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### **Week of Prayer 8<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> March 2009**

Dear friends,

In the recent church letter we told churches about the proposed week of prayer for the finances of Grace Baptist Mission and mission in general. Although the current crisis in the world financial markets obviously bears on this, it was not the reason for calling this week of prayer.

The decision of Council to invite churches to join with us in this way arose from a debate at the Annual General Meeting in October 2008. At that time the Mission was facing a considerable deficit and a number of speakers made the point that what was really needed was a humble acceptance by all the churches that the financing of the mission was their responsibility and that repentance for our past failures was an appropriate place to start in seeking the Lord to help us meet the needs of the Mission.

Mission Council does not want to be prescriptive in this matter. We want churches to consider the matter for themselves and to decide in what way they join in this concerted week of prayer. Whatever you decide may we, however, urge you to pray with all the churches that the work of the Kingdom will not be hindered by a lack of funds and that you as churches and individuals will seek to have a clear conscience before the Lord in this matter of giving to the work of God. We are enclosing a leaflet setting out some matters for prayer and would invite churches to make copies of this available for their members. A copy is also available on the Mission website [www.gbm.org.uk](http://www.gbm.org.uk).

Yours in the fellowship of Mission,

John McDonald, Mission Coordinator

# Grace Baptist Mission

8<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> March 2009

## Week of Prayer for the Mission Finances.

1. Give thanks to God for enabling the Mission to reach the year end in Surplus.
2. Praise God for the continuing faithfulness of the Churches in supporting the Mission.
3. Acknowledge that God is good to us as churches.
4. Confess that we do not use the resources provided to us as wisely or generously as we should for the furtherance of Gospel work.
5. Thank God for the sacrifices made by those who serve him in mission and determine that we will meet their needs with the same sacrificial spirit.

