

# PWI NEWSLETTER

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## Suddenly!

By Pastor Bjørn Pedersen

**“Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying. ‘Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom His favor rests’”**

**Luke 2:13-14**



Prayer Leader Faith Mlay and other Kenyan intercessors praying over Rev. Abraham Kitui and his developing PWI ministry in Bungoma, Kenya

Have you ever noticed that there are a multitude of “suddenlies” in the Bible? According to Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance “suddenly” occurs more than 40 times. Some of the “suddenlies” are very well known

Biblical events. Others are more obscure.

The *Luke 2:13-14* passage is the story of the shepherds receiving the Good News of Jesus’ birth from the Lord’s angel. After the message was delivered, “**suddenly**” a great number of angels appeared to the shepherds. The angels were praising God, blessing all people with peace and bringing glory to God’s name. This “suddenly” of angels everywhere must have been a spectacular sight that took the shepherds by total surprise. It overwhelmed them and changed their lives forever!

God’s “suddenlies” have a way of surprising people, bringing divine messages and changing our lives forever.

In *Acts 2:2*, we read about the arrival of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost. God couldn’t resist the temptation to make this most important event, the birthday of the Christian Church, yet another “suddenly” experience. “**Suddenly**, a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.” This was more than a life-changing experience for the disciples. It literally launched a whole new ep-

och in God’s plan for planet earth – the beginning of the Christian Church! And it is still going strong!

Saul’s conversion is recorded in *Acts 9*. How did it all start? You guessed it – with a divine “suddenly!” “As he (Saul) neared Damascus on his journey, **suddenly** a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, ‘Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?’” (*Acts 9:3-4*). As we know, it was Jesus stopping Saul in his tracks and calling him to become an apostle of the Lord to bring the Gospel to the gentiles in Saul’s known world. Another event of enormous importance to the Christian Church and the Kingdom of God!

This was not the only “suddenly” experience for the Apostle Paul. In *Acts 16:26*, Paul and Silas found themselves in prison. At midnight, the servants of the Lord were praying and singing hymns of praise. The something supernatural happened in their jail cell. “**Suddenly** there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everybody’s chains came loose.” God’s “suddenly” led to the conversion of the jailer and his entire family and the release of Paul and Silas from jail!



One of the events described in Scripture frequently uses the word “suddenly.” It is the second coming of Jesus. This signature and “sudden” event of the Christian Church and the

world is foretold several places in the Old Testament. In *Ecclesiastes 3:1*, we are told that no one knows the exact time and it could “fall unexpectedly on them” (“suddenly”).

*Malachi* says, “See, I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way

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*Teacher Certification participants at Community Church of Joy - August 2007*

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before me. Then **suddenly** the Lord you are seeking will come to His temple..." (3:1).

Jesus talks about the "suddenness" of His return in *Matthew 24:27*. "For as lightening that comes from the east is visible even in the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man."

As we have seen from the above study of Biblical "suddenlies," God brings "suddenlies" to reveal Himself and His divine purpose. They certainly demonstrate God's power and majesty.

Let's take a closer look at God's "suddenlies" for us and our times:

1. Jesus is getting ready to **return**. He will come "suddenly" so we need to be prepared for His second coming. God's "suddenlies" should encourage His people to be prepared at all times. See Luke 21:8, Luke 21:34-35 and Luke 21:36.

2. We live in a **special season** of the "suddenlies." Rapid changes are taking place and the pace of transformation will greatly accelerate as the Christian Church is closing in on Jesus' return. After all, Jesus is coming for a Bride who is "spotless and without wrinkle" (Ephesians 5:27). Many "suddenlies" will need to occur to prepare the Bride for the coming Groom in the short timetable available for Jesus return. Keep your spiritual and physical eyes open to see God's present day "suddenlies!"

3. God's "suddenlies" occur at the intersection (I do believe we can add intercession) of **God's time** and **God's promises**. As God's people worship and pray in accordance with God's will and time, standing on His promises, we may be closer than you think to one of God's "suddenlies!"

