At our last all-night prayer call, my dear friend, Claudia Parks, from Bennet, NE, came on and shared with us about the goodness of God - even in the face of metastasized cancer which has spread to her bones. We gathered around her that night from all across North America and beyond, and prayed prayers of faith asking God to touch her one more time.

This week she contacted us to say that she just got her last report, and the physicians tell her that her cancer is diminishing! We praise God. Her faith is strong and she is very concentrated on those around her.

We thank God for all He is doing around North America. The Youth Department at NAD just had a life-changing prayer weekend in Greensboro, North Carolina, for nearly 1,000 youth and young adults.

As you read this newsletter, you'll see so many evidences of God's powerful favor toward His children. We thank you for your diligence, faith, and for working for others - for eternal consequences from His hand.

Wesley Duewel, in his wonderful book, "Mighty Prevailing Prayer," reminds us that God has answers. "Intensified, prevailing prayer is God's ordained law and method for implementing His redemptive plan in this age till Jesus returns. It is the highest, holiest, and mightiest effort of which a child of God is capable. It is God's chosen way to bring heaven's power, heaven's resources, and heaven's angels into action on earth."

Charles Spurgeon said, "He who knows how to overcome with God in prayer has heaven and earth at his disposal." Intensified prayer is clothed with the might of God.

Big blessings to each of you, we thank God for His work in you and through you.

Ruthie
Watching God from the Front Row

Notes from Chesapeake Conference—Sedley Johnson

March 2-4, Northeast and Dundalk SDA Church sponsored a "Empowering Spiritually Minded Women" weekend for the Women International day of prayer. Our guest speakers were Shirley Benton (Columbia Union Women’s Ministry) and Carol Barron (NAD). It started with a prayer service at Dundalk led out by Shirley Benton. On Sabbath, Carol Barron preached at Dundalk and Benton preached at Northeast. After lunch, Carol and Shirley joined forces to empower spiritually minded women. On Sunday morning we gathered together for a prayer breakfast and it was a great gathering as we came together as women to be empowered by the Holy Spirit. It was a spirit filled weekend.

To view pictures go to: https://picasaweb.google.com/105794006685647784302/WomenMinistryDay?
authuser=0&authkey=Gv1sRgCNaSmuKhkvjdMQ&feat=directlink#

God’s Answered Prayer—Oscar Sherrod

On March 14, 2012, I went to the park to get some exercise. While walking I decided to call my pastor, Pastor Freddie Russell, to give him an update of an unusual weekend my family and I experienced. On March 9, 2012, my wife Pat and I were taking some downtime from our jobs and were traveling to Ohio to see our son. While enroute and enjoying one another’s company, my wife received a very disturbing phone call. I saw her emotions change while tears began to flow from her eyes. I asked her what was wrong. Her emotions were so overtaken by the phone call that she could barely speak to me. Her niece, Cheryl McGee, was traveling back to Atlanta, GA from a funeral service. Her husband’s oldest sister died and they had just buried her when Cheryl received a call from Nashville, TN, telling her that her father, Pastor William Freeman (my wife’s brother), had been run over by a 4,800 lb. tractor and had to be airlifted to Vanderbilt Hospital in Nashville, TN. He suffered a broken clavicle, four broken ribs and two broken hips. I continued to share with my pastor that on Sunday, March 11, 2012, I got the word from my sister that her daughter’s baby had an asthma attack and was not responding to the treatment. They did not think she would make it. She is now in ICU. While giving my pastor an update of all of these situations, he said in a very concerned and genuine way, “can I pray for you?” I said yes. He prayed for my family and before his prayer was over, I got a text from my sister that read “thank you for your prayers,” Victory (the child’s name) has been holding oxygen at 92%, so they are talking about letting her go home if she maintains over 92%. Later that evening, I received a report that my brother-in-law, Pastor William Freeman, was able to get up on his own. What a mighty God we serve. Praise be to our God! I thank my pastor for his faith and confidence in prayer!
"By His Spirit" Prayer Conference at Cohutta Springs, Feb 17-19, 2012

