

## PRAYER FOCUS

*(UPDATE 21/1/2009)*

### **Please pray for Gaza:**

- Give thanks for the ceasefires by Israel and Hamas in Gaza and pray they hold.
- Pray for those who are mourning for lost loved ones and for God's comfort to those who have been injured.
- Pray that more humanitarian aid can get through to those who have lost homes and possessions.
- Pray for our partners and for World Mission staff in Israel/Palestine.
- Pray for lasting peace in the region.

### **Please pray for Zimbabwe:**

On Sunday 25 January, Christians worldwide are being urged to pray and fast for justice in Zimbabwe. Here is some guidance for your intercessions:

- Pray for those infected by cholera and for those mourning loved ones that have died from the disease.
- Pray for an end to the food crisis and for the millions struggling to survive.
- Pray for political reconciliation and the formation of a unity government so that the country's many social and economic problems can be addressed.
- Pray agencies can continue to provide help to those in most need.
- Pray for the work of World Mission's partner churches and organisations and for the safety of their staff and families.
- Pray for unity, wisdom and strength for the churches as they seek to hear God's voice for the country and for themselves as an organisation.
- Pray for the Christians in Zimbabwe to demonstrate the hope they have in Christ by being honest, generous and inclusive.
- Pray that the international community continues to apply pressure for change from within Zimbabwe.