As Michele, from Hawaii, reminded us—“God gave us our motorcycle!” Remember Pavel Goia’s story of his little son in Romania who asked his daddy for a “motorcycle” (aka a tricycle)? The youngster expected it because it was promised, and told all his friends that he already had his “motorcycle,” even before his parents had purchased it for him. And at our prayer event at Innisbrook a few days ago God gave us more than we could even have known to ask for. He must love to surprise His children.

God sent speakers with His messages for us, just what we needed. Jonathan Henderson, for instance, started us off by putting us “in the ring” to wrestle with the personal Friend and God of Jacob. His second sermon was one of the “best of the best.” That’s my husband’s evaluation, and as a teacher of preaching for many years he claims to know an effective sermon when he hears one. The Holy Spirit was present, pouring out His supernatural riches on each of us.

Pavel Goia’s messages of God’s intimacy were both startling and at the same time extremely reassuring. Jim Moon, with the powerful “musk ox ladies” was a perfect simile of how our God gives us divine assignments with eternal consequences, and then sometimes pulls back the curtain and allows us to see exactly how He is working.

We went deeper into the Word of God as Gary Burns led us in warm fellowship groups to “mine” the Scriptures and apply that message from the Word to our lives personally, individually. The intercessory prayer experience on Sabbath afternoon for leaders, pastors, teachers, and hospitals set a tone for reaching out to God for others. This is already at the center of our ministry, and something we want to keep going and growing.

It was an inspiration to hear our president, Elder Dan Jackson, as he brought the message we needed, straight from the heart of God. We are grateful that our great God has placed the Jacksions in this key role to lead the North American Division “for such a time as this.”

Jose Rojas’s memorable send-off message prepared us to return to our own personal mission fields with renewed fervor and a sense of God’s hand on our shoulders.

God used these messages to lead us to His throne in prayers of praise and huge blessings. His presence during our times of prayer was treasured.

“Throughout the Bible, God did His work on earth through the Holy Spirit. People throughout history have experienced the powerful work of the Spirit in their lives, and they’ve been used of God to impact the world in which they lived.” Henry Blackaby

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Be a Prayer Warrior for Evangelism—sign up at wwwpray4net2011.org
Notes from Ruthie—continued

**DVDs of Sermons:**
All of the weekend messages will be available in 2-3 weeks on our website. They’ll be downloadable so you can use them and distribute to pastors and churches.

**Awards:**
At each of the pre-convention Prayer Conferences, *Excellence in Ministry Awards* are awarded to those whose lives have demonstrated extraordinary effectiveness in ministry during the previous biennium. The Prayer Coordinators who received the awards this time were Pastor Roy Rugless, from the South Central Conference, & Michael Roland from the Southern California Conference. Both Pastor Roy and Michael represent those Prayer Coordinators who are giving so tirelessly in ministry to their fields. Through them we say thanks to each of you.

**Seminars at the Adventist Ministry Convention:**
Pastor Roy Rugless, Kelly Veilleux, Jim Moon, Mark Piotrowski, Karen Martell, and Janet Lui, presented four seminars at the Ministries Convention which were excellent, informative, inspiring, and encouraging. I wish you all could have been there. Although the sessions were not recorded, feel free to contact them for ideas or for resources.

**Upcoming Events:**

- Monthly All night Prayer Call—changed from Thursday night to Saturday night, February 4, 2012 starting at 10 pm EST and ending at 5 am EST. Call 712-432-0031, Access code is 435650#


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Outstanding new resource:
Pastor Kevin Wilfley, Prayer Coordinator from the Upper Columbia Conference has prepared the first five of fifty-two short, powerful video prayer stories. You’ll want to download these from the conference website for use in your ministry www.uccsda.org/prayer.

Name Change:
I have been advised by our leaders at the North American Division that we should consider changing our name from Prayer Ministries to a name that more accurately (and more interestingly?) describes what we do – Prayer, Bible Study, and Ministry. Dr. Paul Brantley, Debra Brill, and others have explained that our name needs to be broader to encompass what we are really about. Please let me hear from you on this. We have some decisions to make on this very soon. The one whose suggestion is chosen will receive a free trip to the New Jerusalem. (Please note that our Leader, and not Prayer Ministries, is graciously providing this trip!)

