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# Prayer Watch International

## eMinistry Newsletter



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### Opening Greeting



#### You Are An Anointed Gift From God!

On behalf of Prayer Watch International (PWI) and the Pedersen family, we would like to prayerfully wish you a most blessed Christmas and an Anointed and Prosperous New Year! May God abundantly pour out upon you and all you love, His Grace, Mercy and Peace!

The year 2011 has been one of the busiest years for PWI with prayer missions to the Midwest (May and June) and Europe (September). It has included four powerful Weekly Prayer Schools (WPS) in Flagstaff and Phoenix as well. Most months of 2011 have contained much writing and re-writing of PWI prayer curricula in preparation for making numerous DVD recordings of these WPSs. This includes WPS Type IA, IB, II, III, IV and V. A significant amount of time and energy has also been spent on editing these DVDs.

We want to express our sincere and heartfelt gratitude to all of you, including our prayer and ministry partners throughout the world. Without your prayers, faithful support, and financial encouragement it would be very difficult to carry out the Vision of Prayer God has given to the body of Christ through PWI. God bless you abundantly for your perseverance in intercession, invaluable ministry service and generous financial support. Your devotion and dedication to prayer and the ministry of prayer continues to make a significant and abiding impact around the world!

In addition to the standard PWI E-Ministry Newsletter articles, we are adding a new feature called, Celebrating God's Faithfulness. It will share highlights from PWI history. For example, the year 2011 is the twenty-fifth (25) anniversary of the God-given Prayer Vision received in 1986. It will be discussed in this issue of the PWI E-Ministry Newsletter.

Lord, shower Your Everlasting Peace and Uncontainable Joy over all of PWI's faithful prayer and mission partners worldwide during this precious Holiday Season in Jesus' Almighty and Everlasting Name. Amen!

**WE PRAY FOR AND WISH YOU A BLESSED CHRISTMAS AND A MOST ANOINTED AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO ALL OF YOU AND YOURS!**

Overwhelmed by God's Love, Grace and Faithfulness,

Pastor Bjørn and Phyllis Pedersen  
 Servants of Jesus Christ in  
 Prayer Watch International

### Immanuel - God With Us



It is recorded in the Gospel of Matthew:

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet:  
 "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel"-which means, "God with us" (Matthew 1:22-23 NIV).

The angel of the Lord spoke to Joseph that Mary's child was conceived by the Holy Spirit and would be a son. From the angel's declaration, we learn this important truth about Jesus - He was both God and a human. The infinite, unlimited and omnipotent God of the entire universe took on the limitations of humanity so He could live, minister and die for the sins of a fallen world and bring salvation to all those who believe in Jesus.

Jesus literally means "the Lord saves." Jesus came to earth from heaven to save us from sin and all of sin's consequences. It was necessary because we cannot save ourselves. No matter how good and kind we are, we cannot get rid of the sinful nature we were born with that is present in all of us. Only Jesus can do that! Jesus came to die on the cross for our sins. He paid the penalty of sin. The precious Lamb of God, Jesus, shed His blood on Calvary's cross to satisfy all of God's righteous demands for the punishment of sin and disobedience to God's will - all of them.

During this Holiday Season, let us remember to thank and praise Jesus for His life-giving sacrifice for our sins and iniquities. And ask Him, with the Holy Spirit's empowerment, to take wholehearted control of our lives, work and ministries. Let Christmas and the New Year be the beginning of renewal, revival, and preparation for the return of Jesus for us and our families!

According to Matthew 1:23, Jesus was to be called Immanuel. This was prophesied by the prophet Isaiah:

All right then, the Lord himself will give you the sign. Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel (which means 'God is with us') (Isaiah 7:14 NLT).

Jesus was God incarnated in human flesh. Consequently, God literally was walking among us here on earth. He was here "WITH US." The name Immanuel actually means "GOD WITH US" or "GOD IS WITH US." This is an enormously important reality for human history and civilization. The Creator of the entire universe, in Jesus - the Immanuel, was present in human society with all its limitations and weaknesses!

