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**Please pray for the continued growth of Christian unity in Kenya.**

There are attacks of the devil that open the door for positive spiritual change in a country. On April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2006 Kenya experienced such an event. Fourteen people were killed in an airplane crash when a Kenyan military aircraft carrying 17 passengers, including several members of parliament, crashed in Marsabit, 450 km north-east of the Kenya's capital Nairobi. They had gone to mediate a quarrel between rival communities. (See [www.chinaview.cn](http://www.chinaview.cn) 2006-04-10 22:24:34 for more details.)

Kenya recently elected its first new president since independence in 1963. The new government did not seem interested in spiritual matters. However, after the crash, many in the government, including the president, were publicly asking for prayer for Kenya.

Justus Ochuro said the effect in Bungoma has been for all the different denominations and sects to come together for prayer. He asked us to pray that this communication will lead the whole body of Christ in Bungoma specifically and Kenya generally to build communication, cooperation and love between the different groups so all Christians will stand united.

Christians had to unite to prevent a new constitution that would have instated a separate legal system for Muslims among other things. There is an ongoing battle to preserve spiritual (religious) freedom in Kenya. Let us pray that God will keep the door open for the Gospel to go forth.

**Table 3: Percentage of pregnant women testing positive at urban sentinel surveillance sites**

Urban Site	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	00
Busia	17	10	30	22	23	22	28	29	30	34	22
Garissa	5	-	5	4	15	6	5	8	6	6	-
Kajiado	-	-	-	-	-	6	7	10	8	-	-
Kakamega	5	13	15	9	14	12	10	10	16	12	12
Kisii	2	4	0	3	9	4	16	16	15	12	16
Kisumu	19	19	20	20	30	25	27	33	29	27	35
Kitale	3	6	21	8	11	10	12	13	10	18	17
Kitui	1	5	2	8	20	4	4	6	10	9	14
Meru	3	-	-	2	11	9	16	14	23	30	35
Mombasa	10	17	11	17	11	16	12	17	16	-	12
Nakuru	10	13	13	23	-	27	11	25	25	27	11
Nyeri	3	4	9	3	6	-	9	7	17	-	14
Thika	3	10	3	28	40	-	13	19	33	18	21

Source: NASCOP, 2001

The AIDS infection rate among pregnant women in the Kisumu District near Bungoma has risen from 19% in 1990 to 35% in 2000 – the latest available year. HIV/AIDS infected mothers often transmit the disease to their children.

Most of the young children born with HIV/AIDS die before reaching their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday.

At least 15% of all people between 15 and 49 live with HIV/AIDS. There are at least one million AIDS orphans. (CESifo Working Paper # 1034 Sept 2003)

AIDS has caused economic conditions to become worse due to the loss of productive people and increased medical expenses. It has also caused the overall mortality rate to climb.

Drought conditions have led to many deaths from starvation and tribal conflicts. The government officials who died in the airplane crash were going to help resolve a dispute between tribes over water. Large numbers of wildlife have starved to death.

Look at 2 Chronicles 7:13-14. Let us pray for the people of Kenya to humble themselves, come together in one accord as the body of Jesus Christ and pray so that God may heal their land.

