

Social Justice Newsletter

March 2008

Kay Warren speaking at HTB/SPOS on Sunday March 16th

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, Kay Warren (wife of Rick, from Saddleback) will be speaking at the services on Sunday, March 16th. Kay will be speaking about HIV/AIDS. At the back of the churches we will have representatives and information from a number of HIV/AIDS ministries with whom we have relationships - please check them out on the day. You can also find information, on opportunities to get involved, on our webpages <http://www.htb.org.uk/social-transformation>. You might also like to attend Tearfund's HIV/AIDS conference (where Kay will also be speaking) on Saturday 15th May at the Kerith Centre, Bracknell. Tickets are £15. To find out more, ring Tearfund on 0845 355-8355 or contact the Bracknell Family Church on 01344 862699.

Please pray for fruit from Kay's visit; for more people to engage with the issues raised by HIV/AIDS; and for those directly affected by it

Coming to a cinema near you in March ...

Also on HIV/AIDS, look out for a new film, *We Are Together*, in cinemas in early March www.wearetogether.org The film, which has already won twelve awards, follows the extraordinary journey of children at the Agape orphanage in South Africa. Having lost their parents to AIDS, they form a choir and discover the power of their collective voices to strengthen their spirit and inspire others in the face of adversity. "An incredible piece of work" (Bono). "Cinema at it's most inspirational" (Daily Mirror). "A life-affirming testament to the power of music" (The Times). The film, which raises funds for AIDS charities in South Africa, will open on March 7th, at the Odeon cinemas in Covent Garden, Whiteleys, and Greenwich.

Please pray for success of the film, particularly the first weekend (which will affect subsequent bookings and its extension to other cinemas), and that it will significantly raise awareness of the HIV/AIDS pandemic in the global south

Easter Eggs

Before you buy your Easter Eggs this year, you might want to give a thought to where that chocolate came from. Much of the chocolate that finds its way into our shops and homes is made with cocoa from Ivory Coast plantations that use trafficked children. To find out what you can do to end this sickening practice visit the STOP THE TRAFFIK website <http://www.stophetraffik.org/chocolatecampaign/>. There are resources there to help you lobby the chocolate industry and to raise awareness of the issues with others. And, when you are buying chocolate, why not stick to Fairtrade? You can find a list of 'good chocolate' on the STOP THE TRAFFIK website.

Please pray for the chocolate industry to take the steps needed to eradicate this trafficking and modern-day slavery

Dates for your Diary:

HTB Prayer Breakfast, 7am, Tuesday March 4th

We will be praying for the church's social transformation activities at the prayer breakfast on March 4th. Would be great to see you there.

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