Just as impressive is the fact that, today, because of the Holy Spirit Jesus Christ is present in the life of every believer! God is present because Jesus requested the Father to send the Holy Spirit to every believer:

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever- the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you (John 14:16-17 NIV).

Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus is present today in every Christian believer. Literally, God's presence is dwelling within us in the form of the Holy Spirit!

## What Does Immanuel Mean For Us Now?

### 1. It means **GOD'S PRESENCE is among us. HE IS WITHIN US.**

The Apostle Paul recognized the importance of this reality when he wrote to the believers in Philippi:

I can do everything through him who gives me strength (Philippians 4:13 NV).

Because of the indwelling Holy Spirit in every believer, everything is possible with the help and strength of Jesus Christ. That should encourage all of us to continue the good fight of faith!

The Apostle John also counted on the indwelling presence of God in every believer when encouraging them to fight against the devil and his forces:

You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world (1 John 4:4 NKJV).

### 2. **God's presence in us and in our PRAYERS is what anoints and empowers our prayers.**

But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted! (John 15:7 NLT)

God's presence makes prayer lists alive and anointed expressions of God's plans and purposes. It makes prayer more than a monologue. Prayer becomes a meaningful dialog between God and us, His beloved children.

God's presence gives believers effectiveness in drawing near to God in order to sense and experience His heartfelt desires, plans, even His very heart.

His presence changes and transforms our hearts, minds and lives to become more and more like Jesus. God's presence also can change marriages, families, churches and even entire communities. This should encourage us to be filled with the Holy Spirit, the presence of God, and to pray and minister more and more with the presence of God!

Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you? (1 Corinthians 3:16 NV).

Do we fully appreciate that God of the universe lives in us by the Holy Spirit? Shouldn't that be a powerful source of strength and confidence!

Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need (Hebrews 4:16 NV).

### 3. **God's presence in us brings HIS POWER and STRENGTH!**

We are really helpless without the power of God in our lives and in our prayers.



But the good news is that His presence makes the impossible possible for all believers. Listen to what Jesus said:

"If you can?" said Jesus. "Everything is possible for him who believes" (Mark 9:23 NIV).

It is a powerful reality - NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE WITH GOD! Immanuel reminds us again about God's presence - GOD IS WITH US. And because He is with us and in us nothing is impossible.

It is the presence of God that brings earnesty, fervency and anointing into our prayers:

The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit (James 5:16-18 NKJV).

Let us be empowered by the presence of God to pray with fervency, earnesty and Holy Spirit anointing. Pray with confidence knowing that with God nothing is impossible.

We bless you with a double portion of God's presence today and every day during 2012 to see major breakthroughs and many powerful answers to your prayers and seeing "God's kingdom come and His will be done!"

## Thank You to Everyone



I am privileged to have worked in ministry with many of you these past six and half years. Looking back on these years has brought many significant accomplishments in my role with Prayer Watch International. I have been able to travel to numerous places within the United States and also serve on an African Prayer Mission in 2006 that also included climbing Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania. Also during my years with PWI I have worked hard with helping to design and update the website and the abundant information and downloads available there. About two years ago, I began to fill in as the Acting Office Manager for PWI, in addition to the Information Technology tasks where I had previously been working. This new role diversified my ministry experience and gave me a whole new appreciation for those who serve in the financial sectors of ministry. Please thank your church, and other para-church financial managers, they are incredible and do amazing work!

I will be leaving PWI on 10 January to pursue a career more focused in my recent Master's degree I finished last year in Forestry. I am not sure as to what door God will be opening to me on that front, but we are in continuous prayer and are adventurously expectant to what God will do, in His time. Moreover, in early February Lacey (my wife) and I will be expecting our first child, a baby girl, which we are incredibly thrilled about. Please remember my family and me in your prayers as we wait on God for the next chapter of this great adventure in life.

Thank you for all your financial and prayer support over the years and please continue to pray for me and PWI. I know God will continue to do life-changing ministry through your support of PWI.

