You have probably received the information about the 10 days of prayer and fasting before the NAD Yearend meetings - this will be October 25 - November 3. Please help us get the word out, and encourage every church in your conference to pray for our leaders. Then November 4-6 there will be AROUND-THE-CLOCK praying while the leaders are meeting in session in Silver Spring. Doesn't that paint an incredible picture of power? God is calling His church all across this country and beyond - to Micronesia, and to every conference and church -- to stand together in prayer, expecting Him to move His mighty arm once again for His people.

During the early mornings at the Yearend meetings, at 7:15 am, we'll be claiming 11 Chronicles 7:15 - Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place."

These are busy and wonderful days. Times when your prayers are needed and appreciated more than we can tell you. Thanks again for praying for the many prayer retreats, prayer conferences and other prayer events all across North America. God is working in powerful ways to show us how much we need Him, and also how intimate and near He is.

Just returning from the Loma Linda University Church Prayer Conference weekend - what a huge blessing. Anita Roberts and her team of pray-ers were able to see the answers to their prayers for the 6000 people who attended. God's presence was so obviously present. Dr. Joseph Kidder, Kevin Wilfley, Karen Martell and many others were HIS instruments of blessing. Thank you for your prayers for God's people in Loma Linda. HE is working there.

The next day, Sunday, the conference prayer coordinators in the Pacific Union, and the local church prayer coordinators of the Southeastern California Conference met together for "in-service training" informative and inspirational - with Jim Moon and Kevin Wilfley, and for prayers of praise and intercession. What a sweet spirit. God's people are being called to pray and they are rising to the challenge. Karen Martell's leadership through the years is bearing much fruit. Monday was another day of prayer and planning - for the conference prayer coordinators - Janet Lui, Naomi Parson, Susan Skelton, Joyce Mulligan, Anita Roberts, and Michael Roland met together for prayer and praise.

There are many more prayer events coming up soon. Your prayers make such a difference. Ron Schultz, the Illinois Conference Prayer Coordinator's event is Oct. 19-21 at Camp Akita. Kevin Wilfley is leading out in a prayer event for the Upper Columbia and Washington Conferences at Hayden Lake, Idaho. Please pray for God's special power and presence to be there at these prayer conferences. God's plans are always for big things. He tells us that He is not satisfied when His great work brings only insignificant results (DA 667) Pray that God's Spirit will be poured out. Marian Parson's retreat for the teens need our special prayers.

Marian Parson's prayer event for the teens at Ozark Academy and for the Southwestern Union will be on Halloween weekend. Let's ask for God's enormous answers to again be evident there.

Our God is so good. Maybe this is one of the most important things we have to do as Prayer Coordinators - to remind those in every church that we have a very good God!

Blessings and appreciation,
Ruthie

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North Carolina Conference—Kevin Wilfley

The North Carolina Prayer Retreat was a wonderful experience. We were blessed with wonderful weather and had the privilege of meeting on the grounds of The Cove, a beautiful retreat center established by Billy Graham. The staff was very friendly and attentive to our needs and the rooms were exceptional.

Approximately 80 people were present from various parts of the Carolina Conference including the president and his wife, along with other staff. There was a good spirit among the attendees and everyone seemed anxious to receive the blessing of God. One special highlight was having pianist, Kelly Mowrer with us. Her music was an inspiration to all of us.

One very special experience I would like to relate happened during our last meeting on Sunday morning at the chapel. The day before one of the ladies attending the prayer retreat sat at a table for lunch with some people attending a different seminar there at The Cove. The facilities are so adaptable that they can host several groups at The Cove on the same weekend. The Adventist lady began to chat with another lady sitting next to her. As they shared with one another about the blessings they were receiving the lady from the Baptist church said she wished she could have the opportunity to attend a prayer conference. The Adventist lady invited the Baptist lady to attend the Sunday morning meeting, which she gladly agreed to do.

