule

Thurs, Aug 21st (Rowlett) Ladies Meeting @ Sam & Daisy's res. (7 PM)

Fasting Prayer @ Metro

Fri, Aug 22nd (Metro) Session 1: 10 AM - 1 PM

Session 2: 7 PM - 9 PM

Sat, Aug 23rd (Metro) Fasting Prayer @ Metro (10:30 AM - 7 PM)

### Prayer for the Nations: Somalia\*

International Christian Concern (ICC) is reporting that Islamists shot and killed a Muslim convert to Christianity on July 10 in Afgyoye, a town 18 miles from Mogadishu, Somalia's capital. Twenty-eight-year-old Sayid Ali Sheik Luqman Hussein came to Christ from Islam in 2004 and had actively evangelized in the community in which he was working as a teacher.

According to the July 28 report by ICC, on July 8, two Muslim men approached Mr. Hussein and asked him if he faces Mecca when he prays. Hussein told them that, as a Christian, he does not have to face a specific direction to pray because God is omnipresent.

The two Muslim men returned on July 10 armed with an AK-47 assault rifle and a semi-automatic handgun and shot Hussein to death. Hussein's wife went into premature labour and delivered a stillborn baby upon hearing of her husband's murder.

Please remember to pray for Hussein's wife during this doubly tragic time in her life. Pray that she would know God as Emmanuel (God with us) in her grief. Pray for other Christians in Somalia. Hussein is the fifth Christian martyred in the country in the last nine months.

\*[http://news.christiansunite.com/Religion\\_News/religion07497.shtml?from=gadget](http://news.christiansunite.com/Religion_News/religion07497.shtml?from=gadget)



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In God I will praise his word, in God I have put my trust; I will not fear what flesh can do unto me. (Psalm 56:4)

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# Welcome

“ NEVER STOP PRAYING” (1 THESS. 5: 17)

Welcome to the house of the Lord for praise and worship. As we are aware this week we are going to spend two days in fasting and prayer as a new school year begins for our children. As we prepare ourselves for the same it is our earnest desire that we focus on what we plan to do during these days. We are coming together for prayer and let's seek the favor of God on our families, church and community. Let's seek God. Let's pray fervently. E M Bounds puts it rightly:

PRAYER has to do with the entire man. Prayer takes in man in his whole being, mind, soul and body. It takes the whole man to pray, and prayer affects the entire man in its gracious results. As the whole nature of man enters into prayer, so also all that belongs to man is the beneficiary of prayer. All of man receives benefits in prayer. The whole man must be given to God in praying. The largest results in praying come to him who gives himself, all of himself, all that belongs to himself, to God. This is the secret of full consecration, and this is a condition of successful praying, and the sort of praying which brings the largest fruits.

The entire man must pray. The whole man, life, heart, temper, mind, are in it. Each and all join in the prayer exercise. Doubt, double-mindedness, division of the affections, are all foreign to the closet character and conduct, undefiled, made whiter than snow, are mighty potencies, and are the most seemly beauties for the closet hour, and for the struggles of prayer

The men of olden times who wrought well in prayer, who brought the largest things to pass, who moved God to do great things, were those who were entirely given over to God in their praying. God wants, and must have, all that there is in man in answering his prayers. He must have whole-hearted men through whom to work out His purposes and plans concerning men. God must have men in their entirety. No double-minded man need apply. No vacillating man can be used. No man with a divided allegiance to God, and the world and self, can do the praying that is needed<sup>1</sup>.

There is no particular strategy for prayer or method of praying except the act of prayer. It could be in words or song or the musings of our heart, which are translated into words by the Spirit and taken to the Father who has given us access to Himself by the death of His Son Jesus Christ. So, let's come near in eager expectation with faith and purity so that God may look down on us with favor.

In Christ Alone

Pastor Satish Kumar

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# Sermon Notes

<sup>1</sup>Bounds, Edward M.: *The Essentials of Prayer*. Grand Rapids, Mich. : Baker Book House, 1991, S. 6