



Women's Neighborhood Prayer

"Notes and Quotes"

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ALL TO THE GLORY OF GOD

It was in mid October of 1996 when sisters and brothers in the Lord throughout the San Antonio area began to get enthusiastic about uniting to pray, plan and promote the South Texas Billy Graham Crusade, which was to be held in the Alamodome in April 1997. This event would unite our city, so that those without Jesus would know our love and respect for each other and would come to know Him through the cross of Christ. Surely this unity would be lasting. The crusade was tremendous. Souls were saved and many of us have memories of life changing experiences. His Spirit of oneness was moving throughout His body in our city. God had gathered women from the North, South, East and West in and around San Antonio to begin a new work. (Isaiah 43:1-21) --- The crusade was then over, but the women realized that the mighty blessings of the Crusade demonstrated what God alone can do as His people unite to pray. This was the beginning and not the end of God uniting the body of Christ. Women's Neighborhood Prayer is now in its 7th year. The sisters in Christ of WNP have not lost heart and we continue to pray in one accord and cry out as one, asking God to unite His body for true revival that will not fade.

On July 17th of this year a gentle, unassuming pastor and evangelist named Eddie Cantu captivated a group of pastors and citywide leaders as he shared with us what God had revealed to him. Pastor Eddie had run in the San Antonio marathon last November at 49 years of age. He told us that God began speaking to him in January of this year that it was not about him running the marathon or about him; it was about what God wanted to do in our city. Pastor Eddie continued speaking with zeal as he spoke the words God had spoken to him — *"If people can run in a 5 hour marathon, then gather my children to unite to pray for 5 hours"* — *The words came forth "Not a marathon, but a PRAYATHON"* — *"An opportunity for the churches to unite to seek God for our city."* He went on to tell us some of the ideas that God had given to him. We all were in agreement that this was God's heart for our city. The date was set - the first San Antonio Prayathon was to be held on the first Saturday in January 2004.

I spoke with Pastor Eddie afterwards and told him that my heart was so moved as he spoke. *I had been thanking God for the groups of pastors and other groups of Christians praying around San Antonio. Even so, I have been earnestly saying "Lord, we (your church) haven't united since the Billy Graham Crusade to seek You for our city so that the lost in our city will come to know You. (John 17:21) I told Pastor Eddie "This Prayathon will be an answer to the prayers of the women of WNP and many others."* Pastor Eddie knew that WNP is a bridge builder between denominations, races and cultures and told me that God had spoken to his heart that He would use him as a bridge builder between churches in our city. When I told him that this could be an event that God birthed in San Antonio to even take it to other cities, Pastor Eddie replied that God had spoken to his heart that prayathons would be held across the nation. Before we left the meeting, I was asked to be on the steering committee. I knew that WNP would possibly have to hold off until 2005 on a WNP sponsored Citywide Intercessors Seminar we had planned for April 2004. Could I and would I invest my time in this prayathon for our city, rather than a WNP event that could be easily rescheduled? The answer was clear.

Two weeks after this insightful time with Pastor Eddie, word came that he had suffered a brain aneurysm while ministering in another state and was not expected to live. Prayers went up all over our city and beyond, asking God to spare his life. *The Lord took Pastor Eddie home to be with Him the next day. What a great loss Pastor Eddie's passing is to his family, his church and so many others.* God's word tells us, however, that we are not to lean unto our own understanding, but to trust Him (Proverbs 3:5). He tells us that He will work all things for our good (Romans 8:28) and that His ways are higher than our ways. (Isaiah 55:8-9) God's word is our comfort in the midst of sorrow. Please pray for the family of Pastor Eddie Cantu and his church family.

Those who heard God's heart through Pastor Eddie are confident that the vision He gave to him will be fulfilled through the body of Christ in our city. The Eddie Cantu Inaugural San Antonio Prayathon will be held on Saturday, January 3rd, 2004. We are asking all who name the name of Jesus to set this date aside to start the year off by uniting to pray and worship the Lord as one. Whether we are Protestant or Catholic, charismatic or non-charismatic, this investment in eternity will not only honor the memory of Pastor Eddie Cantu, but it will outlive all of us. *You will be hearing about this event in the coming months. Please pray for the steering committee and ask God what your part is in uniting the body of Christ in our city.* Oh that we would get enthusiastic about uniting to pray to fulfill the vision God gave our beloved Pastor Eddie Cantu, with the end result being that those without Jesus would know our love and respect for each other and would come to know Him through the cross of Christ — unto His glory.

