Judy approached me after one of the morning meetings at the Arizona Conference Campmeeting with a story. She could sense that I love to hear stories. This is hers:

“I grew up in an Adventist home, but never really came to know Jesus for myself. My husband and I were married when we were young and I thought I at last had all the answers I had been seeking. But after our two children were born, I discovered that my husband had a long-standing and serious drug problem. In order to be safe, I finally had to take the children and leave and make a home, a one-parent home, for my kids.

"After they were grown and on their own I again felt restless for some deep answers. Moving to Maryland, one of my first needs was for employment, and I felt drawn to Washington Adventist Hospital. I'm a nurse, and during the orientation meeting I was already feeling comfortable and beginning to enjoy the Christian environment.

"Just two days into my orientation, I received a life-changing phone call from a hospital in California where my son and his wife lived. I was told that my son had been involved in a very serious motorcycle accident, and his wife confirmed what I already “knew” - my son was dead.

"I was shattered, but found that I was not alone. The Director of Nurses sensed my need of hope and she helped me through this dark time. We got a plane ticket to California, and she drove me to the airport. It was Friday afternoon and I'm sure she had a loaded schedule, but she drove through a rare Maryland blizzard from Takoma Park to Reagan International Airport in downtown DC.

"I remember that she stayed calm, and was a tower of strength for me just when I needed her. She spoke to me about Jesus, and how, even through our tragedies, He walks with us and hurts with us.

"We prayed together, and as she left me at the gate she pressed $100 into my hand. 'You'll need this,' she said. 'Don't worry about paying it back. We'll be praying for you.'

"That was a turning point in my life. Someone had pointed me to Jesus. Someone loved me to the Lord. Someone showed me how a Christian treats a lost, hurting soul.

"It was years later when I finally located that Nursing Director again. She and her husband were living in Hawaii now where he was president of the conference. I wrote a letter of thanks and enclosed a check for $100. Knowing this dear lady, I wouldn't be surprised if she just passed it on to someone else.”

That Director of Nursing at Washington Adventist Hospital was Karen Martell. I later learned that it was her regular morning practice to pray that God would use her in someone's life – to make a difference. You and Jesus did that, Karen. Thank you for being faithful. It was an encouragement to Judy then, and to all of us now.
Notes from Ruthie (continued)

If I were to use baseball lingo I would say that Campmeeting season is in full swing. Everywhere we go people from the farthest reaches of the conferences are coming together expectantly. They come to visit with old friends, yes, but more pointedly, to hear powerful preaching from the Word of God, to exult in music that exalts the King of heaven, and to experience deep spiritual refreshment, then to return to their homes with renewed passion, deepened gratitude, a stronger desire to be available for His purposes.

This year we're seeing another dimension – in some places, an anointing service – anointing for ministry, for victory, for greater usefulness, and asking for the fire of Elijah's God to touch His people once again for eternal consequences.

Like God's people in Bible times, His children today are returning to their homes and local churches with a new enthusiasm and renewed faith. Their own journey, their families, their churches, their communities, will never be the same. We think it's about time, don't you?

Big thanks, and have a wonderful summer.

Ruthie

Connected—Corleen Johnson, North Pacific Union

Corleen Johnson, NPUC Prayer Coordinator, presented the theme “Connected” at the Klamath Falls Women’s Ministries Retreat on Friday evening and Sabbath, May 4 and 5, 2012. Corleen has a passion for connecting people with God and for reaching others with salvation.

The thirty-five ladies who attended enjoyed a lovely Sabbath luncheon in the beautifully decorated meeting hall. Corleen told the ladies that the key to being connected to God is by spending time daily in His awesome presence with prayer and by meditating on His Word and then taking Him with us wherever we go. God waits for us to come to Him so He can reveal His thoughts to us.

She added that taking time with Jesus allows Him to give us the amazing gifts of forgiveness and salvation. When His Holy Spirit is living in us, our lives can be transformed; we can have victory over sin, and then be equipped to serve Him. When we are fully connected to Jesus, He lives in us through the Holy Spirit. We will then want to have a part in fulfilling the gospel commission by sharing Jesus with the world.

