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We had a great time at the 2009 Global Day of Prayer in **Edmonton, Alberta** as people from dozens of churches in the area joined with the body of Christ locally and around the world to pray and exalt the Lord Jesus Christ. It was a sweet time of fellowship as we united together to repent and then to pray for a number of areas - the homeless in Edmonton, the police force, our nation of Canada, and for the world.

One of the individuals who prayed in part for the world was a 10 year old Filipino boy who did a great job. Our worship team, the New Hope Church of God, was from a Spanish church and the praise and worship had a very distinctive joyful Latino flavour.

A main theme of our event was "Empowered to reach the lost" - and in fact the first Pentecost Sunday, 2000 years ago, was also a day of empowerment. Jesus said in Acts 1:8 "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

David Macfarlane shared "vision" on evangelism and encouraged us that it was a time to reach out to the harvest. As well people were admonished to bless their neighbors and community for the next 90 days.

Overall it was a joyous evening as we joined with Christians locally with all 220 nations to glorify the Lord.

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We are in **Moose Jaw, SK**, A city of 34,000 people. We began planning the event a bit late but we were able to get over 8 churches represented from the platform and more than that in attendance.

We met at the amphitheatre in the central park in our city. We had 202 people at the event. One of the major victories for us was having so many different denominations represented and so many different industries. We had a police officer praying in uniform, a member of the armed forces in uniform, a well known local radio announcer and an MLA (provincial government) and some prominent businessmen all praying from the platform for the healing of our world and unity etc.. We hope to promote and plan the event earlier next year to make it even better.

Of course the main thing is the prayers that were prayed and the fruit that we are still experiencing and yet to experience from those prayers for the glory of God.

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Clareville, Newfoundland and Labrador

It's hard to believe that another GDOP has come and gone.

During our church service in the am of the 31st, our minister spoke about GDOP and prayers were offered from everyone present. As well, the Wednesday before GDOP, our church prayer group gathered and prayed for the ten days leading up to the 31st.

In the afternoon at 3:00 pm a friend and I met together and using the GDOP prayer guide we prayed through all the prayers. Though it was just the two of us, it was a beautiful prayer time. God willing, we will continue to prompt GDOP 2010 and hope to be a part.

May God pour out His Blessings over the earth

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We had a small, but wonderful gathering with people from several churches. There was such a sweet Presence of the Lord and people were so happy to be worshipping and praying

together. After communion, they gathered in small groups and prayed for missions requests which I had gathered from the Internet. A group of young people stayed and we all prayed until 9 pm or so. We will definitely do it again, God willing. It encouraged the beginning of at least one more prayer group!

Thank you for your faithfulness in encouraging the continuation of this gathering of the world-wide Body of Christ.

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Our GDOP gathering in **Dauphin, Manitoba**, was filled with the awesome presence of the Lord.

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As we did last year, we felt impressed to have multiple sites throughout the **Greater Toronto Area** (GTA). Last year we had six sites. This year we were blessed with fourteen (14) sites with each of the five regions hosting one or more sites. Eight of those sites were conducted in English, while the other six sites were in some of the different languages spoken in the GTA. This was so God, because Toronto is the most multi-national city in the world! The language sites included Arabic, Chinese, Filipino, Spanish, Portuguese, and Tamil. We also had many churches within the city supporting GDOP by praying the Prayer for the World during their regular Sunday services, as well as with 24 hour prayer and worship.

We felt the level of commitment and prayer reach a new level this year.

Prayer walking and driving through the neighborhoods and at the individual sites was initiated with the 10 days of prayer and will continue throughout the 90 days of blessing along with other initiatives. Prayer driving the perimeter of the GTA will also be undertaken in the months to follow. Traditionally we go to the top of the CN Tower, the highest point of our city to pray. Prayers are declared over the city and released to cover neighborhoods and churches as far as the eye can see. Prayers of blessing were extended to our American neighbors whose shores we can see on a clear day.

We had the opportunity to encourage many neighboring towns and smaller cities to embrace the vision of GDOP. We received many phone calls asking if it was too late and looking for guidance. Our answer was it's never too late to pray and gather God's people to humble themselves and repent and look for the Father's hand to move on behalf of their land.

What excited us the most was the growing unity of the churches and pastors in the city. We saw the next generation contend for their friends and the youth of Toronto. Repentance at the Filipino site was so deep and heartfelt that they continued to pray long past the scheduled ending of the program leaving the carpet at the church wet with their tears. (Pictures from this site accompany this report). Salvations, reconciliations, renewed faith and recommitted hearts were many of the testimonies we have heard over and over as reports keep coming in.