By God's Incredible Grace,  
David

## Global and Domestic Network News



### 1. A. REPORT FROM BANGALORE, KARNATAKA, INDIA

In a recent report received from Pastor Stephen Jackaya in India, he shared several PWI-India activities and events for the summer and fall of 2011. Pastor Stephen shared God's Word at a Day of Fasting and Prayer for India. It was a blessed event. He also reported involvement in several Prayer Cell meetings.

"On August 28, PWI-India was invited to preach on prayer at Ebenezer Gospel Church (EGC) in Bangalore." Pastor Stephen spoke on God's Vision of Prayer, calling His people to pray. He was also invited to share the Prayer Vision in a Branch Church of EGC. In September, Pastor Stephen preached on prayer at a local Baptist Church.



Preaching at Ebenezer Gospel Church

There are two special needs for PWI-India: a Four-wheel Vehicle and an office assistant to provide much needed office help in the PWI Prayer Center. Please remember these needs with the following other prayer requests from Pastor Stephen and Shakila (his wife):

1. Pray for Every Home PWI Prayer Cell to reach every home in India
2. Pray for India - Salvation of the lost; Deliverance from Idolatry
3. Pray for financial break-through: PWI-India to be able to reach out to neighboring countries like Nepal, Indonesia and Bangladesh and cities in India such as New Delhi, Bombay and Sirsa



The Jackayya Family

#### 4. Prayer for PWI National and International - Prepare for Jesus' Return

Please keep Pastor Stephen and Shakila and their kids, Sandesh and Sherin in your prayers. Finances for their children's education are still an urgent need.

PWI wishes you a most blessed Christmas and an Anointed New Year, Jackayya Family!

### B. NEWS FROM GERMANY

In October, PWI received an e-mail and a letter from Sister Elke Steigner announcing the formation of a Prophet and Prayer School for Germany. It is developed around a Bible Training Center with its headquarters in Schilbach (where PWI has been conducting Prayer Schools, LTSs and various other Prayer events). PWI is

very excited about this news as the development of a School of the Prophets was prophesied during several of the PWI Prayer Schools.

Elke Steigner and the leaders of the newly formed Bible Training Center (BTC), formally have requested permission to use PWI Prayer Schools I-VII as the basic curriculum for their training in addition to their own teaching and training materials. PWI has granted them such permission.

Please keep Elke Steigner, Pastor David Ikhu-Omoregbee, Pastor Herbert Lang and the others in your prayers as the BTC seek to provide "preparation for end-time leadership."

Pastor Herbert Lang called Pastor Bjørn in October and discussed the development of the School of the Prophets. Herbert is both supportive and involved in the new BTC program.



Pastor Herbert and Rita Lang

He also mentioned that their ministry at the Rittergut Schloss near Schilbach had been visited by world-renown Evangelist Reinhold Bonke who had prayed with them and offered them Godly advice for the mission and ministry at the Schloss. His advice was that they should focus their ministry on prayer and seminars, eliminating some of the other activities. Acting upon Evangelist Bonke's advice, they are making ministry adjustments. One such activity was to extend to PWI a more direct involvement in their prayer ministry, even offering some extra space for PWI. Please keep this generous and important invitation in your prayers. May God's complete will be done and in His perfect time with respect to this wonderful open door to expand PWI's ministry in Germany, the rest of Europe and even to other places in the world.

Wishing you Pastor Herbert, Rita, your special family and PWI's many precious friends in Germany a most "wunderbar" Christmas and a most anointed and abundant New Year!

### C. GOOD NEWS FROM EASTERN EUROPE - BLESSINGS FROM UKRAINE!

A PWI Prayer Mission Team comprised of Pastor Steve Brown, Teacher Julie Vlieg and Pastor Bjørn (all from Flagstaff, Arizona, USA) traveled to Odessa, Ukraine in September. They conducted Prayer School Type IA at the Petrodolina Youth Center near Odessa. The local Coordinator was Pastor Alexander Gross, Director of the Youth Center and President of the GELCU Synod in the Ukraine.



Participants in Ukraine Prayer School

Last year, Pastor Herbert Lang from Germany and Pastor Bjørn traveled to Petrodolina and held a four day Prayer Conference at the same Youth Center.