Small prayer groups were formed and many people expressed the benefits they received from what was shared
Prayer Unites Us—Joyce Mulligan, Central California

God blessed the Prayer Conference, "Prayer Unites Us" with Peter Neri in a powerful way. Our Prayer Committee spent much time in prayer before planning the weekend. One of the promises we claimed was Ephesians 3:20 that God would do "Exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think." Our prayer was that each person would go home changed by God’s Spirit.

Friday night began at the Fresno Central Church with a welcome by Ramiro Cano, CCC President. Andrew Uyeyma, with his music team, led us in singing while Steve Hamilton set the stage for what was about to take place on the weekend. Friday evening was a time of heart searching with testimonies and praying together after reading and reflecting on a quote from 1T page 397-398 on "Protecting Your Children." It began with the statement "Before leaving the house for labor, all the family should be called together, and the father, or the mother in the father's absence, should plead fervently with God to keep them through the day." Hearts were stirred and the power of the Holy Spirit could be sensed as hearts were open to God's leading.

Sabbath morning the meeting was in the Fellowship Hall at round tables. This was time to reflect on Isaiah 62:6, 7 "I have posted watchmen on your walls, Jerusalem; they will never be silent day or night. You who call on the LORD, give yourselves no rest, and give him no rest till he establishes Jerusalem and makes her the praise of the earth." It was an example on how to study the Bible and how to make it come alive and then reflect on what God's word was saying to each person individually.

The Youth led by Anil Kanda and Jon Tillay and the Youth Evangelism team reflected on 2 Corinthians 10:3,4. "For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down stronghold." God was speaking to their hearts as they reflected on these verses how God called us to incorporate his prayer and promises in this spiritual warfare that each one of us faces.

The church service and the afternoon meetings were filled with the power of God's presence. Ed and Lisa Walker shared their testimony with us and how they spend their time in prayer with praise and thanksgiving, God searching their hearts, their requests both personal and for the Holy Spirit.

Peter Neri met with the youth in the afternoon as they went door to door meeting people in the neighborhood and handing out Glow. The youth came back and shared with us what happened when they were out ministering to people. God blessed them in a mighty way. The parents, conference personnel and all those attending gathered around the youth and prayed for God's blessing on their lives and their future plans.

The evening ended in an Agape Feast where God continued to pour out His blessings. God certainly answered our prayer that those attending would make a new commitment to put God and time with Him first in their lives.

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The theme of this year's Spring Prayer Retreat was: "Transformed for Transla-
tion through Christ Our Righteousness". Once again visitors to Camp Law-
roweld were richly blessed by the presence of the Holy Spirit as Pastor Salo-
mon opened God's word. Early in his talks Pastor Salomon pointed out that
every person has basic needs of acceptance, security, and significance. Over
and over again he showed us that God has met those needs perfectly in the
Righteousness of Christ and because we have this acceptance, security, and sig-
nificance in Christ we can receive the Holy Spirit and His transforming power
that makes us like Him.

We had many first time attendees to Prayer Retreat this spring. Praise God!
Many have expressed gratitude for the blessings received. All rededicated their
lives to God's service and three made that proclamation through re-

Pastor Salomon also led us through inductive methods of studying the Bible
that will transform our Bible reading and prayer life. These tools have made it
possible for us to bring this "mountain-top" experience to our homes and
churches where the fire of God's Spirit will continue to burn in our hearts - all
to the glory of God!

Our Retreat was especially blessed by our cooks, the Paton family, Barry, Con-
nie, and Josh – who for many years have operated a Country Life Restaurant in
Boston. Their expertise in creating wonderful vegan dishes greatly encouraged
many of us to determine to embrace this way of eating.

This is the third year we have had a program for our younger attendees. Under
the guidance of Karen Blanchard and her team the children were taught from
the new Bible Study Guides “His Healing Love” written by Pastors Cliff
Gleason and Arnet Mathers. With every lesson there were handmade crafts
created by the children and saved in a beautiful lap book. These books will
help them remember the precious truths they have learned of God’s everlasting
love for each of them.

Each one who attended this retreat was richly blessed and gained new insight
into all that has been done to save them by the merits of our loving Lord Jesus.
We encourage each reader to come to the Fall Retreat - to taste and see the rich-
ness of Christ’s gift of His righteousness for yourself.

Visit us on line to learn more about our next Prayer Retreat:
www.nnecprayerministries.com
Nightly Teleconference Prayer—Ron Shultz, Illinois Conference

What happens when a deep, unrelenting conviction from God converges with a sense of helpless desperation? Answer: Start a nightly teleconference prayer group.

