



CCIH Prayer Calendar: July 2011

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <p>31 Pray for the future of CCIH Working Groups & Interest Groups as members become more intentional & focused in their involvement in CCIH</p> | <p>But thanks be to God, who always leads us in His triumph in Christ, and manifests through us the sweet aroma of the knowledge of Him in every place. For we are a fragrance of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing, to the one an aroma from death to death, to the other an aroma from life to life. 2 Corinthians 2:14-16</p> <p><i>(Thank you, Libby, for sharing with us)</i></p> | | | <p>1 Pray with the Sudan Council of Churches for a quick resolution to fighting & civilian displacement in the Nuba Mountains; Praise God for the church's concern</p> | <p>2 Give thanks for Travel Packs designed by CCIH member Map International for use by short-term medical missions; Pray for the medical missions that use them</p> | |
| <p>3 Pray for the extreme humanitarian needs in Yemen, including health-care & food, due to insecurity and fighting; Pray for the safety of those providing assistance in dangerous circumstances</p> | <p>4 As Americans celebrate their national freedom, pray for those whose circumstances (poverty, poor leadership, lack of facilities, etc) mean they are not free to access basic health care</p> | <p>5 Pray for the work of CCIH member World Relief in the Democratic Republic of Congo and for new DRC Country Director Charles Franzén as he explores new ways to meet needs in the east</p> | <p>6 Give thanks for the \$4.3 billion pledged to the GAVI Alliance to immunize more than 250 million of the world's poorest children against life-threatening diseases by 2015</p> | <p>7 Continue to pray for wisdom & guidance for the 2011-12 CCIH Board of Directors, Pray for the right person to come forward to fill the vacant Vice-President position</p> | <p>8 Pray for CCIH Member Samaritan's Purse as they continue their trips on a medical boat into the Bolivian Amazon to bring medical care and the hope of the gospel to isolated communities</p> | <p>9 Pray for the new nation, the Republic of South Sudan, marking its birth today; Continue to pray for its leaders and people; Pray for areas still experiencing violence</p> |
| <p>10 Pray for CCIH members & affiliates working in South Sudan, esp Christian Health Association of Sudan, that they would be safe from harm and that they can continue their work</p> | <p>11 Pray for ethnically Southern Sudanese living in the northern Sudan who are uncertain about their future in either the north or the south; Pray for the role of the church in assisting them</p> | <p>12 Pray for people affected by poor water & sanitation. Pray for CCIH members & affiliates, such as Food for the Hungry, who work to bring awareness of these issues in global health</p> | <p>13 Pray for Rwandans as they continue to "heal" from the scars of genocide; Give thanks for the role of the church in that process and in providing basic healthcare</p> | <p>14 Give thanks for CCIH member Deanna McPherson, presenting the realities of modern day slavery & the work of CCIH member World Hope International at the CCIH Annual Conference</p> | <p>15 Give thanks for international cooperation and funding for organizations like the Global Fund, using global leadership, economies of scale & collaboration to improve access to healthcare</p> | <p>16 Inconsistent, or a lack of, reproductive health services and supplies can result in unintended pregnancies; Pray for increased attention to & funding for such services</p> |
| <p>17 Give thanks for the work & life of Libby Little who shared her story & vision during the CCIH Annual Conference; Pray for her rigorous speaking schedule so she can continue to bless others</p> | <p>18 Give thanks for the generous spirit of Meredith Long, 4th CCIH Board President, Senior Director for Int'l Programs at CCIH member World Concern & 25th Annual Conference speaker</p> | <p>19 Maternal health continues as a global point of concern – while progress is being made so much is still needed; Pray that maternal infant child health will be given top priority</p> | <p>20 Give thanks for the current PEPFAR leadership of Ambassador Eric Goosby & his desire to work with all types of partners, including Faith-Based Organizations</p> | <p>21 Pray for the work of CCIH member Emmanuel Hospital Association; Give thanks for Exec Director Dr. Santhosh Mathew's presentations & involvement at the CCIH 25th Annual Conference</p> | <p>22 As the Appropriations Committee of the US House of Representatives considers FY2012 global health funding levels, pray that needed funds are available to continue needed services</p> | <p>23 Praise & thank God for the several generous contributors whose donations enabled the attendance at our conference of those who otherwise would not have been able to come</p> |
| <p>24 Give thanks for the CCIH Orphans & Vulnerable Children Working Group whose Chair Dick Stellway organized an excellent breakout session at the CCIH Annual Conference</p> | <p>25 Give thanks for US leadership in the fight against HIV&AIDS through the PEPFAR program, providing care, treatment & prevention to millions; Pray for continued leadership</p> | <p>26 Pray for churches to move beyond being "AIDS friendly" to becoming "AIDS competent", meaning "well-informed, inclusive, proactively responsive and accompanying"</p> | <p>27 Pray for the work of Acts of Faith, a faith-based organization in Swaziland making progress in the fight against HIV&AIDS; give thanks that Hlobisile Nxumalo attended the CCIH Annual Conference</p> | <p>28 World Hepatitis Day provides international focus on hepatitis B & C, raises awareness to influence real change in disease prevention & access to testing & treatment; How can the church become involved?</p> | <p>29 Pray for today's CCIH Staff meeting involving discussions on the work plan for the rest of 2011 as well as staff changes, the status of grants, etc.; Give thanks for a dedicated staff intent on following God's will</p> | <p>30 Give thanks for the work of Expanded Church Response in Zambia, meeting the treatment needs of 2000 PLHIV and providing HIV prevention education & vocational training for communities at risk</p> |