This was the inaugural PWI event in the Ukraine. The prayer conference was well received and Pastor Alexander Gross graciously invited PWI to return this year to do a PWI Prayer School. Spaciba, Pastor Alexander!



Pastor Steve Brown and Julie Vlieg in Petrodolina, Ukraine

The Prayer School participants, including several Pastors, came from many different places in Ukraine. It was a special joy to welcome Pastor Valery Hryhoryk from Vitebsk in Belarus and two of his leaders, Nastya and Maksim

Kiyko.

Pastor Alexander Gross invited PWI to return to Ukraine in 2012 to conduct Prayer School IB. Pastor Valery Hryhoryk invited PWI to visit him in Belarus and to travel to Smolensk, Russia to do a prayer seminar there in conjunction with Prayer School IB at Petrodolina.



The foundation of the new Coworker and Bible School building at Petrodolina

Slava Bogu!  
(‘Praise God’ in Russian).

PWI extends to Pastor Alexander and the GELCU leaders congratulations on the construction of the new building at Petrodolina. It has been in the making for several years. Now the dream is fulfilled and God has answered



(L to R) Pastors Alexander Gross, Valery Hryhoryk, Bjorn, and Ole Magnus Breivold

your prayers! It was a joy for the Prayer School participants to

prayerwalk the Petrodolina property and witness the divine break-through! Slava Bogu!

PWI expresses deepest gratitude to Pastor Alexander Gross and his Norwegian partner, Pastor Ole Magnus Breivold for your capable and timely assistance before, during and following the prayer conference in 2010 and the Prayer School in 2011. It is very much appreciated! God bless you abundantly!

#### D. PRAYER SEMINAR IN NORWAY

Pastor Bjørn returned to Norway following the Prayer School in the Ukraine. After a few days with his family (near Bergen), he traveled to Lyngdal in southern Norway (near Kristiansand) the site of three previous PWI Prayer Schools (I, II and III).

He was warmly welcomed by Pastor Harald and Elfrid Tysvær, the PWI leaders of PWI Norway. Pastor Harald has retired since the last PWI event in Lyngdal.

After a wonderful dinner with Pastor Harald and Elfrid, they went to the Betania Church for the opening session. It was a special treat for Pastor Bjørn to see so many familiar faces from previous engagements in Lyngdal. Some of them were Per and Jenny Lande, Magne and Anlaug Drageland, Magne and Astrid Larsen, Reidun Løland, Pastor Thorvald Hartviksen and many others!

Frøys Hindar was a most anointed and capable interpreter for two of the three sessions. And Reidar Landrud interpreted well the last session on Saturday morning.



(L to R) Pastor Harald Tysvaer, Magne Drageland and Magne Larsen

The second session took place in the Lyngdal Kirke (the local State Church). Both sessions one and two had powerful altar ministry following the sharing of God’s Word. Praise the Lord!

The final session was held in the Bedehus (The House of Prayer) where nearly all of the previous prayer events took place. What a joy to return to the Bedehus for the final session!

The PWI Norway leadership, after prayerful consideration, invited PWI back to Lyngdal for Prayer School Type IV, Families in Prayer, in September of 2012. Mange tusen takk, Kjære Venner! (Many thousand thanks, Dear Friends).

GOD JUL OG ET VELSIGNET NYTT ÅR!



Pastor Bjørn and his mother, Olga, 95 years young, in Bergen, Norway

#### E. HOUSE OF PRAYER SEMINAR IN PEORIA, ARIZONA

Pastor Bjørn held a House of Prayer seminar at Life in Christ Lutheran Church (MS) in Peoria, Arizona (suburb of Phoenix) on May 13-15 (it included preaching on Sunday morning). Donny Leinweber was the PWI Team Intercessor. He also assisted with some of the IT and computer needs. Thanks, Donny.

This prayer seminar allowed PWI to re-write the House of Prayer curriculum. It has now been significantly expanded and updated.