We are humbly aware that a spiritual shift occurred on Pentecost Sunday here in the GTA in 2009. We have been praying for breakthrough for many years and anyone associated with Global Day of Prayer this year has a strong sense in their spirit that something has taken place and now we are asking the Father for wisdom and strength to continue on the path He has opened for us. What we do believe is that the gathering of His people and His church to pray must continue if not increase. It is not just about one day but about 365 days that we must press into a place of intimacy and expectancy.

To the leadership of GDOP International I want to thank you for your obedience to respond to the call of God, not only for Africa but for the world. Truly we will see "the earth filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea" (Hab. 2:14)

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Greenland

Saint Pierre and Miquelon

Feeling the call of the Lord to go to St. Pierre and Miquelon were Gail Whyte from Stoney Creek, Terry Long from Ottawa and Nadine Matthews, (accompanied by her daughter Olivia) from St. Johns, Newfoundland. Arriving on Friday the three stayed at the home of Mme. B., a local widow who has lived on the island all of her life.

Background on the Church and Ms. B:

Mme B, who is seventy four years old, is a fellow believer who became in her words a "new creature in Christ" in 1990. She left the Roman Catholic Church, which is the only church on the island. Shortly afterwards, a pastor came to start an Evangelical Church, which Mme B. attended. The church ministry was difficult consisting of four members that met in the pastor's home every Sunday. After six years he returned to his country. That was one and a half years ago. Incredibly, the only evangelical Christian that he knew of in the entire region was Mme. B. That is the contact name that he gave to Gail and how we came about to stay at her house.

Mme. B. has had a strong testimony of the Lord since 1990 but to the island she is considered a cultist. The first day that we were in town we were told that she is crazy because she believes in Jesus. She has faced many hardships socially and even with regards to obtaining basic needs of fuel and water for her home. The store clerks do not speak to her. She has two family members who will not speak to her.

Mme. B. spends most of her time listening to the Bible on cassette tapes, praying and writing and singing songs that the Holy Spirit gives her. We were deeply touched by her strong devotion. She is a prayer warrior. She has prayed for a year and a half (since her pastor left) that the Lord would send her someone to encourage her. She was overjoyed that we were coming. We were humbled by her insistence to treat us as honoured guests. I suspect that she is legally blind but she served us impeccably even though she could not afford to do it.

About St. Pierre

The majority of population is found on St. Pierre. The fishing industry collapsed and is starting to rebuild. Most of the buildings and roads need repairs. Everything is imported so everything is very expensive. The people are friendly. There are some affluent homes but most are very modest. Almost everyone receives some type of social assistance from France. The area seems somewhat depressed with a very low ceiling of motivation to rise above the status quo.

Nadine did some research on the territory and discovered that there is no record of bloodshed or massacres on the land. It is interesting also to note that we did not see any significant evidence or influences of new age, psychics or eastern religions. The culture is centered on the Roman Catholic traditions.

We did not visit Miquelon. It is considered an environmental sanctuary dedicated to preserving their natural resources, wildlife and sea life.

Prayer Assignments on St. Pierre:

Prayer Walking

On Saturday morning we all walked around the town on our own to do some listening and prayer walking. Terry prayer walked the harbour and the property of the church. Nadine stayed in the centre-ville. Gail went into the church and engaged in some deep intercession in the sanctuary. We met up and decided to all go back to the church and do some more praying inside. We were encouraged with the spiritually open atmosphere to pray in the building and attributed it to the

intercessional ministry of Gail before we got there that opened a way for us to pray. We sensed some signs of encouragement in the building and with the congregation.

Staking a Witness for the Lord

Saturday afternoon we felt led to take a wooden stake that we brought from Ottawa and to cover it in scripture and to nail it into the ground. It was a primarily a stake of witness to the Lord based on the scripture of Psalm 24: "The earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world and all who live in it" – including St. Pierre and Miquelon. Other encouraging scriptures were written by all of us. We felt led to put the stake in the ground at a specific place in the harbour. Some amazing things happened during the course of this assignment.

