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Annapolis Conference Onsite Prayer

Posted November 28, 2007

"They did not sign away the land!" This remark by our friend Annette Stagmer echoes the collective, cautious sighs of relief from intercessors across the land as the Mideast Peace Summit drew to a close. But the timetable secures 2008 as a pivotal year for our region, our nation and our world.

During the peace summit, Jolene and I were privileged to be part of onsite prayer gatherings. As dawn was breaking, a friend and I were allowed to briefly pray on the Naval Academy campus, as well as throughout Annapolis. Later, Jolene and I met and prayed with intercessors gathered at an office in the MD Senate Bldg. Many Cornerstone Fellowship intercessors joined with prayer warriors from northern MD, southern MD and the eastern shore to pray with God-granted authority as stewards of the land. The meeting, convened by Bob and Annette Stagmer, USGAP MD coordinators, was a powerful and revelatory time.

At the summit, Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas and Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert established what the press has dubbed "a framework for peace," which includes an agenda for continual meetings throughout 2008 with a resolution promised by 2009. The agreement was unexpected, with the parties reportedly at odds over details until just before President Bush's arrival. According to media reports, President Bush helped "seal the deal" after arriving at the Academy Tuesday morning for the talks.

Many prophetic voices have warned of catastrophic consequences to dividing Israel and Jerusalem to achieve mideast peace. God is alerting His watchmen to stand guard over the spiritual gates of the nation--and indeed the world--at this critical hour. One substantive message that came forth during our prayer time is that we really need to practice *praying beyond our understanding*--allowing the Holy Spirit to make intercession through us as we stand before the Throne.

Speaking of prayer--we will post regular updates for regional prayer gatherings at MIHOP as we launch into 2008.

Prophetic Insight for 2008: Albany, NY

Posted November 22, 2007

We are excited to be with Pastors Mike and Mary Ellen Brennan at the Shepherd's House in Albany, New York December 14-16. If you're in the area, please join us as we share on what we feel God is saying for 2008 and beyond.



Powerful Time at Watchman's Call

Posted November 22, 2007

Jolene and I just returned from a weekend adventure on the border of northwest Washington State and British Columbia, hosted by Diane and Dale Murr and the "On Fire for God" team.

God is a great "LIFE TEACHER"--and the spontaneous orchestrations of His power in our midst taught us all a life lesson on unity and family. We were delighted to see God's hand move with verifiable miracles both corporately and in the lives of individuals. Here are a few testimonies...

HOSPITALIZED AFTER HEALING PRAYER?

One friend, a Veteran, came up for prayer for healing. I don't recall praying this, but he shared with friends that I prayed and decreed "no more delay." Later that evening he was taken to the hospital...

This would have been pretty upsetting except that a proper diagnosis of his condition had apparently been delayed for months due to red tape between the Veterans Administration and an insurance agency. When he was evaluated later that night, doctors discovered that extensive surgery was needed IMMEDIATELY to preserve his life!

This was the greatest miracle! Second greatest is that the Veterans Administration accepted full responsibility for the bill for the surgery and hospital stay.

FINANCIAL MIRACLE FOR A FRIEND

One of our friends pulled us aside to share that their family had just received a large, unexpected financial blessing. When Jolene and I were last in Washington, they had felt the Lord nudge them to sow a significant financial blessing into Lamplighter. Amazingly, their unexpected blessing--exactly ten times what they sowed--showed up a week before our return. We are full of gratitude for God's faithfulness and extravagance!

GRAY AWAKENING

Our conference venue had been changed at the last minute to the Lynden Senior Center. On the way to Lynden I saw the very mountains, sky and clouds the Lord had shown me a year earlier in a vision chronicled earlier in the year in [The Gray Awakening](#). We took the hint and shared on how God is releasing His fire to light the gray areas of our lives and region--and how He is bringing a mighty "gray awakening" to senior centers and nursing homes.

Amazingly, one of the directors of the center happened to be a strong prayer warrior--and had been led to pray specifically for revival and awakening in the center over the past few weeks!

COME FROM THE FOUR WINDS

The last night we shared and released prophetic decrees from Ezekiel 37, calling forth the winds of awakening for the region of northwest Washington and Southwest Canada, as well as to intercessors across the continent (you see how full of faith I was). This was the one message I felt the Lord had quickened to me before we left. It was a major focus of prayer from our intercessors.

And it was...well... a good message. Not as much atmospheric change as I had anticipated though--especially after such a clear "heads-up" from Holy Spirit.

AWAKENING IN CANADA

Until the next night--back with Pastor Paul Taylor and friends at County Line Church in British Columbia, Canada. Another life lesson as this New England Pilgrim had to cross the border into Canada to experience what we had just prophesied the night before! While praying before the service the Lord gave me a vision of the whirlwind, and then the presence of the Lord settled so strongly throughout the church.

Some friends literally heard the sound of the whirlwind of the Holy Spirit! We so enjoyed the weight of God's presence and the genuineness of His friends at County Line. God is now releasing a strong move of His Spirit

in this region--"marching in the storm winds of the south," and joining Canada and America together in awakening.

We are so grateful for the care, prayers and genuine affection of Diane & Dale Murr and her team... not team really but TRUE FAMILY! Thanks especially to our new adopted Mom and Dad, Ray and Peggy Huff, for your heart for us and extravagant hospitality!!!



Jon & Jolene New MIHOP Directors

Posted November 12, 2007

On Sunday, November 11, MIHOP founders Donn and Marye Williams and Cornerstone Fellowship pastors Paul and Cheryl Black commissioned us as the new directors of the Maryland International House of Prayer (MIHOP). We then had the privilege of sharing about America's covenantal heritage in awakening at Cornerstone Sunday morning--11/11 being the 387th anniversary of the signing of the Mayflower Compact.

11-11 INTERCESSION AT MIHOP

In the evening we gathered with friends from throughout the region for our first regional prayer meeting at MIHOP. A major focus was the Annapolis mideast peace conference, tentatively scheduled for the end of November. Prophet Timothy Snodgrass had prophesied that on 11-11 God was drawing a line in the sand, and if our nation pushed for dividing the land and the city of Jerusalem we would be judged by calamities commensurate to this decision. For Timothy's full prophecy [CLICK HERE](#).

Noting that Maryland is known as "OLD LINE STATE," we sought the Lord fervently TO HOLD THE LINE AND NOT DIVIDE ISRAEL, for preservation from judgment, and for President Bush and Condolezza Rice to receive God's counsel regarding this issue.

We will be holding regional intercession monthly at least until the election year closes in November 2008.

Lampstand Conferences

God wants to bring restoration of hearts and destinies to His people. Early in 2007 the Lord spoke to us, "I am resetting the lampstand and relighting the flame." We are planning conferences throughout the nation that will explore this more.