Christian Connections for International Health

Prayer Calendar July 2011

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If you would like more information on any of the prayer requests listed for this month, please contact us. We also welcome your suggestions for prayer points for next month's calendar. Send queries, suggestions or comments to Sharon Franzén at sfranzen@ccih.org.

July 1 Pray with the **Sudan Council of Churches** for a quick resolution to fighting & civilian displacement in the Nuba Mountains; Praise God for the church's concern; Pray for the work of the **Sudan Advocacy Action Forum**, bringing **updated information** about the situation on the ground in Sudan, both north and south; <http://sudanadvocacy.com/index.html>; <http://sudanadvocacy.com/sit611.pdf>; <http://www.oikoumene.org/gr/member-churches/regions/africa/sudan/scc.html>; <http://merecomments.typepad.com/merecomments/2011/06/sudanese-clergy-seek-to-give-aid-in-south-kordofan.html>; <http://topics.nytimes.com/top/news/international/countriesandterritories/sudan/index.html>; <http://reliefweb.int/node/422325>;

July 2 Give thanks for **Travel Packs** designed by CCIH member **Map International** for use by short-term medical missions: 17,157,000 treatments have been sent to 100+ countries; Pray for the medical missions that use them; <http://www.map.org/what-we-do/provide-medicines/travel-packs>;

July 3 Pray for the extreme humanitarian needs in **Yemen**, including health-care & food, due to insecurity and fighting; Pray for the safety of those providing assistance in dangerous circumstances; <http://reliefweb.int/node/421282>; <http://www.irinnews.org/report.aspx?reportid=92944>; http://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/map_392.pdf;

July 4 As Americans celebrate their national freedom, pray for those whose circumstances (poverty, poor leadership, lack of facilities, etc) mean they are not free to access **basic health care**;

July 5 Pray for the work of CCIH member **World Relief** in the **Democratic Republic of Congo** and for new DRC Country Director **Charles Franzén** as he explores new ways to meet needs in the east; <http://worldrelief.org/Page.aspx?pid=2722>;

July 6 Give thanks for the \$4.3 billion pledged to the **GAVI Alliance** to immunize more than 250 million of the world's poorest children against life-threatening diseases by 2015; http://www.gavialliance.org/media_centre/press_releases/pledging_conference.php;

July 7 Continue to pray for wisdom & guidance for the **2011-12 CCIH Board of Directors**, Pray for the right person to come forward to fill the vacant Vice-President position; <http://www.ccih.org/board-of-directors.html>;

July 8 Pray for CCIH Member **Samaritan's Purse** as they continue their trips on a medical boat into the Bolivian Amazon to bring medical care and the hope of the gospel to isolated communities: http://www.samaritanspurse.org/index.php/articles/reaching_the_remote;

July 9 Pray for the new nation, the **Republic of South Sudan**, marking its birth today; Continue to pray for its leaders and people; Pray for areas still experiencing violence; <http://www.goss.org>; <http://www.southsudan.net>; <http://www.southsudannewsagency.com>; <http://reliefweb.int/node/423297>;

July 10 Pray for CCIH members & affiliates working in South Sudan, esp **Christian Health Association of Sudan**, that they would be safe from harm and that they can continue their work; <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Christian-Health-Association-of-Sudan-CHAS/100780869986960>; www.imaworldhealth.org; www.sim.org; www.samaritan.org; www.worldvision.org; www.msh.org; <http://www.cmmb.org>; <http://www.capa-hq.org>; www.fh.org <http://worldrelief.org>;

July 11 Pray for ethnically **Southern Sudanese living in the northern Sudan** who are uncertain about their future in either the north or the south; Pray for the role of the church in assisting them; <http://www.irinnews.org/report.aspx?reportid=92943>;