When Sunday morning rolled around, the Baptist lady went to the meeting hall in the main building which was where all of our meetings had been held, not knowing our Sunday morning meeting was to be held in the chapel. The Adventist lady didn't know that either. When she went to look for her Baptist friend she was not able to find her. Meanwhile, the Baptist lady, having arrived at the hall only to find it empty, began to pray, "Lord, I really want to attend that meeting on prayer. I thought this was the place, but now I don't know where to find them. Please guid me." With that prayer, the Baptist lady began to walk and pray. The chapel is not easy to find, and it is 3/4 of a mile from the main buildings. Nevertheless, the Baptist lady walked to the chapel and came into the meeting. The meeting had been in progress for a little while, so she sat quietly near the back. Just as she sat down she heard, "Seventh-day Adventist." She was shocked to discover she was in a Seventh-day Adventist meeting. She had always been led to believe that Seventh-day Adventists were a cult. She almost got up to leave, but something seemed to say she stay and listen, so she did.

As she listened to my presentation on the importance of the assurance of eternal life in Christ and how this affects our prayer life, she realized that all the years of her life she had been mistaken about Seventh-day Adventists. Now remorse gripped her, and she felt ashamed, that she had been misled and had never checked out the facts for herself. After the meeting she stayed by for a little while and shared the above details with me. She asked me to forgive her for the years she had misjudged her "Christian brothers and sisters", as she described it. Of course we were all too willing to forgive her, and then she said, "I would like to know more about Seventh-day Adventists." Interestingly enough, the Adventist lady she had befriended is a Bible worker. As I left for the airport later that day it was with the understanding that these two ladies would be meeting for Bible studies.

Northern New England Conference—Kelly Veilleux

God has blessed again here in Northern New England Conference!

We just completed our 9th "Righteousness by Faith Rally" on Sept. 14-15. This one was held in the beautiful setting of Woodstock Maine, in their brand new Church facility. Folks from 10 surrounding churches gathered together to fill the sanctuary with prayer, singing and lifting up Jesus, and to listen to the wonderful messages on the subject of "Christ Our Righteousness". We were blessed to have 5 presenters that God used to share the "everlasting gospel", and bless our hearts with the good news inspiring us to go and tell what we have experience with a lost and dying world. May God continue to bless the members of NNEC as we cling to Jesus the author and finisher of our Salvation!
Rocky Mountain Conference—Jim Moon

Here is a story which Murleen Goodrich sent me about her mom Thelma who was anointed at The Alamosa SDA Church on September 1, 2012 at the conclusion of our week of prayer.

Talked to my mom this morning, and she told me this story:

Saturday she went to church - in a lot of pain. The pain meds made her so sick she never got any benefit from them. Somewhere along in the church service, the pastor had a dedication of anyone who wanted a special laying on hands for Holy Spirit. She sat and thought about it for awhile... watching the line of people.... wondering... finally she asked Dad what he thought, and he said it was up to her.

At last she struggled out of her seat, and hobbled into line. When she got to the pastor and he asked if she had a special request, she told him yes. That if it was God's will, to take the awful pain away. Pastor prayed a special prayer for her, and she hobbled back to her seat. The rest of the day was mostly the same - extreme pain and feeling sick. That night Dad went to bed in his bed, and mom went to bed in hers. She curled up on her right side with the covers pushed back off her arms - she had on a sleeveless nightgown.

Somewhere in the wee hours of the morning she awoke suddenly with the feeling of a hand on her shoulder. She turned over expecting to see pops but ... nobody was there. Pops was sleeping in his bed as normal. She turned over and went back to sleep. Sunday morning she woke up and most of the pain was gone. All day without a pill of any kind, the pain remained noticeably reduced.

By Tuesday Mom had not taken any pain medications - and the pain was minimum. Very reduced.

I told her she had been touched by an Angel and she replied, "I know it. And that's what your dad says too." Her very own, personal experience, to carry her on through life.

Phenomenal.