Special thanks go to Mr. Ken Firchow who coordinated the seminar with PWI and the LCC Pastors; Senior Pastor George A. Spicer, Pastor Dave Darling, Pastor John Pope, and Pastor Loel Haak. The Pastors were most helpful and encouraging of the

PWI prayer seminar. Pastor Bjørn had a prayer training seminar earlier with Pastors Darling and Pope on March 19, 2011.

The prayer training session and the prayer seminar was made possible because of a Lilly Endowment Grant. Lord, bless them for making the seminar and the expanded curriculum possible!

## F. PRAYER MISSION TO THE MIDWEST

PWI has been traveling to the Midwest for a Spring/Early Summer Prayer Mission for several years. This year it included four separate prayer events:

1. Pastors Karl Kruse and Bjørn Pedersen traveled to Cokato, Minnesota to participate in the Sunday morning Worship Service and Adult Education Studies at Crossroads Community Church. This is a newly started church. Pastor Steve Thorson is the current Pastor. He has participated in other PWI events including a Prayer School at Mt. Carmel Bible Camp.

Special thanks to Pastor Karl for serving on the PWI Team; to Pastor Steve Thorson for encouraging PWI to come to Crossroads on Sunday, May 22. Special thanks also go to Allan and Becky Sorenson for being exceptionally gracious host and hostess. Blessings to all of you!

2. Prayer School Type II, The Burning Bush Encounter, was held at Mt. Carmel Bible and Family Camp on beautiful Lake Carlos near Alexandria, Minnesota from May 23 to May 27. Excellent Event Coordinators were Dr. Fred and Sarah Townsend. They were capably assisted by Mary Yaw, Linda Kusmak, and Larry Pivec (Maple Grove, Minnesota) and the Mt. Carmel staff. Pastors Karl and Bjørn taught and Pastor Becky Worner from Starbuck was the Worship Leader. Debra Fischer was the Prophet-in-Residence (the first time outside of Arizona).



Teaching during the Prayer School at Mt. Carmel

PWI is especially thankful to Mt. Carmel for serving an outstanding dinner as a special and free treat to the PWI participants and leaders. Bless you Pastor Johan Hinderlie and the Mt. Carmel Team!

May God richly bless all of you for serving and loving God's people in such a precious way!

3. Pastors Karl Kruse and Bjørn Pedersen traveled to Starbuck, Minnesota to participate and preach in Sunday morning Worship Service at Shalom Community Lutheran Church (LCMC) on Sunday, May 29. Becky Worner is the Pastor of this newly formed church.

Pastor Worner sponsored a PWI Prayer School when she was the Pastor at East Zion Lutheran Church in rural Starbuck in 2010.

It was a special joy for Pastor Bjørn to be back in Starbuck where he worked construction for Thor Landaas Construction Company during his college days - many moons ago!

God bless you Pastor Becky and Shalom Community Church. May the Lord greatly grow your mission station - inwardly in depth of relationship with God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit and outwardly in many new worshippers joining your community of faith!

4. A strong PWI Team traveled to Lower Brule, South Dakota for the third Prayer School in the Native American community - in as many years. The Team conducted PWI Prayer School Type II, The Burning Bush Encounter, May 30 through June 3. The Prayer School was held at Faith Family Assembly of God Church in Lower Brule. Pastor Randy Jensen is the Pastor of this congregation. However, he and his wife were in Russia to bring home an adopted child.

An anointed PWI Team was comprised of Pastor Karl Kruse, Shelley Hedlund, Dianne Plahn, Ginny Summer, Sarah Townsend, Pastors Pat and Lori Grant, and Pastor Bjørn Pedersen, the Team servant leader. Abe Kimsey from the Rosebud Reservation and Mission, South Dakota was the Prayer School Worship Leader with Pastor Karl Kruse. Abe was part of the Worship Team the year before at Hilltop Baptist Church in Lower Brule.



Noteworthy were the strategic level spiritual battles in the heavenlies, several healings, the anointed ministry of Ginny Summer with the children - leading several of them to salvation in Jesus Christ and the salvation of a Native American man on the final day of the Prayer School. Praise the Lord!

Special thanks go to Pastor Randy for opening the doors of Faith Family Church to PWI. Also special thanks go to Pastors Pat and Lori Grant for all of their work before, during and after the Prayer School.

