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Dear Praying Partners

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Many thanks to all of you who have supported the Prayer Warriors International calling over this last year...and what a year it has been.

We started 2011 with a co-ordinated prayer gathering in London at the end of **January** to coincide with the IFIJ conference going on in Israel at the same time. We were able to join in with and support those who were at prayer there in Jerusalem, we felt a real tangible sense of the Lord's presence and of His will being done as we interceded in Westminster Chapel.

During **February** there was a special time at Purley Baptist Church where we shared with the leadership the biblical truth on deliverance and healing.

March took us to Brussels to stand with the European Coalition for Israel. Also we had a weekend with the International Chamber of Commerce at their AGM in Newport Pagnell. We attended a couple of days teaching with Alistair Petrie from Canada regarding the coming Olympics in July this year.

April we were invited to a small church near Ipswich... the small church with a big heart was open to the spiritual warfare teaching and God moved and touched peoples lives. There were also meetings with the ICCC and the FGBMFI, where a lady was miraculously healed of a back injury after being told she would not walk un-aided again...God is good eh?

At the beginning of **May** we had another day of prayer for Israel bringing together other groups to pray at a strategic time for Israel. The Lord then took me to Holland for a week visiting several prayer houses and teaching on different subjects with them. They invited us to visit again in November.

In **June** we had another two day bible school at Tadworth with about 25 keen folks who responded well to the teaching on the Power of the Kingdom of God. During the summer we had other meetings with Love Never Fails and FGBMFI as well as a trip to Israel with the ICCC.

July was an interesting and rewarding time while Sitting at Jesus Feet at Northampton.

September we had another prayer meeting in London working this time through Christian Middle East Watch and several other organisations who support Israel. CMEW had some seminars in the Houses of Parliament with a 1000 strong Stand for Israel outside... a special day in the Lord as we petitioned the MPs.

The 16th Sept was Pauline and David's golden wedding anniversary with a short break afterwards with our two sons...a special treat for us.

October we had another bible school this time on The God of Israel.

November took us to Holland again visiting four different towns to encourage the intercessors and spiritual warriors, building them up and preparing them for what is ahead. At the end of November we joined with many supporting groups for A Night to Honour Israel in Cardiff attended by hundreds of supporters.

December saw us in Southern Ireland visiting family and meeting with the Lydia leaders prior to their conference in February this year in Galway.

Amongst all of this, PWI has been many times in teaching and leading prayer gatherings, standing with others in intercession for the church and our nation.

What a special year it has been and God has pulled down and destroyed to build up and to plant in so many ways this last year and we thank Him for all that He has done, and give Him all the glory.

I have taken the opportunity to quote you something that one of the International leaders of the ICCC has said in his encouragement for the year ahead...my sentiments entirely. I have added in red in regard to PWI

"No one can avoid seeing the news and experience the shakings in the world in many and quickly increasing ways; finances, floods, earth quakes, conflicts etc. In the midst of this we can either choose to worry or we can lift our eyes and move closer to God, be filled with His word of truth and walk in faith and peace. God's word says "we walk by faith, not by sight" 2 Cor. 5:7.

Victory over Circumstances I have experienced a very tough time myself, during the past two years, and especially 2011. I have sometimes felt like I have walked through the valley of shadow (or as we say in ICCC; our "valley experience" from death to life). We all have to face various problems, but there are different ways of dealing with these situations. As God's people we are in the world, but not of the world. God's Kingdom is heaven-bound in opposite to this world, which is bound for destruction. When these two kingdoms meet, as they do everyday, the result is conflict and friction.

The enemy will of course not allow us to go unchallenged. We will face resistance, but we cannot be moved by circumstances or by the enemy. We have to stand boldly in faith and committed to fulfil the vision God called us to.

For me personally some tough challenges are still ahead, but by God's grace I can say that I do not feel any pressure today. I have peace and joy in my heart and I trust God will continue to be my helper and deliverer.

The call of ICCC is great, but what I describe above is very real today. Now I believe that we as a people need to demonstrate another Kingdom with supernatural solutions. We need to be aware of the fact that we are covenant partners with God and therefore, let's boldly believe in His word and proclaim it in every situation. That was the case for me - the word of God was like honey to my soul. And in every situation God's word has a solution.

2012; New Dreams – New Goals I think that many exciting and challenging things took place last year for you as well as for me. But last year is now over. It will never come again. Lift your eyes, and allow Jesus to show you the New Year. It is full of possibilities. It is waiting for you. The Lord has prepared good works for you. There are tasks you are to accomplish, people you are to meet, relationships you are to establish and situations in which you are to serve, both in ICCC (PWI) and among people around you.

Get ready! Commit yourself to the New Year. In Christ you will bear much fruit this year. He is the purpose of your life. In Him you will succeed. Without Him you can do nothing. The New Year is like the land of Canaan. You need courage, faith, initiative and obedience to enter in.

I believe there is so much more God wants to do through you and through ICCC (PWI). May God guide you, so His glory and solutions will be seen through you. And as I already said opposition will try to hinder you from receiving your inheritance, God's blessing through Jesus Christ. Remember you can do all things through Christ who strengthens you.

I also believe that God has placed a desire in your heart, a longing to see His Kingdom become more visible during the New Year. You must express this desire to the Lord. Speak out what you have in your heart, what you long to see. Do not let the past, mistakes etc, cast dark shadows over the New Year. Follow Jesus and believe that He has wonderful plans for your life and a purpose for you being a member in ICCC (PWI).

A people There is so much that could be said about us being called as God's people, but let me

share something shortly. Our honoured Founder and Chairman J. Gunnar Olson had a dream, from the inception of ICCC. The dream is of "a people" with mutual desire to serve God in their calling in the Marketplace.

He dreamt of mobilizing a people over the globe with the ability to hear and willingness to obey and walk in their HOLY calling (like Abraham). A people with eyes to see and ears to hear; transformed to carry the testimony of God's presence in the Marketplace and in society.

This challenging call, to become a "called-out" people in the Marketplace has been especially significant for me during the last year. We need to encourage and strengthen one another in every nation, to walk as a people here on earth, a people belonging to another Kingdom.

I hope that all of us will be given unlimited vision for the future. Now it is time for the things not seen, the things God beforehand has prepared for us who love Him. Let's therefore become a people, so the world can see and experience God's power, also in the Marketplace.

For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. 2 Cor 4:17-18

Finally, let me give you a scripture (Numbers 6:24-26) as a prayer. Why don't you speak this over your life, family, business, ICCC (PWI) and every situation you face.

God, I thank you that you are blessing me, watching me, guarding me and keeping me. Let your face continue to shine upon me. Thank you for being gracious to me and giving me favour. Thank you for your approval, and that you give me peace.

I truly wish this prayer become a reality in your life for this New Year.

Blessings,

Fredrik Ekholm ICCC Membership Domain Leader"

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I can only encourage you to do the same and be prepared to be who you are in Christ more than who you are in the flesh. The time ahead will be very interesting. As we look at scripture we see that the end time is full of God's grace mercy and judgement, while showing His power to change our lives to be more like Him.

Do take a look at our new website www.prayerwarriors.org.uk and recognise the move forward for us as prayer warriors in the Lord.

Please pray as we have a busy schedule ahead of us through 2012

Many blessings and may you have much favour with the Lord Jesus in this unfolding year. David & the team