Sitting at the feet of Jesus and coming away blessed for life.

Oh how He loves His children!

Texico Conference—Jaime Calvo

Oswald Chambers said, “Prayer does not fit us for the greater work; prayer is the greater work.” At the Texico Conference we believe this is true. We want every ministry in our conference to flourish in the rich soil of prayer. And since a praying church is made up of praying people, we want to encourage and equip each congregation to have their own life of prayer.

Through the year the Texico Prayer Ministries Team has conducted several prayer trainings and revival meetings around the conference. The main purpose has been to create a prayer ministry in every congregation. In each one of them the seed of the power in prayer has been sowed: “Christian’s power is in prayer”. Throughout these meetings we want to raise awareness among ministers and congregations on the importance of having a prayer team in the church. By God’s grace we now have several people involved in prayer ministries.

At the end of the revival we have incorporated an anointing service for people who are ill or discouraged for any reason. We make an altar call and invite people to come forward and meet with the elders and pastors at front for an intercessory prayer and the anointing with oil.

Days later we hear from pastors and church members what God has done in their lives. For example: A lady shared with us her testimony on how her husband who was much abused to her and her children, suddenly changed his attitude towards them. They were about to finalized the arrangements for divorce. She said: “one night he came home totally transformed, he gathered all of us around the table, look at us and a with a soft voice tone he asked us for forgiveness and then added that he was going to change”
Praying for Clergy of Other Denominations—Ellen G. White

God's servants are to approach the ministers of other denominations.--More work should have been done for those in high places. Those who give the last message of mercy to a fallen world are not to pass by the ministers. God's servants are to approach them as those who have a deep interest in their welfare, and then plead for them in prayer. If they refuse to accept the invitation, tell the Master about it, and then your duty is done.--RH May 8, 1900. {PaM 92.1}

Pray for and with ministers of other denominations.--Our ministers should seek to come near to the ministers of other denominations. Pray for and with these men, for whom Christ is interceding. A solemn responsibility is theirs. As Christ's messengers, we should manifest a deep, earnest interest in these shepherds of the flock.--6T 78. {PaM 92.2}

It takes moral courage for a minister to step out for the Sabbath.--It requires moral courage to take a position to keep the commandments of the Lord. An opposer of the truth once said that it was only weak-minded people, foolish, ignorant persons, who would turn away from the churches to keep the seventh day as the Sabbath. But a minister who embraced the truth replied, "If you think it takes weak-minded persons, just try it." It takes moral courage, firmness, decision, perseverance, and very much prayer to step out on the unpopular side.--Ev 240. {PaM 92.3}

Ministers of other denominations, if truly converted to our message, will be polished instruments in the hands of God.--Much has been lost by our people through the following such narrow plans that the most intelligent, better-educated classes are not reached. Too often the work has been so conducted as to impress unbelievers that it is of very little consequence,--some stray off-shoot of religious enthusiasm, entirely beneath their notice. Much has been lost for want of wise methods of labor. Every effort should be made to give character and dignity to the work. It requires much wisdom to reach ministers and men of influence. But why should they be neglected as they have been by our people? These men are responsible to God just in proportion to the talents intrusted to them. Where much is given, much will be required. Should there not be deeper study and much more prayer for wisdom, that we may learn how to reach these classes? Should not wisdom and tact be used to gain these souls, who, if truly converted, will be polished instruments in the hands of God to reach others?--Ev 562, 563. {PaM 92.4}

Illinois Conference—Ron Schultz

PRAYER RETREAT OCTOBER 19-21—Ruthie Jacobsen, NAD Prayer Ministry director, will speak at the 6th annual Illinois Conference Prayer Retreat at Camp Akita. The theme is A Listening Heart, and is open to all. Weekend fees start at $60/person (includes meals/lodging). Register with Veronica, 630 856 2854, or vsote-lo@illinoisadventist.org.

