



*“From the Neighborhoods to the Nations and From the Workplaces to the World –
Transforming Our Cities for Christ through United Prayer”*

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ALL TO THE GLORY OF GOD

WPI will enter into its 15th year of ministry in May, 2012. Many of our Sisters in Christ, in the San Antonio area and beyond, are responding to what God desires to do when His people unite to pray-- and they are uniting forces with us. *United prayer is a spring board for revival!*

Is a Christ awakening and revival on the forefront in America and are we, Christ's body heeding to, clinging to, and obeying the inerrant word of God? God is surely waking me up, as I believe He is many in the body of Christ -- to pray more specifically and repent more specifically - to be more conscious and consciousness of our lack or neglect of living as a true disciple of Christ. For many months, God has placed some questions on my heart that I want to share with you. Are we, in the body of Christ, being somewhat arrogant, passive, or apathetic about the state of our nation, both economically and spiritually? Have we become arrogant because of our mindset that God's grace and mercy will always be extended to America? Have we become passive because we believe that we are doing just fine by not responding to the sin around us, not speaking up for the truth of God's word, not sharing the gospel, or not being active in the opportunities that God places before us? Have we wept over those without Christ in our city? Are we apathetic, having no interest in what God is doing or not doing in our city and nation, saying "I can't do anything, God will take care of it?" --- Are we daily available for God to use us as a vessel in His hands to make an eternal difference? --- *Dear friends, may we daily ask God to search our hearts. May we repent of our indifferences and continually heed to God's word through the prophet, Ezekiel, "So I sought for a man among them who would make a wall, and stand in the gap before Me on behalf of the land, that I should not destroy it; but I found no one. Therefore I have poured out My indignation on them; I have consumed them with the fire of My wrath; and I have recompensed their deeds on their own heads," says the Lord God.*" (Ezekiel 22:30-31)

The fact is that there is no "formula" for revival - for the church to awaken and unbelievers to come to Christ - but God has the answer in 2 Chronicles 7:14, and history confirms that there has never been a spiritual awakening or revival without Christians repenting and uniting in focused and fervent prayer, across the boundaries that have separated them. *The most effective power that God has bestowed on a disciple of Christ is to hear His heart and pray His good, acceptable and perfect will down from heaven into our lives, our homes, our cities and nations.*

Thank you for your prayers for me, my husband LC, and the ministry of WPI. I give praise, and I know that you, our Ministry Partners, join me in giving praise to God, for the women of WPI who diligently and faithfully unite each month to corporately stand in the gap for *their* city and nation (among them are 21 groups in the San Antonio area). It may come as a surprise to you that many have made it a priority for 14 years! *Women don't necessarily have time to do it, they make time to do it – believing that authentic and on-going revival will take place in our day. --- May revival fires start in San Antonio, your city or any city, but wherever it starts, may the revival winds blow from city to city -- until salvation comes to everyone without Christ and until God's unending glory will dwell in our land!*

Joan Courtney, Founder and President



Joan presenting an award to Sylvia Rodriguez at the WPI Benefit Dinner

WPI'S NEW PUERTO RICO AMBASSADOR

What an honor to be asked by WPI to be its ambassador in Puerto Rico. I am very happy to do so and I know it will be a great blessing to me and to the Island. There is such a need to pray for our nations. Like someone has said "little prayer, little blessings, much prayer, much blessings". Puerto Rico has been blessed by God for the last several years, because all of the hurricanes predicted to go through the island have changed directions, and they have suffered only minimal damage due to the rain. I want to be able to rise up their awareness and recognize that it was God's intervention. So with God's help I will try to equip and encourage a group of ladies to effectively pray for Puerto Rico with the WPI guidelines. I covet your prayers.

SYLVIA MARIA RODRIGUEZ

WPI CELEBRATION BENEFIT DINNER - SEPTEMBER 9, 2011

***TO GOD OUR SAVIOR, WHO ALONE IS WISE, BE GLORY AND MAJESTY,
DOMINION AND POWER, BOTH NOW AND FOREVER MORE." JUDE 1:25***



PASTOR RANDY GARCIA, FORTRESS ASSEMBLY OF GOD; BANQUET SPEAKER, WPI ADVISOR



PASTOR CHARLES FLOWERS, FAITH OUTREACH; WPI ADVISOR PRAYS "FOR THE CHURCH TO ARISE"



ALLAN PARKER, FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT, THE JUSTICE FOUNDATION; WPI ADVISOR PRAYS "FOR AMERICA'S GOVERNMENT"



MARY ANN TURNER, SERVED AS WPI VICE PRESIDENT FOR TEN YEARS. SHE CONTINUES TO SERVE AS A WPI PRAYER GUIDE FOR TWO GROUPS!