PWI Team, you are greatly appreciated, deeply loved and highly valued. Thanks for serving the Lord in a challenging mission field. May the Lord richly reward you for your faithfulness to God's people in the Native American community of the Great Sioux Nation of South Dakota!

PWI also want to acknowledge the great encouragement of Victor Roy Ziegler (chief, sheriff, attorney, author, a Mighty Spiritual Warrior and Special Brother in Christ) from the Ft. Thompson Reservation who has attended all three PWI Prayer Schools in the Native American communities and a Prayer School at Mt. Carmel Bible Camp in Alexandria, Minnesota. We are also grateful to his family members who have attended many PWI Prayer Schools. A special note of thanks goes to the anointed and powerful strategic level Intercessor, daughter Kristin Ziegler who has faithfully prayed for and supported all PWI Prayer Schools on the Indian Reservations. Bless all of you abundantly!

## G. PWI PRAYER EXPEDITION

During times of prayer and fasting, Pastor Bjørn felt a call to do a Prayer Expedition across the USA (and other countries at different times). A Prayer Expedition does not normally include any teaching, training or preaching, only prayer and blessing. A Prayer Expedition (Domestic) is like a Prayer Journey (International) to pray, prayerwalk, bless people, churches, sites, etc., do spiritual warfare and pour out wine (cleansing from defilement, confession of sin and prayer for repentance) and pour out olive oil (pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit to bring renewal, revival, transformation and preparation of the Christian Church for the return of Jesus).

He started this Prayer Expedition when driving to the Midwest Prayer Mission in May and June of 2011.

During this Prayer Expedition he prayed and poured out wine and olive oil in 19 states (Arizona, Utah, Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, North Dakota, Minnesota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Tennessee, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, and New Mexico) and three Native American Nations (Navajo Nation, Arizona; Great Sioux Nation, South Dakota; and the Comanche and Apache Nation, Oklahoma).



The Prayer Expedition brought Pastor Bjørn to many state capitals, capital cities, churches, historical sites and spiritually strategic sites.

So far, Pastor Bjørn has poured out wine and olive oil in 24 US states, Washington DC and nine foreign countries, primarily in Europe.

## H. REPENTANCE RALLY WITH REIGHDOWN USA

Rev. Dr. Walt Kallestad, Prophet Shawn-Marie Cole and Pastor Bjørn Pedersen lead a joint RD USA and PWI Team to a Repentance Rally in Overgaard, Arizona on Saturday, June 25, 2011. It was an outdoor rally at Tall Timber County Park.

The rally was comprised of several worship teams, preaching, ministry and invitations to repent and come to Jesus. Because of serious forest fire threats, the attendance was not as strong as had been projected. However, the Holy Spirit was there and several lives were touched, especially young adults. Praise the Lord!

## I. WEEKLY PRAYER SCHOOL (WPS) IN GLENDALE, ARIZONA (PHOENIX)



Some of the participants in WPS Type III in Phoenix, AZ

On August 30, 2011 PWI started Weekly Prayer School Type III, Heart to Heart With God at Community Church of Joy in Glendale, Arizona. Pastor Miriam Perry was the Administrator and Pastor Bjørn Pedersen was the principal Prayer Teacher. Mark Walth was the Worship Leader. The PWI WPS had an



Graduation WPS in Phoenix (L to R) Pastor Bjørn, Pastor Miriam Perry and Hannah Kirby - the youngest graduate of a PWI Prayer School (10 years old)

anointed and faithful Prayer Team capably led by Carol Campbell. This WPS was DVD recorded as was the Prayer School offered during the Winter Semester. The Weekly Prayer School participants graduated on Tuesday, November 29. Mike Rigel and Donny Leinweber were videographers faithfully assisted by Pastor Miriam Perry

## J. WEEKLY PRAYER SCHOOL (WPS) IN FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA

On September 1, 2011, PWI started the second Fall Weekly Prayer School at Flagstaff First Assembly of God Church. It was WPS Type IV, Families in Prayer: Praying Together ~ Staying Together.