1. The Lord was gracious as we walked there to bring a thick blanket of fog to completely cloak us and conceal us from the road while we did this. We prayed, sang and read scripture. We felt that this was a picture in the natural of being spiritually covered and hidden in Christ and concealed from the enemy. The fog lifted later that afternoon.
2. The tide started flowing in as we started to pray and felt that this was symbolic of some new spiritual movement or freshness coming in.
3. As Gail was reading scripture from Isaiah 60, Nadine at that moment actually found euro coins so we felt it was symbolic of the silver and gold that was talked about in the passage and we prayed for prosperity and financial blessing to come to St. Pierre.
4. At the end of our scripture readings the church bells started ringing profusely much like you would hear at a wedding or a grand announcement. We felt this was symbolic of great affirmation and a response of joy bells to the scriptures and prayers that were prayed.
5. We could only drive the stake in 2/3 of the way because of the rocky soil so we needed to cover it up with remaining rocks and pebbles which would be a messy and time consuming. Nadine discovered a bucket nearby that the Lord provided just for us so we could complete the task with ease.

Personal Prayer Ministry for Mme. B

On all three evenings after supper until very late at night we spent the time with Mme. B. praying and singing French hymns and choruses, the ones that she remembered and the ones that she has written. She has written over 32 songs. Her lyrics are beautiful about the Lord's work on the cross and his great mercy to us. Saturday night in particular we spent time listening to her personal life story and testimony. We took special time in personal prayer ministry for her to pray and encourage her. She was deeply touched and ministered to.

Global Day of Prayer Service, Sunday May 31, 2009

This was not only the main purpose for the visit but also the highlight of the weekend. Sunday morning we had the GDOP service in the home of Mme. B. She invited a young lady named G, who helps her in her home each week. We were thrilled that G. came and after speaking with her it was evident that she too was a new creature. G. however has seen the degree of persecution to Mme. B. and is not vocal in her faith. She also feels very alone in her faith.

G. and Mme. B. started the service by singing the French national anthem and we opened in prayer. The service was mostly in French but with some English prayers as well. Each of us in turn read the French scripted prayers and responded all together where indicated. We sang some songs and Mme B. sang one of her songs that she wrote. We all stood and held hands and prayed for St. Pierre and Miquelon at the end. It was very moving. The Lord was there among us and we could feel his presence, power and pleasure on us.

We also made sure to pray for G., to encourage her in the Lord and bless her and her husband who came to pick her up. We left her the French Daily Bread, the Watchmen DVD called the "Home Coming" and other teaching resources from the National House of Prayer, all in French for which they were very grateful.

Prayer Requests for St. Pierre and Miquelon:

The situation of these two believers touched us. We assured both that we would keep in touch. Nadine may actually connect with G. who expressed interest in coming to a church in St. Johns. Nadine also knows some connections of Mme. B and will follow up on those. Mme. B. prays daily

that the Lord would send her other Christian friends and visitors to encourage her and pray for the island. **Please pray that the Lord would continue to encourage both of these ladies. Please pray that some would answer the call to consider a ministry visit. In addition for individuals to come and pray, please pray for churches, youth groups, outreach teams, and ministries, especially French speaking ones that would consider coming for a week or even a weekend to minister.** There could be an open window for cultural expression in St. Pierre for festivals etc. and they possibly would be open to an arts venue like singing, dance, street miming, etc. Summer mission's projects should be considered as well. Mme B. is in some declining state of health physically as well as showing some signs of becoming forgetful. **Please pray for her future care and health.** There are no retirement homes on St. Pierre.

If anyone should like more information on the island or about the individuals, mentioned in this report, please contact any one of us and we would be happy to help.

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United States of America

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Olympia, WA: This was the fourth consecutive year of participation, and will be participating again in 2010.

—Mitch Denning

Jamestown, NY: "We gathered in a park in the center of town to pray. The entire downtown area had been divided into 18 different prayer routes. All the participants were sent out to prayerwalk in twos or threes. Upon returning about 30 minutes later, they continued on with the Global Day of Prayer activities."

—Roy Miller

Sarasota/Bradenton, FL: "This was by far our best GDOP. The Spirit of the Lord was so strong and the sense of joining with the entire world this year (all 220 countries) was a huge momentum builder. The peace and presence of the Lord was palpable. For the Ninety Days of Blessing we will again participate Re-habitat for Humanity. This is our 4th year to participate and we have repaired or rebuilt 70 homes so far."

—Dale Schlafer

Lakeway, TX: Our gathering was held in a city park. The youth group manned a prayer tent and we have 6 baptisms.

—Glenn Hubbart

Marshall, IL: 10 churches, an out-reach ministry and a nursing home dedicated over 300 hrs of prayer during the ten days.

