

Micah Challenge 1-page summary



Blow the Whistle

In 2000 the world's leaders, including those of the UK, committed to the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) to eradicate extreme poverty and hunger by 2015 when it signed the Millennium Declaration. 2007 marks the half-way point to the fulfillment of the MDGs, and it's time to Blow the Whistle to ensure our Government and others the world over honour their promises.

Since 2000, poverty and poverty-related issues have sprung up on government agendas worldwide yet progress has been poor and in many areas the situation is worse than before. The Micah Challenge Blow the Whistle campaign is calling on our Government and the international community to look at the half-time scores and resolve to turn this match around so that extreme poverty and hunger really are halved by 2015.

There are five specific areas the campaign is focusing on at this time because they are urgent and because the British Government can do something to meet these requests. These areas are: AIDS treatment, water and sanitation, climate chaos, trade justice and primary education.

Join with thousands of others and participate in the Blow the Whistle campaign:-

Send the Postcard for Justice to the PM

Write a Letter for Mercy to your MP

Hold a Blow the Whistle Sunday service – 20 May

Join the Blow the Whistle Worship Service and Rally - 2 June in central London

Offer Prayers of Humility (six weeks of guided praying globally) 27 May – 07/07/07

Micah Challenge

Micah Challenge UK is a coalition of Christian organisations and churches in Britain, united in their concern to fight global poverty. It is part of the international Micah Challenge movement of churches and Christian agencies uniting to hold their governments to account for the promises they made towards the fulfillment of the MDGs.

Already, 32 countries have united behind the Micah Challenge and 13 more countries are due to launch their own national campaigns in the course of 2007.

The challenge at the heart of the movement is Micah 6:8. "And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." Micah Challenge calls us to ensure justice is done, to embrace mercy in our hearts, to be obedient to our Lord.

Micah Challenge seeks transformational change in society, through the active involvement of the church with the poor and against the injustices of poverty. It seeks to sensitise and engage Christians into greater political and practical involvement with the issues relating to poverty by highlighting biblical truths which prompt a compassion of heart. It will also enable Christians to pray, take action, speak out and engage with the issues surrounding poverty, here in the UK as well as overseas.

For more information go to www.micahchallenge.org.uk/btw