**You are blessed with God's "suddenlies" during this holiday season and always until Jesus returns for His bride!**



The United States of America is in a time of desperation for our Lord Jesus Christ, and the time has come for personal **repentance** across our nation. We've all witnessed firsthand the impending threat of terrorism, natural disaster, broken marriages, moral depletion, negative media propaganda, the world's influence to be "politically correct," denominational division within the Church body, and the denial of Christ as the center of our relationships and our lives. It is time for you to **personally repent** and believe the Good News! God eagerly listens for our cries. On **April 26, 2008** ReignDown USA invites you, your family and your entire community to a FREE nationwide prayer and worship event to simultaneously repent of our shortcomings and stand united as we return God to the center of our country. The healing begins with us. Mark 1:15 "**Repent and Believe.**"

**For more information and to get involved:**  
**[www.ReignDownUSA.com](http://www.ReignDownUSA.com)**



*Pastor Miriam Perry and Lola Reyna in the PWI Phoenix Prayer Center praying over the United States of America.*





# 2007 Celebration Reports




*Praise the Lord for His Faithfulness and Generosity!*


“Great is your faithfulness” *Lamentations 3:23*

 The year 2007 has been a transition year (a continuation of the last half of 2006). PWI prayerfully felt led to join forces with **ReignDown USA**, a movement of repentance throughout the USA and beyond. Much of PWI’s energy and strength has gone into this partnership, which leads up to the April 26, 2008, national call to prayer and repentance. It is exciting to see how God has opened many doors across the USA and beyond for ReignDown USA!

 During 2007, PWI has also been directly involved with **Community Church of Joy (CCOJ)** in Glendale, Arizona, where Pastor Bjørn started his ministry of prayer, which today is known as Prayer Watch International. PWI celebrates this opportunity to work more closely with CCOJ for this season!

Weekly Prayer Schools Type I and II have been held at CCOJ throughout the year. Special seminars on Spiritual Warfare and Prophetic Ministry were powerfully received. New teachers were trained through the Teachers’ Certification Program. Praise the Lord!


 PWI joined with Christians around the world for the **National Day of Prayer and Solidarity with Israel** on January 27, 2007. It was a great time of praying for God’s blessing over Israel and her people!

 It was a special joy to do two **PWI Leadership Training Seminars** in Las Cruces, New Mexico, March 5-9, 2007. The two LTSs were Teachers’ Certification Training and Grow Up Spiritually. At the conclusion of the Leadership Training Seminars, a new PWI Team was chaptered—**PWI TEAM NEW MEXICO**.



*PWI Phoenix Prayer Center Weekly Prayer School Participants*


Congratulations and welcome to the global Praying Family of PWI! The charter Servant Committee members were Fred Schultz-Servant Leader, Nick Hutchins, Pat Shannon, Sophora Davis and Gayla Weaver. God bless you abundantly, Team New Mexico, especially during this period of transition. And God bless the memory of Fred Schultz. Special thanks go to Fred and Lisa Schultz for their excellent work!

 A most special highlight in 2007 was the **World Premier of Prayer School Type VI, Strategic Level Intercession and Warfare Prayer**, in Schilbach, Germany, March 19-24, 2007. It was a most unique, but very gratifying experience, to launch a new PWI Prayer School internationally! Germany is the only place, at this time, to have offered all six PWI Prayer Schools! Bless you PWI Team Germany! What a wonderful time of anointing and blessing! Dr. Jean Zehnder and Pastor Bjørn Pedersen were the two principal speakers. The Prayer School was followed by a Leadership Training Seminar, *Welcome, Holy Spirit!* Thank you, Pastor Herbert and Rita Lang for your loving, caring and excellent leadership! Danke Schön to all of PWI’s many anointed partners in Germany!




*Teacher's Certification Training Seminar in Las Cruces, New Mexico*



 Prayer School Thirty-three, Type V, in Alexandria, Minnesota, April 23-27, 2007, was held at the **Alexandria**



**Covenant Church.** It was the most anointed and powerful Prayer School held in Alexandria. With excellent attendance, great Biblical teaching and life-changing ministry and prayer, it is a Prayer School to be remembered and savored for a long time. Thank You, Jesus! Special gratitude goes to Sylvia and Ed Christopherson and the Alexandria Covenant Church with a most supportive staff! Dr. Fred and Sarah Townsend did an outstanding job organizing and implementing the Alexandria Prayer School. Thanks to all of you and the many others who tirelessly worked to make the Alex Prayer School such a great blessing!