—Paul Boyer

Olathe, KS: Adopt-a-School (schools inviting churches to come and help) is proving very successful in K.C., Kansas and K.C., Missouri. We are uniting in Olathe to become involved in this same

program, have set training dates and working with Olathe Schools for not just 90 days of blessing, but ongoing for years to come.

—Susie Barnes

Elkin, NC: The presence of God was so strong as we were under the tent praying for the world as everyone came together from different cultures.

—Chris Richardson

Antigo, WI: This was the first time that we know of in our city's history that there was an interdenominational prayer gathering. A little rain did not hinder a tremendous turnout of in our city park

—Danny Pyeatt

St Louis, MO: Of most importance to us is that a great number of people indicated they definitely felt God's presence during this time of prayer and praise. Unique Aspects: choir of 90, dance team of 75, nations procession of 65, superb worship band, two MCs and 10 prayer leaders with no one introduced by name or in the program as only the name of Jesus was acknowledged and lifted.

—Charlie Fay

Houston, TX: There were 7 separate gatherings throughout the city, including two in prisons.

—Brian Gowan

Philadelphia, PA: We have already begun preparing for a large undertaking in 2010. We will saturate our city with a combination of March for Jesus and Global Day of Prayer along with a Convoy of Hope.

—Ruth Willard

Reedsville, PA: We distributed the prayer guides throughout our county and encouraged each church to read "A Prayer for the World" during their regular Sunday service and then to join together in the evening for a combined service. During the combined service, the children lead us in "A Prayer for the World." We also had a unified effort in establishing ten days of constant prayer.

—Juanita Byler

Cleveland, TN: It was the best gathering every in the past 5 years. The team emphasis this year was to have the heart of Elijah: "that God will return the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the children to their fathers." Youth groups and youth leaders facilitated a separate worship service of their own. When they came back to the regular service, the pastors and elders of the city prayed over the youth and then the youth prayed over the city leadership.

—Michael Obi

Las Vegas, NV: We gathered together via phone with a group of 50 in the Philippines and a group of 75 in Liberia. We formed a prayer chain that connected Las Vegas to the Philippines then to Liberia and back to Las Vegas. Because of the time difference we each were able to read "A Prayer for the World" on Sunday, May 31st even though it was a 24-hour prayer chain.

—Linda Kurtz

Lexington, SC: There was a real sense of unity even though we were from several different congregations. The service was also broadcast live on radio.

—Derrick Gardner

Northfield, MA: On "Sunday afternoon, around 70 of us gathered in the 2,000-person Auditorium for the Global Day of Prayer. A highlight of the gathering was reading "A Prayer for the World" provided by the GDOP in that auditorium. We all read it in unison, our voices filling and seeming to shake the auditorium in agreement with millions of believers from all of the 220 nations of the earth. This was the first year that every nation of the world participated. National media may not be taking notice, but in the Spirit, there never was a day like May 31, 2009."

—Jonathan Friz

Tucson, AZ: GDOP has been a blessing to us in Tucson as a spark to build relationships and rally

prayer that will bear fruit in years to come. Each year has gotten better here to that long-term goal to see more prayer and transformation.

GDOP Tucson vision: To pray together and build relationships within the body of Christ that will persevere, lead to action to transform our city and have effect to the ends of the earth.

—Michael Birrer

Evanston, IL: For ten days the Lord met us each night with such power and love. Words cannot describe how the spirit of the Lord moved over his people with loving-kindness. From our youth to our seniors they came and cried out in unity to the Lord and He heard our cries. We know our lives will never be the same and the Lord is continually moving over our hearts to "go ye therefore and compel the people to come." We are in the process of planning a citywide prayer event for the late summer. I am so blessed to be apart of the prayer movement. I know the battle will be won our knees. I trust God in everything for our city that lost souls will fill the households of faith throughout the world. I thank you for allowing us to be a part of GDOP and we look forward to 2010.

—Gayle Allen

Show Low, AZ: What a great day for the White Mountains . . . joining with literally 100s of millions of brothers and sisters across the globe! The White Mountain House of Prayer team led songs of prayer and praise throughout the event as eight area pastors led the opening and the seven sections of "A Prayer for the World." Setup for the event was delayed a 1/2 hr due to light rain but we were still able to start on time. A latecomer reported that it was hailing just a couple miles down the road! God protected our hilltop amphitheater for an hour and half allowing a beautiful backdrop of majestic rain clouds moving over the nearby peaks. Light rain resumed AFTER we finished.