JB SALAZAR, BUENA VIDA BROADCASTING AND WIFE, DEBBIE; JOAN COURTNEY, PRESIDENT; JANIE CHAPA, VICE PRESIDENT



PICTURED LEFT TO RIGHT: JANIE CHAPA, JOAN COURTNEY, BARBARA SIMPSON (BOARD MEMBER), ALMA TREVINO, HISPANIC AMBASSADOR AND SPANISH TRANSLATOR

EXQUISITE FLOWERS BY: BARBARA SIMPSON

"SEE OUR GLOWING FUNDRAISING REPORT ON THIRD PAGE"



Letter from Mark Lugo, Executive Coordinator

Thank you, WPI for the "Courageous" movie tickets for the youth. It was a great movie and a great movie night. Four teens received Jesus Christ that night in the movie theatre! The majority of the teens come from single parent homes. Most have never met their fathers or have only seen them a few times. One teen lost both parents and is living with her grandma. You have truly blessed their lives. Thank you again from the Nehemiah Initiative and all the teens!

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SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS**

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YOUR STREET OR ANY STREET FOR PRAYER!!!
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"Being a part of WPI has enlarged my vision of how to pray for our neighborhoods, our city, our nation and our world. What a blessing to share with Christian ladies who have a passion for God's heart, not only to know Him better, but in humility and brokenness, to intercede for revival, unity and salvation of the lost. Praying with others encourages my heart and strengthens my faith. Together we can stand against the strongholds of evil, so that the glory of God will be known and felt throughout our world. We spend the last ten minutes to pray for each other and personal needs. One year ago I had surgery for breast cancer and now my recent mammogram showed no abnormality. I know it was the prayers of God's people and His undeserving mercy that I am cancer free. Glory to His name! VERDA MAYER

Pictured back row L to R: Verda Mayer, Mary Reyes, Ofelia Sosa, Esther Colunga, Josie Guerra, Linda Quiroz, Blanca Colunga and Janie Chapa, WPI Vice President (L to R front) Janie Feriend and Rosie Elena Renquillo

We are thankful for Verda Mayer and her leadership as a Prayer Guide in the WPI group pictured above, since 1998. Verda is presently employed by Edgewood Independent School District as a substitute nurse and served on the foreign mission field in Costa Rica and Nicaragua for 16 years. Verda is an active member of Abundant Life Christian Church.

**"FOR OF HIM AND THROUGH HIM AND TO HIM ARE ALL THINGS, TO WHOM BE GLORY FOREVER. AMEN." ROMANS 11:36
OUR THANKS AND PRAYERS GO OUT TO YOU AND YOURS!**

**FUNDRAISING REPORT
DONATIONS RECEIVED AND PLEDGES
FOR THE WPI BUDGET
SEPTEMBER 1, 2011 TO AUGUST 31, 2012**

DONATIONS AND PLEDGES (FROM OUR MINISTRY PARTNERS AND PRAYER MEMBERS)	\$19,862.00
MATCHING FUNDS DONATION	\$10,000.00
BUDGET	\$62,020.00
	\$29,862.00

***NEW OPPORTUNIT TO DONATE TO WPI, WITH BENEFITS!
"ASK US ABOUT OUR CORPORATE MINISTRY PARTNERS."***



San Antonio 78247 neighborhood group: L to R front: Margie Harris, Prayer Guide & Charter Member; Sylvia Rodriguez, former Prayer Hostess; Juanita Doss, new Prayer Hostess; (back) Betty west and Judy Conners, Prayer Members



OUR BEST WISHES AND PRAYERS FOR A BLESSED AND HAPPY THANKSGIVING, A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS, AND A HOLY SPIRIT EMPOWERED 2012."

OUR LOVE AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU, JOAN AND LC AND YOUR SISTERS IN WPI!

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LC and Joan Courtney visited Pastor Charles and Janice Flower's Sunday service at Faith Outreach Intl. WPI IS PRIVILEGED TO HAVE PASTOR CHARLES AS OUR GUEST SPEAKER AND VOCALIST AT THE 15TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY BENEFIT DINNER ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2012, 7:00 PM – 9:30 PM



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS
WPI 2012 EVENTS**

**MARCH 24 FELLOWSHIP TEA
SATURDAY
1:00-4:00 PM**

**SEPT. 14 15TH YEAR
FRIDAY ANNIVERSARY
7:00 PM BENEFIT DINNER**

The praying church should not limit the length of her dedication to intercession. *God is looking for a life of prayer, not just a season.* If the duration of time required to bring change can stop us, it is obvious that the preparatory work in our hearts is not deep enough to draw divine intervention. How does all this relate to revival? *Spiritual renewal is the divine antidote for our cities and our nation.* It is God's answer to all who cry unceasingly in covenantal prayer to Him for help. "Lord, forgive us for wanting relief instead of deliverance, for looking for shortcuts instead of Your perfect will. Master, we know that Your heart cannot refuse the genuine cry of the afflicted, that You cannot long bear the misery of Your people without acting on our behalf. So, we cry to You today! We covenant with You in prayer on behalf of our land. Send the rain of Your presence back to us! Cleanse us from our lusts for comfort and apathy. Bring us to the place where You can honor Your integrity and bring revival to our land! For Your glory we pray. Amen."

THE POWER OF COVENANT PRAYER, By Francis Frangipane