 The year 2007 has seen more Prayer Explosions, Prayer Watches and Prayer Meetings than any of the preceding years! The **PWI Prayer Center in Phoenix** has been a major prayer center for PWI in 2007. Two partners, **intercessors and PWI Prayer Missionaries** have been exceptionally instrumental in this positive and important increase of prayer by/for PWI. They are Pastor Miriam Perry, the Phoenix Prayer Center Manager and Sister Lola Reyna, the Phoenix Prayer Center Servant Prayer Leader. God bless you greatly for dwelling in the Throne Room of God and encouraging many others to do the same! **Bless you!**



*Weekly Prayer School Participants at Community Church of Joy in Glendale, AZ*

**Thank You to PWI's Monthly Church Supporters:**

- Christ the King Lutheran Church - Hutchinson, MN
- Community Church of Joy - Glendale, AZ
- Elim Lutheran Church - Ogden, UT
- Lighthouse Community Church - Rosemount, MN
- Penasquitos Lutheran Church - Rancho Penasquitos, CA
- Trinity Heights United Methodist Church-Flagstaff, AZ

**Special Gifts Have Been Given to PWI**

- In Memory Of:* **Pastor Arthur Anfinson**  
By: Ruth Irgens
- In Memory Of:* **Bertha Nokes Ellington**  
By: Emily Hill
- In Memory Of:* **Jim Glendening**  
By: David & Lacey Pedersen, AnneMarie Pedersen
- In Memory Of:* **Charlene Harris**  
By: Dr. Steve & Lisa Potts, The Pedersens
- In Memory Of:* **Rev. Alfred Karlstad**
- In Memory Of:* **Mary Mason**
- In Memory Of:* **Bill Meadors**
- In Memory Of:* **Fred Schultz**  
By: Las Cruces Aglow International Community Lighthouse, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Bess, The Pedersens
- In Memory Of:* **Vernon Serenius**  
By: Luverne Serenius
- In Memory Of:* **Wendy Setterberg**  
By: Wendell & Lois Setterberg, Judith Ross, Betty Gfrerer
- In Memory Of:* **Marion Stout**
- In Memory Of:* **Marion S. Walentiny**  
By: Richard Walentiny
- In Memory Of:* **Donna Wilkening**
- In Honor Of:* **Retired Pastors of Tanzania**  
By: Elim Lutheran Church of Ogden, Utah

**Remembering Servant Leader Fred Schultz**

The PWI global Praying Family was saddened to hear about Brother Fred Schultz of Las Cruces, New Mexico, suddenly going home to be with the Lord. God's timing is always perfect, even if we don't understand it.



Fred and Pastor Bjørn worked together several years in the prayer ministry at Community Church of Joy during the 1990s.

As one who deeply loved the Lord and who loved to pray, Fred was a Prayer Warrior with exceptional networking skills. These skills were often put to excellent use through the Las Cruces Prayer Network of which he was the daily leader.

Fred and the Las Cruces Prayer Network conducted several PWI Prayer Schools, Prayer Conferences and Leadership Training Programs over the years.

Fred, being an excellent organizer and delegator, always made sure every detail was well taken care of and the participants were richly blessed and encouraged.

Our prayers go out to his wife, Lisa, the immediate and extended family and all of the prayer partners in the Las Cruces Prayer Network and PWI Team New Mexico. May God grant you grace, peace and comfort during this season of transition.

**May God always bless the memory of Fred Schultz.  
So long for now, until we meet again**

# Prayer Requests

🙏 Pray for PWI to always be in the center of God's complete and perfect will, time and places

🙏 Pray for PWI and all partners to be full of the Holy Spirit every day (Ephesians 5:18)

🙏 Pray for God to pour out His Spirit of **Grace, Prayer, and Repentance** all over the body of Christ so the Christian Church can be an Anointed House of Prayer!

🙏 Pray for protection, direction, and favor over **Prayer Mission 8 to East Africa**. Please pray for Pastor Bjorn, Pastor Miriam (AZ), Lola (AZ), Pastor Steve (AZ), Dr. Fred and Sarah (MN), Dorothy (MN), Jan (MN), Noel & Virigina (MN), Pastor Stephen (India), Pastor Herbert & Rita (Germany), Pastor Felton (Malawi), Pastor Justin (Tanzania), Pastor Michael (Tanzania), Evangelist Elisante (Tanzania), Pastor Abraham (Kenya), Pastors Miriam and David (Kenya) and other team members from Tanzania and Kenya. Please pray for the PWI events in East Africa: International Prayer Explosion (Limuru, Kenya), World Congress of PWI International Servant Leaders (Limuru, Kenya), International Prayer School 26 (Nairobi, Kenya), Prayer Missionary Training (Nairobi, Kenya), Prayer Conference (Bungoma, Western Kenya near the Uganda border), Prayer Journey (including prayerwalking) to Zanzibar, Tanzania, and International Prayer School 27 (Morongoro, Tanzania)

