



National Children's

Prayer Congress

2007

Dear Christian Educator,

Welcome to the National Children's Prayer Congress, 2007. Our theme for this year is **"Rebuilding the Broken City on the Foundation of God's Word."**

In preparation for their time in Washington, DC (from September to May), the Student Delegates will study the important principles and godly character traits found in the book of Nehemiah. Through this study the delegates will learn how to pray effectively for the healing of broken hearts, for the rebuilding of our cities' broken walls, and for the restoring of God's truth and light into the broken cultures of our nation and the world.

Just as Nehemiah was made aware of the needs of his countrymen and took the responsibility to rebuild the broken city of Jerusalem as a call from God, we have been called by God to pray life giving prayers for those who are experiencing brokenness in our nation and the world.

Our time together in May and our international prayer focus for 2007 will provide the children with a modern day Nehemiah experience. For NCPC 2007, the country of Lebanon was prayerfully chosen as our international prayer focus several months before this country's pain and brokenness became the focus of the world. The following experience has helped us to better understand how important this year's NCPC will be to our Student Delegates and for our neighbors here and abroad.

On July 1, 2006 Mark Story left for Beirut on a mission of friendship to the people of Lebanon. On July 12, Mark and his team were awakened by the sounds of bombs exploding at the Beirut Airport just a few miles away. The team was quickly made aware that their mission of mercy and grace had then become a call to intercession. As they watched the very people with whom they had shared God's love and friendship being thrust into a war zone, the team experienced with the Lebanese people a rain of destruction coming down all around them.

The team's call to intercession took them to the rooftop of the seminary (their home while in Beirut) where they prayed for the people of Lebanon. As they prayed they saw and felt the impact of the falling bombs and watched black smoke rise over a broken city.

As Delegates of the National Children's Prayer Congress, our call to intercession will take us to a rooftop in our nation's Capitol where we, as a team, will pray for the brokenness of our cities and our nation, and for our leaders as Nehemiah did for his people. By doing so, we will be joining our prayers with those who had prayed on the rooftop in Beirut as we also intercede for the people and leaders of Lebanon and for the peace of Jerusalem and the Israeli people.

We look forward to having your children join with other Student Delegates as they raise their voices in prayer to under gird the foundation of our nation with God's Word and to restore God's truth and light into the cultures of our nation and the world.

Sincerely,

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