Nearly three years ago, God laid a growing conviction on my heart. As the senior pastor of the Hinsdale, Illinois Seventh-day Adventist Church, what was I going to do to begin addressing the tremendous needs of the underserved of Chicagoland? Many months later, God brought together a group of concerned people from several Adventist churches from across Chicagoland. However, nine months after the group formed, we simply didn’t know how to proceed because of a lack of vision clarity. During that January, 2012 meeting, we dropped to our knees and in a real sense we’ve never gotten up.

Our group of seven agreed to participate in nightly prayer phone calls for ten days. Those ten days have now turned into over 125 nights of prayer calls. Not all can call in each night. Most nights we have four or five individuals. We take turns sharing leadership. The leader asks who will be able to lead the next night. We’ve found the free teleconference service provided by www.totallyfreeconferencecalls.com to be an excellent tool for our 9 p.m. prayer calls.

Through prayer God has raised to our awareness a purpose that was never evident in all our planning meetings—to prayerfully address the violence in Chicago. (For instance, over this past Memorial Day weekend, eleven people were murdered and another 40 injured due to gun violence in Chicago.) Because God was calling us to specifically pray for the most violent communities of Chicago, each prayer warrior agreed to intercede by name for one or two of the twelve most violent police precincts. "Praying for specific police districts, which cover many communities, has required that I learn something about the districts and the communities," reflected Carl Bandy. "It has become more personal, and I search internet newspapers for issues and crime statistics that might be affecting them."

As one could expect when waging this kind of spiritual battle, each person has experienced significant cosmic assaults from the world of darkness. But each night we’ve had a safe place to "retreat" to for support and encouragement.

As we’ve prayed for God to give us a vision for assisting Him in transforming others, we ourselves have been eternally transformed. Group participant, Bandy, shares that he has become "more focused and systematic" in his prayer life. "Prayer and the study of prayer have become much more important as I struggle to understand the nuances of praying," writes Carolyn Snyder. According to Rochelle Brooks, "Being part of this nightly prayer group has helped me become very serious about prayer. It has also allowed me to see first-hand [the] unspoken power of God in the lives of each member. It has humbled me."

Come Together to Pray—Ellen White

If in one place there are only two or three who know the truth, let them form themselves into a band of workers. Let them keep their bond of union unbroken, pressing together in love and unity, encouraging one another to advance, each gaining courage and strength from the assistance of the others . . . As they work and pray in Christ's name, their numbers will increase; ...—(Testimonies for the Church, vol. 7, 21.)

As we seek to win others to Christ, bearing the burden of souls in our prayers, our own hearts will throb with the quickening influence of God’s grace; our own affections will glow with more divine fervor; our whole Christian life will be more of a reality, more earnest, more prayerful.—(Christ’s Object Lessons, 354).

When self dies, there will be awakened an intense desire for the salvation of others,—a desire which will lead to persevering efforts to do good. There will be a sowing beside all waters; and earnest supplication, importunate prayers, will enter heaven in behalf of perishing souls.—(Gospel Workers, 470)
Let It Rain Prayer Retreat—Rocky Mountain Conference

The Holy Spirit rained upon the Colorado Springs Central Church during Prayer Ministries Summit May 11 -12, 2012. The rain started to fall copiously on Friday evening with a light supper at 5:30 pm which ended “The 40-day Challenge” (40 days of fasting and prayer) from April 1st through May 11th and leading into the first prayer session beginning at 6:30 pm.

Weekend facilitators were Pastor Mike Maldonado, Pastor of Central Church; Pastor James Moon, Prayer Ministries Coordinator for the Rocky Mountain Conference (RMC); guest soloist, Pastor Winston Hurlock, pastor of the Scarborough Church in Toronto, Canada; and the Musk Oxen Prayer Team of Alamosa, Colorado. “Let it Rain” was the theme of the Summit, and it did rain through music, prayer, and the spoken Word into the heart of God’s people.

The Sabbath morning 10:50 am second session began with music by all three pastors and the service was highly impacted with “The Rain is Personal” – a message presented by Pastor Moon and the Musk Oxen Prayer Team. One had to be physically present, or viewing live stream on the Central SDA church website, to truly experience the life-changing, eye-opening, effects of the message.