We had a record number (219) attending the Prayer Conference from 16 churches, some were not Adventist! Dennis Smith spoke to some very important spiritual issues regarding the work of the Holy Spirit. In addition he had special presentations on the meaning of emotional healing and the importance of forgiveness. The attendees were clearly moved and blessed by the conference as attributed by the responses on the evaluations. There was an anointing service that took place after Sabbath--and many participants were deeply touched. Pastor Sabine Vatel shared a powerful presentation regarding the "House of Prayer" mid-week service at Forest Lake Church, Apopka, Florida, which gave both pastors and Prayer Ministry leaders attending good ideas and principles on how they may revitalize their church's prayer meeting experience. A beautiful prayer room, set up by Charlie and Dolly Nielsen of the Marietta Church inspired the many attendees. Neville Peter, Adventist pianist and recording artist inspired the weekend with beautiful music and Raiza Fernandez from the Atlanta North Church led in the singing. "To Know Your Heart" was the theme song for this inspiring weekend.

One of the more memorable points that was made from the weekend was where Dennis shared a timeline of how the emphasis of the theme of being filled with the Holy Spirit together with the theme of righteousness by faith, was first given around 1888, and interestingly enough this was in the midst of an economic recession that was gripping our world. The same emphasis on the Holy Spirit and Righteousness by Faith was also given 40 years later in 1928 when the world also faced a similar economic crisis. Some 40 years later (1968) a young preacher called Morris Venden emphasized Righteousness by Faith in his preaching and on the importance of being filled with the Holy Spirit. Then in 2008 (some 40 years later!) came the world-wide economic downturn and in the midst of this came another call for Reformation and Revival (through the work of the Holy Spirit) and Righteousness by Faith. Dennis commented how that in his travels around the world he sees how throughout our world church this theme is coming through so strongly--could this be for the final time, and this time will result in the mission of our church being completed? Only the Lord knows, but it is profound to see this pattern since the 1888 Minneapolis General Conference.

Next year's prayer conference will be held over the weekend of February 15-17, 2013 and the theme will be on "The Beauty of His Word." Also the second Teen Prayer Conference is planned for the Fall of 2013 in NE Tennessee.
Notes from Central California Conference—Joyce Mulligan

Prayer Ministries is actually a part of every ministry in our conference. We gather together every Wednesday from 10am-1pm to pray over all the conference concerns and also every pastor and his wife is prayed over individually and also every church, Bible Worker, Office school, staff and our colleges and hospitals etc. Ramiro Cano, our conference president, sends me his prayer requests and we pray over them also. Our tithe was way down and we began to pray about the tithe and God worked on hearts and tithe has gone up 5%, PTL!!! Some of our schools are paying tithe and God is rewarding them.

Our evangelism offering reached over 1 million dollars this year because of prayer. This offering is taken and pledged at camp meeting time and camp meeting is saturated in prayer all day long. I delegate to many prayer partners and they in turn are excited about God using them. The weekend before camp meeting we have a Prayer Partner weekend. They come to Soquel and start praying on Friday evening and we end in a prayer walk and agape feast on Sabbath evening. Every speaker is prayed over and every children’s division is prayer saturated. We have a prayer room where people can go throughout the day, from 7am--7pm. There is also a prayer booth and designated times of prayer five times a day. At 9:15pm, after the evening meeting the campers are invited to meet in a large area to pray. Many attend that prayer meeting. Every camper is prayed over as they enter the grounds at Soquel. God is blessing in a mighty way and I know that this is happening in many conferences. Prayer makes a difference! This is certainly a God thing. No human could do this! It is all about Him and not about us.

Our Women’s Retreat was a huge success because of prayer. Actually, Prayer Ministry is a major part of the Women's Retreat. Our staff knows that things can’t and won’t happen without prayer and to seek God before we act. God impressed us to have a prayer room and prayer times throughout the weekend plus an anointing on Saturday night. 90 women came to be anointed. Each woman has a Prayer Partner and receives a prayer letter on Sabbath afternoon confirming that someone was praying for her before the retreat began and also during the retreat. There were 488 women attending, including 86 were not of our faith. I would like to share a couple of testimonies with you that happened at the Women’s retreat.