—Michael Benning

Oberlin, OH: We had a prayerwalk from MLK Park to Tappan Square on Oberlin College campus (approximately 1/2 mile) praying along the way. Then we sang, read scripture, and prayed through the GDOP prayer. We had a glorious time of celebrating. We prayed, sang, and preached from Acts 2, and worshipped together as one church but seven congregations--much like the Church of Asia in Revelation. The Holy Spirit met us there as we united our hearts with brothers and sisters around the globe.

—Laurence Nevels

Charlotte, NC: Very vibrant and explosive event. The community really came out to support this first-time effort in Charlotte. The participation level of the attendees was very high with different prayer segments and worship songs. We are looking forward to 2010.

—Brenda Jackson

Charles Town, WV: "It was an honor to be part of what God was doing as we came together in unity. The presence of the Holy Spirit was strong as we worship and prayed together. Everything went very smooth and we give glory to God for His faithfulness. We believe that God was pleased as we unite with the rest of world in prayer."

—Yimbi Rogombe

Colfax, NC: "Our group broke up and prayed by the 6 continents (save Antarctica) and then by the 4 winds (MT 24:31). We met each night and 2 Saturday breakfasts to pray for 10 days. Attendance was limited but prayer was powerful."

—Jeff Palmer

Lakeland, FL: We concentrated on the Ten Days of Constant Prayer by recruiting ten local churches across the city to host one of the daily prayer gatherings. These prayer gatherings were broadcast LIVE on <<http://BlogTalkRadio.com/FriarWade>><http://BlogTalkRadio.com/FriarWade>. Our theme song was "God of this City" recorded by Chris Tomlin.

—Father Fahnstock

NW Houston, TX: In the past, one church dominated the attendance. So, it was encouraging to see a larger turn out from multiple churches. The Holy Spirit really seemed to anoint our prayers for the next generation and issues around that topic (poverty, genocide, sex trafficking, mentoring,

etc.). We were blessed with a diversity of ethnic background and churches for the prayer event. We also had a blended worship team made up of participants from several congregations.
—Jeff McGee

Roseville, MN: What an incredible experience to pray for the nations, knowing that people in every nation of the world were praying it as well. What a sense of unity, power and mission. And, the most powerful and encouraging part of the event was knowing that the prayers in our church who gathered together were by no means small and were in fact multiplied beyond anything we could imagine as they rose to the God along with the prayers of millions of others around the world!
—David Smith

Katy, TX: We had prayer offered in 11 different languages ending in the Hebrew tongue.
—Gbolahan Faluade

Colorado Springs, CO: We are participating in the Ninety Days of Blessing in many different ways. We are reaching out to the families of prisoners. We will be focusing a lot of our attention in and around the local high school. We will be offering tutoring, some seminars on practical topics for parents in tough places as well.

Hello there- Here in The Columbia Gorge, an hour's drive from Portland OR, we gathered at 3 pm in our American Aerospace Engineering facility, a maintenance facility at the Dallesport ,WA. Municipal airport, a WW2 airplane hangar [like a huge creaky wooden cathedral, a real barn of sorts].

WE SAT ON CHAPEL PEWS GOD HAD SUPPLIED wonderfully, and prayed together -The presence of the Lord filled the place and immediately afterwards, the person reading said he believes we should fill the place for God's purposes. We were so aware of the heavy presence of the Spirit that we were seen wiping brows on a cool day! JESUS WAS THERE- that we know!

This area is known for its insular groups- lots of activity but little unity- so this is the second year we have had it and both Mike and I -ex-pats from South Africa- were determined to intercede on behalf of the broken church body....our attendance doubled since last year- was great! We firmly expect breakthroughs on personal and corporate level for our body of believers here in the gorge!

"They that wait upon the Lord will renew their strength - they will rise up...as eagles.....

"I CAME SO THEY CAN HAVE REAL AND ETERNAL LIFE, MORE AND BETTER LIFE THAN THEY EVER DREAMED OF"-JESUS-John 10.10

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The Lord truly encouraged me during this event, we are a home based ministry and our event was held at 6 pm on the 31st of May. We are small, only a handful of us but The Lord is in the midst when 2 or more are gathered in His name.

What really encouraged me is that after our event was over about 2 hrs later, I was a little discouraged because I expected others to come, but around 9 pm that evening a young Chinese woman knocked at the door, she said she was trying to find the Global Day of Prayer event. I told her to come in and yes we had it here at 6 pm. She stated that she got lost, and she was trying to find the place, so she started praying and the Lord led her here. I was so amazed at her persevering spirit that I told her that God would not lead her all this way and disappoint her so we went down stairs to the ministry and began worship again, and we both prayed and worshiped the Lord together.