🙏 Please pray for **good health** for Pastor Bjorn, especially during Prayer Mission 8 to East Africa, but also for the entire year

🙏 Pray for continued guidance, protection, development, and completion of the Prayer Missionary Program and Missionaries



*PWI East Africa Prayer Mission 7 - Team Members displaying gifts from PWI Kenya friends*

🙏 Please pray for **ReignDown USA** - the national repentance movement, especially for April 26, 2008. Pray for repentance across our entire nation beginning with me (each of us individually), for the fulfillment of God's vision through ReignDown USA, mission, and plans as God has purposed and planned, provision of all resources needed - prayer, people, time, energy, strength, wisdom, finances, pray for protection, guidance and blessing over ReignDown, and pray that God would be glorified and honored through ReignDown USA

🙏 Please pray for God's direction and the development of **PWI upcoming events in 2008**

🙏 Pray for the necessary people and financial resources for the editing and printing of PWI materials by Pastor Bjorn. Pray that PWI Prayer School curriculum will be made in DVD format for worldwide distribution

🙏 Pray for the development and completion of the curriculum for PWI's final **Prayer School (7) - "Jesus is Coming Back"**

🙏 Pray for PWI International Headquarters - for the site, building, staff, more volunteers, and necessary finances

🙏 Pray for the release of **financial resources** for PWI to continue expanding the global prayer ministry that God has called PWI to accomplish

🙏 Pray for faithfulness to the Prayer Vision and great fruitfulness in all prayer and prayer ministry

🙏 Pray for support for **Israel** and her people. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem and for the thousands of people leaving third world countries that are returning to Israel

🙏 Pray for great blessing over 2008. May God be glorified in everything PWI does!

*Leadership Training Seminar Participants praying together in Las Cruces, NM*



**Give glory and honor and praise to God for His faithfulness, goodness, and generosity!**



# Reflections on PWI Prayer Schools

"For me, Prayer School is a time to grow in God's word and apply it to your daily life and a time to more fully become aware of the importance and power of prayer. It gives you wisdom on how to pray. Pastor Bjorn teaches with authority and boldness, humility and love. He makes each day so joyful with his upbeat, Christ-like personality. His sharing of some of the experiences he has gone through and the dangers he has faced are almost unbelievable but are awesome testimonies to how, using the authority we have been given through prayer, prayer really does work! The class was a wonderful experience!" - *Sheri*

"Everyone has "stuff" to deal with from their past. This class [Prayer School II - Burning Bush Encounter] was very helpful in teaching me how to deal with past issues in my life. What impacted me most were the lessons on forgiveness, blessings, and "God given" gifts. I am thankful for all that I learned and am looking forward to our next class." - *Sandy*

"Attending a prayer school has been more powerful than anything we could have imagined. The teaching material is inspired by the Holy Spirit so it is filled with life, power, and joy. The things you learn will change your life, your church, and your future. If we could, we would have every member of our church family attend these programs. Imagine your church filled with people who are committed to prayer, understand how to use it for God's glory, and live with the knowledge that they have been given the power to overcome every plan of the enemy and to heal every disease. We encourage you to put your feet on the path that God has inspired for us in prayer so that we can prepare the bride (church) for the return of the groom (Jesus)!" - *Rich & Jan*

"PWI Prayer School II, The Burning Bush Encounter, continued to deepen our understanding of the intimate relationship our Heavenly Father desires for us through prayer. The Prayer Schools have enabled us to apply the teachings we have learned in practical and meaningful ways and have given us a better understanding of how to impact the world for Jesus and see 'His kingdom come.' Hallelujah! Praise be to God!" - *Don & Chris*



*Pastor Bill Goodwin praying with another pastor during Prayer School 26 in Nairobi, Kenya*



## Thank you!

Thanks to all of you who have supported PWI through prayer, words of encouragement, volunteering in one of many ways, and financial gifts. Your contributions make the work of PWI a possibility.

## Automatic Contribution Program

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Here are two ways you can utilize this method of monthly giving:

- 1) Using your credit card
- 2) Using an automatic draft from your bank

## End-Of-Year Gifts

**We also greatly appreciate your one-time gift!**

Visa, MasterCard, Discover, American Express, Automatic Bank Draft or checks payable to:  
Prayer Watch International

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More prayer events are being scheduled. See our website for the latest updates and information on PWI Prayer Events: [www.prayerwatch.net](http://www.prayerwatch.net)



*Pastor Steve, David, AnneMarie, and Pastor Amos (far right) with guides on top of Mt. Kilimanjaro*