Florida Conference—Tim Goff

The Florida Conference is reaching out to our communities through ONE HOPE- a NET series where 8 young adult pastors will preach messages of hope in Christ October 20-27.

See it on the hope church channel 124. Contributions from pastors and members will be added from all over the conference via Skype.

For more information go to:
http://www.floridaconference.com/onehope/

North Pacific Union—Corleen Johnson

Come to the North Pacific Union Prayer Conference. The original first prayer conference team is coming back to refresh your prayer life and vitalize your spiritual growth. Join prayer warriors Don and Ruthie Jacobsen and others, plus enjoy a Friday prayer concert with the Heritage Singers. November 9-11, 2012 at Camp MiVoden, ID. Register now for $95 by Calling Dianna Burns at (509) 838-2761. Check it out at www.uccsda.org/prayer.
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Featured Guests

Don Jacobson, our keynote speaker, has served the Lord as a pastor, seminary professor, and administrator. He has a deep love for Jesus and a broad understanding of genuine spirituality. You will be blessed by his biblical messages.

Ruthie Jacobson, wife of Don, is the Prayer Coordinator for the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists. Her workshops will encourage you and help your personal prayer life to become more meaningful and effective.

Kurt Johnson, author and director of the Bible school of the Voice of Prophecy, has conducted training seminars on every continent except Antarctica. A fervent believer in prayer, Kurt’s presentations will lead you closer to Jesus.

Paul & Corileen Johnson, evangelists and pastoral couple have been a part of prayer conferences from the beginning. Corileen is the NPUC Prayer Coordinator. Their workshops will inspire and equip you in prayer.

Dick Hanson, pastor, Stewardship Director, and Christian businessman has a burning desire to help people know Jesus as their Savior and Lord. His presentations on prayer are practical and relevant to the everyday life of a Christian.

Kevin Willey, pastor, author, and Prayer Coordinator for the Upper Columbia Conference will lead out in worship and provide devotional messages that will demonstrate the great love of God and His willingness to hear our prayers.

A special feature of the North Pacific Union Prayer Conference will be an inspirational Friday night prayer service with the Heritage Singers.
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Ricardo & Audrey Graham • Co-Presenters

Ricardo Graham was elected president of the Pacific Union on November 15, 2007, replacing Thomas J. Mostert Jr., who retired at the end of 2007.

Graham became executive secretary of the Pacific Union Conference in February 2006, after serving as president of the Northern California Conference since February 2001, and as executive secretary of that conference since 1995. Before assuming administrative responsibilities, Graham was senior pastor of the Capitol City church in Sacramento and the Market and E Street church in Stockton. Before coming to the Northern California Conference, Graham pastored several churches in the Lake Region Conference.

A native of Detroit, Graham received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Oakwood College, a Master of Divinity degree from Andrews University and a Doctor of Ministry degree from San Francisco Theological Seminary.

Audrey Weir-Graham is a graduate of Golden Gate Academy in Oakland. She attended Pacific Union College for two years and transferred to Andrews University, where she received her bachelor’s degree in religion and history from Andrews in 1977. Upon graduation from college, she married Dr. Ricardo Graham.

While a pastor’s wife, Ms. Weir-Graham has served in several capacities in the local church — cradle roll leader, primary leader, children’s choir director, Vacation Bible School leader, Adventist Youth leader, and women’s prayer group coordinator. She also enjoys public speaking, traveling and reading.

She presently teaches world history and is the chair of the Social Studies Department at Amos Alonzo Stagg High School. In December 2010, she received a Master’s degree in Education, Curriculum and Instruction from California State University, Stanislaus.

The Grahams have two adult children, Jessica and Jonathan.

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Upcoming Events

Gulf States—“Experiencing God - 2” October 19-21

Chesapeake—“One Miracle After Another” October 26-27

Allegheny West—Colin Hone of Australia, speaker October 26-28

Do you have an event planned? Advertise it on the 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 - 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, November 1, 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#.

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