Again I want to thank each of you for the ways you are doing God’s work – you are joining Him in his significant work where you are. You’re truly a light in a dark world.

Big blessings and much appreciation.
Ruthie

Weekly Prayer Calls
No one can measure what God is doing as a result of His people who come together every week (by phone) to knock on the doors of heaven with their praises, worship, and requests. Our thanks to Karen, Kelly, and Marian for creating the climate for prayer and growth. God is working, and leaders are realizing that God is blessing as a result.

On Tuesdays at 7:00AM- PST – 641-715-3840 - access code 514343#
Karen Martell leads her prayer Coordinators in their powerful circle of intercession.

Every Wednesday at 6:30 AM – EST - 712-451-6100 - access code -3687072#
Kelly Veilleux and others hold a powerful prayer session.

Also on Wednesday – 7:30 AM – CST – 712-432-0031 – access code-270973#
This group is led by Marian Parson, and her great group meets expecting God to hear and answer, and He does.

If you haven't formed the habit of joining one of these groups, be assured that they will add a deeper dimension to your spiritual journey. You’ll learn from others, and your presence will encourage and strengthen the group. Thanks again to Karen, Marian, and Kelly for their powerful leadership.

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News from Gulf States Conference—Amy Mapp

I wanted to share an overview of what the Prayer Ministries Team in Gulf States Conference is doing.

Our Prayer team sponsors two prayer conferences: one in the spring and one in the fall.

As a result of our emotional healing conference last September with Dennis Smith, several people are still praising God for their authentic physical and emotional healing.

We have three phone conference lines to facilitate prayer, praise and discussion that has turned into a virtual church. It all started with a phone conference call to study and discuss the book “40 Days, Prayers and Devotions to Prepare for the Second Coming”. It was a real blessing to those that were home bound because of illness and other reasons. People who participated started inviting their friends. Small church groups were started in different homes. The groups grew so much that two additional lines were started. One phone conference line studies scripture and the Sabbath School lesson and another prayer conference line studies the 40 days plus other spiritual books. On the daily lines, a pastor and elders facilitate. There are Canadians and people calling in from three additional states daily. God is Good!!!!!!

One baptism has resulted from our virtual church meetings.

One combative church has been transformed into a vibrant, loving church filled with the Holy Spirit as a direct result of the virtual church. Church members from this church meet in a home and listen over a speaker phone. Even the conference president asked what had happened in this church because he saw a noticeable difference.

Each Sunday morning a team of church prayer coordinators meet on the third phone conference call to pray for prayer requests and needs of the conference. The conference president is often on the conference call praying.

We also have a prayer conference call to respond to emergency prayer requests. We have a phone tree that alerts the prayer warriors as to the emergency and everyone that is able calls in and prays.

Prayer has made a difference in the Gulf States Conference!
Prayer Conference Pictures (see more at www.NADPrayerMinistries.org)
"By His Spirit" Prayer Conference – February 17-19, 2012

"By His Spirit" Prayer Conference will be held at Cohutta Springs Conference retreat over the weekend of Feb 17-19, 2012. Dennis Smith will speak on the Person, Ministry and End-time work of the Holy Spirit. Sabine Vatel, pastor for Discipleship at the Forest Lake Church will be making a special presentation on their "House of Prayer" and will share principles for revitalizing the mid-week prayer meeting. See flyer below. You can also download the flyer at www.NADPrayerMinistries.org from the Event Info menu.
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About the Seminar • The foremost emphasis of the prayer seminar is coming into the presence of the Lord (alone and as a community), knowing God, learning to communicate and to walk daily with Him. The goal is spiritual growth, revival, total commitment and God’s power in reaching the world for Christ. We will focus on the main characteristics of the most important Bible prayers. Please come and participate in the prayer seminar. You will receive a special blessing, and your prayer life will be changed forever.

Music
Jolyne Simler & Jodi Dilger

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Lay Youth Pastor, Granite Bay Church

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Tami Holland & Sarita Parham

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