After worship we ate and I asked her where did she park? She said that she had taken the bus and the train and lives in Flushing NY which is about 2 ½ hrs from us. I was amazed at her persevering

spirit and I prayed with her again that the Lord would meet the desires of her heart according to His riches and Glory through Christ Jesus. We drove her back to the train station and she took pictures of me and my children.

The Lord is faithful and this truly blessed me because all the Lord needs is those with a heart to seek Him in prayer, and this has been my prayer.

Praise God

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Hidden Treasures Ministries

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We had a wonderful time at the Global Day of Prayer Gathering at the **Minneapolis** Convention Center on May 31. Nearly 1,000 people worshiped and prayed together--and then looked forward to the 90 Days of Blessing.

A variety of denominations and ethnic groups were represented on Sunday night, which is more of a true picture of the Body of Christ in the Twin Cities. *Different styles of worship and expressions of prayer all came together to join with the 220 nations of the world! We were a part of a truly historic moment in the history of the Church.* We pray that we will continue to grow in our passion for Christ's glory to be known throughout the earth!

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The Wednesday before the day of prayer, I brought copies of the prayer for the world to the Bible studies at the county jail where I lead Bible studies. At the end of that night's study, we stood to pray the prayer together. It was powerful! I urged them that if possible, to meet with others in their 'pod' (a living unit for 60 men) on Sunday to pray.

Tonight (4 June), at the Bible study, I asked the men if they had met together. They started to laugh and let Tito tell the story. Tito is a man who has been mightily changed by God. He had prayed that the men in the pod would gather together at 1 pm to pray the prayer. As he related the story, he began to call the men together (only 30 are let out of the cells at a time). Every man that could meet did even some unbelievers!

Another man in the study, who was in one of the locked down cells, said that many of those who could not get out, prayed in their cells. I have been leading Bible studies at this jail for 15 years and I have been privileged to lead many people to faith in Jesus Christ. *Short of someone's new birth, this is the most incredible thing God has done at this jail - so far!*

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Minneapolis, MN

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God was so good in the little town of **Marshall, Illinois!!** We celebrated for ten days with constant prayer. In three counties, ten churches one outreach center and a nursing home we pledged 24 hour prayer vigils. Over 300 hours of prayer!! On Pentecost at least one church pastor felt led to lay down his planned out sermon and trust in the faith that miracles occurred during the 24 hours of prayer His church had sponsored on day 1. A couple hours later after the last testimony of what God did as result of or during the prayer time, the congregation was soaked with tears of joy and God's blessings.

As a united body of Christ the GDOP planning committee had planned on praising God on our Court house lawn for the last 4 years on the GDOP. There were always obstacles. God brought down the thunder for three years forcing us to retreat from storms to one of the participating churches. We kept praying for the opportunity to be His witness to many on the GDOP on the Court house lawn.

Finally this year brought a sunny forecast. This year we had been meeting every Saturday morning in prayer and planning for months, but were unable to free up a church worship band for the celebration. We knew He needed to be noticeable a light a beacon to all who passed by that day. We kept trying but God kept saying to us this is not yours its mine. Don't use your own band. I will provide.

So finally after constant failure on the 28th of May sensing that we needed to lay it down we gave the day to God to plan. We said we will show up and so will He. Two hours later a band traveling thru and living 100% on faith, witnessing where ever God takes them called me asking to play on the GDOP. I was shaken!! I asked them, how I should introduce them. What was the name of their group? They answered (drum role) NOT OUR OWN!!!! A clear message from God this was His day not ours.

Of Course the Celebration was awesome!!!! God's children gathered on the lawn of Clark County Court house. The band settled in the 150 year old Band stand/ Gazebo on our court house lawn and sent up a fragrant offering as we joined them in prayer and songs. Then 7 pastors representing many different denominations prayed thru each section of the GDOP prayer as a hundred or so folks joined in. One body united in prayer. We then formed a circle surrounding these Holy men and prayed over them. It felt great to be part of God's vision for prayer in this world. People filtered in from the street, stopped in their cars to listen, motorcyclists coasted by so as not to interrupt the sound of God's children praising Him. Awesome day Awesome!!! God is so good. The best part is God heard from his children in faith and He is answering.

God Bless all,

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