



March 2010 News

Join us in support of One Voice Global Poverty Prayer Week 1-7th March.

It's time for you and me, the people movement, to gather to pray. Martin Smith, singer/songwriter, UK

Never has the church needed to gather together more urgently than today to pray...to call on God to come, to bring justice, comfort and healing. Tim Hughes, Director of Worship, HTB London

Friend of the Poor

Will you join us by singing this song... and praying?

It's a song that has a knack of invading your heart without permission, and you can see Martin's special acoustic version here <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iLCtN2NxeS8&NR=1>. Click www.compassionart.tv to find lyrics and sheet music.

One Voice. This Global Poverty Prayer week join the global church and a worldwide movement of people seeking God, praying and acting for justice, mercy, and an end to poverty. 1-7th March. See Martin's video supporting Tearfund's efforts to help rebuild Haiti. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UbqZ61qlgsc>

Why One Voice?

God's desire is for us to be united, to care for our neighbours – people where you are right now and others across the world. As Paul explains clearly in 1 Corinthians 12:26, if part of the body is suffering, the whole body suffers. In the words of an old spiritual: 'none of us are free, if one of us is chained'.

Why One People?

Amazing things happen when the church comes together. Singer, songwriter and One Voice Supporter Martin Smith believes Jesus calls us to be a 'people movement'. Wherever Jesus went, he gathered followers. He nurtured and taught them to love him and to love each other – that's how the church began.

Why One Prayer?

Prayer and worship connect us with God and we can't connect with God without being changed. Here's a question. If you are not as close to God as you used to be... who moved?

He wants us to become more like him (2 Cor 3:18). Because our God loves justice, when we connect to him our love for justice is renewed and our determination to deal with poverty is activated. If we're open to God, he will open our eyes to see how we can act so that justice is done. As you pray, someone will be praying with you.

What's Our Story?

At CompassionArt we believe that what we leave behind is not what is engraved in stone monuments but what is woven into the lives of others. Graham Cray writes on the CompassionArt DVD:

'Worship Leaders are often the church's most influential theological teachers. People don't remember many of my talks long term, but the best of these new songs and the theological content, people end up knowing instinctively and easily recall'.

Once our heads start to engage with our hearts there is no stopping us helping people who need assistance and finding a desire to take action. For Martin and Anna Smith it was meeting a girl called Farin that triggered them to do something. Just one eye to eye contact made all the difference for Martin when he first met this bright eyed little girl on the streets of Mumbai. Farin witnessed her mother working as a slave in a brothel where she slept on a blanket underneath the bed where her mother worked through the night. Farin thought this was just normal life, content to be close to her mother's side.Read more http://www.compassionart.tv/about/press/press_240210.aspx

What our friends say about Prayer

Joyce Meyer: <http://www.tearfund.org/Praying/On+prayer/Joyce+Meyer.htm>

Rob Bell: <http://www.tearfund.org/Praying/On+prayer/Rob+Bell.htm>

Tim Hughes Video: <http://www.tearfund.org/NR/exeres/988DAC42-E629-490C-8772-4914D4DAED83.htm>

All the details you need to know about getting involved in 'One Voice' GPPW can be found here.

www.compassionart.tv or

<http://www.tearfund.org/Praying/GPPW+2010/One+voice>

A few suggestions to Pray For: <http://www.tearfund.org/Praying/GPPW+2010/One+voice>

If you have been inspired by the song 'Friend of the Poor' please let us know your stories to paulsmith@compassionart.tv. You can also support the work of CompassionArt by purchasing our album and book. <http://www.compassionart.tv/created/album/order.aspx> or donating to <http://www.compassionart.tv/donate/> by card or paypal.

The proceeds will change the lives of people needing help. Thank you.

Other News Just In:-

Family Christian Music and Book Store Chain in USA, donate \$30,000 to CompassionArt to help build a creative centre for children in Uganda. Press release to follow in next month's newsletter.

CompassionArt Album nominated for a 2010 Dove Award in the special event album of the year category.

<http://www.gmclife.com/41st-dove-award-nominees>

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