The Tenaya staff has enjoyed having us at their hotel and we have become acquainted with the leadership. One of the kitchen staff got very ill and was taken to the hospital. The staff came to us and asked us to pray for her because they know that there is a lot of prayer going on in our meetings. One of the ladies at the retreat was impressed to buy CD’s of the retreat for any of the staff that wanted them. 34 CD’s went out to their staff. The Banquet Coordinator ordered 4 sets for his staff and the head chef asked for a set for his wife. The Retreat Coordinator also asked for a set. God is working!

Violet Wade from the Wellsprings Church says her friend, Katherine is not an Adventist. They have been friends for more than 16 years. For the past 10 years, she has been praying and asking God to bring Katherine to one of our Women’s Retreats. Last year a number of prayer partners prayed everyday of the week after they dropped off their children at Foothill SDA Elementary school. God answered their prayers. This year, Katherine accepted her invitation to attend the 2012 Women’s Retreat at Tenaya Lodge. Praise God, during one of the sessions, when Elizabeth Talbot was sharing, Katherine turned to Violet and said, “why am I attending church on Sunday when the Bible clearly states that we should attend church and worship Him on the seventh day, which is clearly on Saturday.” Well, you could imagine Violet’s amazement and excitement. Violet said to her that the 4th commandment is the only commandment that started with the word, "Remember". Katherine replied “I did not know that.” They both looked at each other and knew right away that God was onto something. They spent most of the time just talking about the Sabbath, and how crazy it is that something so simple is missed by many smart people. Katherine asked to read the article that the Roman Catholic’s wrote on the subject of changing the Sabbath day to Sunday. Violet happened to walk into an ABC book store and the first book she was drawn to was a small packet book by Mark Finley. She bought the book and gave it to Katherine. They both immediately dove into it and started devouring it like their lives depended on reading that little book that night before going to bed. Needless to say, Violet was learning along with Katherine. Even though Violet was born an Adventist, she still had lots of questions. Violet learned that weekend that God is her personal God she is HIS beloved daughter. He had already defined who she would be before she was born. They had never talked about Jesus at work, until Violet no longer worked for the company. The retreat brought them together talking about Jesus, the Sabbath and falling in love with Christ together. Crazy. Our God reigns and His timing is implacable. I love you Jesus. Thank you for loving me first.
Upcoming Events

Oregon Conference — Prayer Retreat (March 30-April 1, 2012) "The Prayer Life of the End-Time Generation" by Ty Gibson. The location is the Grove Christian Camp in Cottage Grove, Oregon. For more information go to: http://orgcpersonalmin.adventistnw.org/assets/142802

Pacific Union — West Point 2012 (April 8-11, 2012) For more information go to: http://www.westpoint2012.com/

South Central Conference — Prayer Summit March 23 -25, 2012

Rocky Mountain Conference — Prayer Weekend May 11, 12, 2012. For more information go to: http://dl.dropbox.com/u/4473014/Let%20It%20Rain/PrayerMinistry2.pdf

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.

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

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

Also on Wednesday – 7:30 AM – CDT – 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.

Next All Night Prayer Call

Join the North American Division Prayer Ministry team on Thursday, April 5, 2012 for an all-night prayer call starting at 10:00 pm Eastern Time to 5:00 am Eastern Time. Call 712-432-0031; access code is 435650#.

NOTE: There will be no all night prayer in May. It is the National Day of Prayer. Please join in prayer with your local community.

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Watching God from the Front Row

Messiah's Mansion

This traveling exhibit brings to your community a chance to learn a little bit of ancient history through a living museum. Travel back over 3,000 years into the desert between Egypt and the "Promised Land" where over two million people banded together to build a tabernacle for their God. Each element in the tabernacle had deep significance meaning to the Hebrew people and this tour will bring each symbol to life.

A step into the past... A glimpse into the future

Operated by the staff and students of Oklahoma Academy in Harrah, Oklahoma, Messiah's Mansion has been in operation since 2003. The students long with many volunteers have completed 46 exhibits in 15 states, Canada and Jamaica. No matter where the Tabernacle goes it is guaranteed to generate interest from schools, history buffs and families. In October of 2008 this exhibit drew over 10,000 visitors during it's nine day stop in Chattanooga, TN.

Admission is Free

Saturday, March 31, 2012 To Sunday, April 8, 2012

Messiah's Mansion is open from 1:00pm - 7:00pm. Morning tours are available for student groups. Please call 772-466-1844 to set up an appointment.

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