On Sabbath afternoon, after a musical concert by Pastor Hurlock and the sermon, “It Flows Like a River,” by Pastor Moon, a spirit-filled anointing session marked the end of the Summit. The congregation divided into seven groups with Elders Roy Morgan, Marcia Armstead, David Arredondo, and Prayer Warrior Ella Parker assisting Pastors Maldonado, Moon, and Hurlock in this Divine ministry.

Members, visitors, and special guests were enamored by the presence of God not only in praise, and worship, but in supplications. There were numerous expressions of blessings and gratitude by those who attended. The occasion was supported by Prayer Ministry Coordinators from Colorado Front Range churches to include: Jan [and Marvin] Olson from Grand Junction; Bobbi [and Wayne] Stock from Canon City; Kathy [and Robert] Guagliardo from Pueblo First; and Sandra Morgan, and her prayer team, from the Palace of Peace Church in Colorado Springs.

The end of Prayer Ministries Summit 2012 at Central Church was actually the beginning of a year that will be filled with many challenges, but one which will be accompanied by hope and faith in the second coming of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Until then, “Lord, please let it rain!”

You can view the sessions at www.centralsda.org; then sermons - archived; then click to the videos you would like to watch.

~ by Marcia Armstead, Prayer Ministry Coordinator, Colorado Springs Central SDA Church
Special Hour of Prayer—Mark Piotrowski, Georgia Cumberland

Here is a report on a Prayer Ministries event that took place at the Dave Cress Memorial Church on the campus of Georgia-Cumberland Academy:

A special hour of prayer and intercession took place just prior to the start of the recent Constituency Session of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference (GCC). 250 members from across churches and companies gathered for a prayer meeting on Sunday morning, April 25. An inspiring song service led by Nancy Gerard, opened this special hour of consecration. Mark Piotrowski, Prayer Ministries Coordinator shared a short devotional on God's call to Moses to lead His people. He shared about what some of the logistical challenges were to lead over the 2 million persons--and God's provision for His people. Then the service turned to praying and intercession, with the main parts of the service included (1) thanksgiving for God's leading and blessings over the past 5 years; (2) confession and petition for forgiveness; (3) intercession for leadership and (4) a passionate plea for the outpouring of the latter rain for the session and for God's Spirit to be poured out across not only GCC, but the NAD and around the globe. Inspirational music was offered in between the different parts by members and a student from Georgia Cumberland Academy.

Both leadership and others attested to the difference that was felt during the session—the flow of the discussion, the inspired atmosphere that was so strongly evident!

Georgia-Cumberland Conference continues to grow in its dependence on the Lord and Prayer Ministries play a special part in pointing the attention of our membership to the Source of strength and power as all churches work toward a completed mission.

Facebook/Adventist Prayer Ministry—Kevin Willfley, Upper Columbia

NAD Prayer Ministries has partnered with Kevin Willfley’s Facebook group “Adventist Prayer Ministry”. If you have a Facebook account you can join by searching for “Adventist Prayer Ministry” in Facebook.

It is a great place to post a prayer request for yourself or someone else. Say a prayer for a posted prayer request. Share how God has answered a prayer. Share a spiritually uplifting comment/link/photo/video.

Let others know about this group!
Upcoming Events

**Central California**—Prayer Partner Weekend at Soquel – July 6-8, 2012

**Central California**—Prayer Walk Soquel Campmeeting – July 7, 2012

**Southern Union**—Abide in Me Prayer Summit, August 3-5, The Cove, Ashville, NC

**Southern California**—Prayer Conference, October 12-13, Loma Linda University Church

Do you have an event planned? Advertise it on the [www.NADPrayerMinistries.org](http://www.NADPrayerMinistries.org) website. Send your flyer to NADPrayerMinistries@gmail.com

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.

- **Monday—Friday** 6:00 am to 7:00 am EST 1-760-569-7676  Access Code: 852448#
  The group is led by the Fort Pierce, FL SDA Prayer Ministry who believes that we have a God who hears and answers prayers.

- **Tuesday at 7:00AM** – 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, **July 5, 2012** for an all-night prayer call starting at 10:00 pm Eastern Time to 5:00 am Eastern Time. **There will be no all night prayer call in August.**

Call 712-432-0031; access code is 435650#.

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