Joan Bond, President

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servants of God!”*

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*“Without counsel, plans go awry, but in the multitude of
counselors they are established.”
Proverbs 15:22*

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UPCOMING PRAYER OPPORTUNITY TO BLESS OUR CITY
Women are invited to join us on Saturday, October 11th
from 9:00 – 10:00 A.M to pray over the property where
Toyota will build their new facility. If you would like to be
a part of blessing them and our city,
please call Sheila @ 337-2903

Congratulations to Pastor Gilbert

In Memory of a Loved One

With the passing of our President, Joan Bond's beloved sister, Sondra Voelter on October 9, 2002, a memorial was established to give sisters and brothers in the Lord the opportunity to give to WNP in memory of loved ones who have gone to their eternal home with Jesus.

A donation has been given in memory of **Lelia V. Carmines Romo, Sandra Good's mother**, from Steve and Sandi Matthews

A donation has been given in memory of **Frances Pfluger, Susie Buck's mother**, from Chrissie Smith

Our prayers go out to Sandra and Suzie. These names will be placed on the WNP Memorial Plaque to honor their loved ones who have passed on to their eternal home with their Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Rev. Carolyn Gilbert's Installation Service as Pastor of Christ International Tabernacle Church in New Braunfels, Texas. (From left to right) Tisha Janes, WNP Board Member and Prayer Guide; Rev. Carolyn Gilbert; Joan Bond

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PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW!!

God continues to amaze us with His unending grace and faithfulness to WNP. One of our dear Ministry Partners gave WNP a new 2003 Kia Sedona Seven Passenger Minivan for our President's professional and personal use! To God be the glory!

“From the Neighborhoods to the Nations – Transforming our cities for Christ through United Prayer” WNP is a non-profit 501(c)(3) servant prayer ministry – encouraging and equipping women to unite as sisters in Christ to pray for the transformation of their neighborhood, city and nation for Christ, not forsaking their own assembly. Please make every attempt to attend our Annual Celebration Dinner on September 26th, invite other men and women! Send your check with names of attendees in the enclosed envelope. We hope to see you there!

UPCOMING WNP EVENTS IN SAN ANTONIO

Annual Celebration Dinner

Friday, September 26, 2003
Wayside Chapel
1705 Northwest Loop 410
Guest Speakers and Musicians:
Rev. Soapy and Suzanne Dollar
7:00 – 9:30 P.M.
Men are welcomed!!!
(See Enclosed Invitation)

Annual Praise and Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, February 28, 2004
Wayside Chapel
1705 Northwest Loop 410
Speaker: Letty Morales
Wife of Pastor Joe Morales
Jubilee Outreach Church
\$8.00 Per Person

Women's Citywide Prayer

Saturday, October 4, 2003
Parkhills Baptist Church
17747 San Pedro Avenue
From 281 North, exit 1604
and take the turnaround
9:30 – 11:30 A.M.
For Childcare Reservations call
Debbie at 210-494-5219

Prayathon

Saturday, January 3, 2004
Place and time to be forth coming!!

***A Joy Filled Welcome
To the WNP San Antonio
Leadership Team***

Staff
Leadership Prayer Coordinator
Sandi Matthews,

Area Prayer Coordinator
Mary McDonald, NC5 (After Five)

Prayer Guides
***Leigh Ragosa, Stone Oak NC5
Louree Upton, Windcrest NE6
Cindy Kilgore, Spring Branch NE14***

Prayer Hostesses
***Amy Adams, Deerfield NC5
Cindy Simmons, Stone Oak NC5***

***“To serve God is the deliberate love gift
of a nature who has heard the call of God.”***
My Utmost for His Highest
by Oswald Chambers