July 12 Pray for people affected by poor water & sanitation. Pray for CCIH members & affiliates, such as **Food for the Hungry**, who work to bring awareness of these issues in global health; www.fh.org; <http://www.fh.org/blogs/poverty-180-dirty-water-harms-more-than-a-persons-body.html>;

July 13 Pray for **Rwandans** as they continue to “heal” from the scars of genocide; Give thanks for the role of the **church** in that process and in providing basic healthcare; See “as we forgive”, a film by Laura Waters Hinson, on the reconciliation process (this film was shown and discussed at the CCIH Annual Conference) – www.asweforgive.com; http://www.un.org/preventgenocide/rwanda/pdf/background_rwanda.pdf; <http://www.worldvision.org/news.nsf/news/world-vision-in-rwanda-200906-eneews>;

July 14 Give thanks for CCIH member **Deanna McPherson**, presenting the realities of modern day slavery & the work of CCIH member **World Hope International** at the CCIH Annual Conference; www.worldhope.org; <http://www.faastinternational.org>; <http://www.irinnews.org/report.aspx?reportid=93016>;

July 15 Give thanks for inter-national cooperation and funding for organizations like the **Global Fund**, using global leadership, economies of scale & collaboration to improve access to healthcare; <http://reliefweb.int/node/423043>; <http://www.theglobalfund.org/en/library/publications/progressreports>;

July 16 Inconsistent, or a lack of, reproductive health services and supplies can result in unintended pregnancies; Pray for increased attention to & funding for such services; <http://www.ips.org/africa/2011/06/uganda-health-when-women-go-without-needed-contraceptives>; <http://www.ccih.org/a-information-sharing/knowledge-bank/family-planning-a-reproductive-health/154-working-with-faith-based-organizations-on-family-planning-and-reproductive-health.html>;

July 17 Give thanks for the work & life of **Libby Little** who shared her story & vision during the CCIH Annual Conference; Pray for her rigorous speaking schedule so she can continue to bless others; <http://chimes.biola.edu/content/article/2011/may/18/commencement-speaker-libby-little>;

July 18 Give thanks for the generous spirit of **Meredith Long**, 4th CCIH Board President , Senior Director for Int'l Programs at CCIH member World Concern & 25th Annual Conference speaker; www.worldconcern.org;

July 19 **Maternal health** continues as a global point of concern – while progress is being made so much is still needed; Pray that maternal infant child health will be given top priority; Give thanks and pray for CCIH members & affiliates who provide maternal health services; <http://www.trust.org/alertnet/news/south-africa-midwife-shortage-impacts-maternal-health>; <http://www.irinnews.org/report.aspx?reportid=93111>; <http://www.cmmmb.org/healthcare-programs>; <http://www.caringforallinc.org/id28.html>; <http://www.lifecareministriespak.org/what-we%20-do.html>; <http://www.mamaproject.org>; <http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/internationalhealth/healthywomenhealthyfamilies>; <http://worldrelief.org/Page.aspx?pid=2706>;

July 20 Give thanks for the current **PEPFAR leadership of Ambassador Eric Goosby** & his desire to work with all types of partners, including Faith-Based Organizations; Give thanks for his willingness to meet with faith-based leaders to hear their thoughts and ideas; <http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ei/biog/125483.htm>;

July 21 Pray for the work of CCIH member **Emmanuel Hospital Association**; Give thanks for Exec Director **Dr. Santhosh Mathew's** presentations & involvement at the CCIH 25th Annual Conference; www.eha-health.org;

July 22 As the Appropriations Committee of the US House of Representatives considers **FY2012 global health funding levels**, pray that needed funds are available to continue needed services; http://www.globalhealth.org/view_top.php?id=48#062211;

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July 24 Give thanks for the **CCIH Orphans & Vulnerable Children Working Group** whose Chair **Dick Stellway** organized an excellent breakout session at the CCIH Annual Conference; aids@viva.org

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July 27 Pray for the work of **Acts of Faith**, a faith-based organization in Swaziland making progress in the fight against HIV&AIDS; give thanks that **Hlobisile Nxumalo** attended the CCIH Annual Conference; actsoffaith@swazi.net;

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July 30 Give thanks for the work of **Expanded Church Response (ECR)** in Zambia, meeting the treatment needs of 2000 PLHIV and providing HIV prevention education & vocational training for communities at risk; Praise God for **CCIH member Rev. Troy Lewis**, ECR’s Executive Director and his long-term commitment to serve with the **Zambian faith community**; <http://ecr.ecrtrust.org>;

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