Pastor Bjørn Pedersen was the principal Instructor. The Worship Leader was Wendy Brown assisted by Jessica Grant when Wendy was sick. Jessica Grant was also the WPS Administrator. Julie Vlieg was the IT person. Ginny Britt coordinated the prayer ministry with Mary Hogsett and Virginia Wilder-Hayes. Stacey Wittig and Jo Gardner were the Hospitality leaders. The Graduation for WPS Type IV was held on November 17th at Flag First Assembly. This Weekly Prayer School was also DVD

recorded for global distribution. Pastor Steve Brown was the videographer.

GRATEFUL APPRECIATION is expressed by PWI for all those who served "on Team" during the two important Fall Weekly Prayer Schools. Special thanks go to all the Intercessors who held the WPSs up in prayer. Bless you for your faithfulness and perseverance! Participants, you were awesome, eager to learn and encouraging. God's best to all of you!

## Kruse News - "The Bride (Is Making) Herself Ready"



I give thanks and praise to God for the openings, both small and great, that have been provided in 2011 for sharing the important Biblical teachings offered by PWI for building up the body of Christ into a House of Prayer, and preparing the bride for the coming of the groom (Rev. 19:7). Throughout the year God opened numerous doors for teaching as well as

preaching, so that the message about this powerful gift of prayer could be conveyed in a wide variety of settings and to a great diversity of people. I cannot praise God or say thank you enough for all of the work that was done by local volunteers, pastors, and planning teams to help make sure that all of the events came off smoothly. Likewise, I cannot praise God or say thanks to you enough for your prayers, your friendship and your support - both personally and financially. Your partnership helps to confirm daily, God's calling and my ministry with PWI. Thank You!

One small, but exciting addition to my ministry came late in the year through the strong encouragement of one of my PWI partners. I was able to acquire a cordless microphone system that now enables me to make audio recordings of my presentations directly to my computer. This allows me to produce and make available, audio CDs shortly thereafter.

The one prayer conference that I was able to record, was at Holy Cross Lutheran in Maple Lake, MN. The topics include: 1) What is Prayer & How Do You Feel About It? 2) A House Of Prayer On A Rock Solid Foundation 3) Learning To Listen To God 4) Anointed Corporate Prayer 5) Praying With & For Others As A Ministry In Your Church

People who may be interested in getting copies of these presentations can contact me directly at [pwikarl@aol.com](mailto:pwikarl@aol.com).

Well, the year began in January by utilizing the introductory



Praying Silently - Zion Lutheran - Garretson, SD

course, "Discover the Exciting World of Prayer." This course was offered on a weekly basis in a congregation in Minnetonka, MN, as well as two separate weekend conferences in Cokato and Alexandria, MN. Then later in April, the course was offered again as a weekend conference in Garretson, SD, followed by a Sunday, all-afternoon event in Sioux Falls, SD. This introductory course helped lead many into a new understanding and expression of prayer, as well as introducing many people to the ministry of Prayer Watch International.



Worship Leaders: Kathy Murphy & Toni Thorson - Crossroads Community Church - Cokato, MN



Burning Bush Encounter at Lower Brule



In February I took part in the Weekly Prayer School (type 5) in Flagstaff, AZ, teaching on the topics of Forgiveness and Reconciliation as part of the larger prayer school emphasis on healing and wholeness.

Beginning in March, I also presented an extended weekly teaching (12 weeks: March-May) at Crossroads Community Church in Cokato, MN, using the material by Dean Sherman; "Spiritual Warfare For Every Christian." That course on Spiritual Warfare was also held on three consecutive weekends the following month in April at Alexandria Covenant Church, in Alexandria, MN.

Introducing the "Transformation" Video - First Lutheran - Sioux Falls, SD

Indian reservation in Lower Brule, SD. In each of these locations we presented the full week-long Prayer School (type 2), called: "The Burning Bush Encounter." If you've ever been to one of these full-length prayer schools, then you know how anointed that extended time together can be, as well as how exciting it is to see what happens, when God shows up.

The months of June through September found me preaching in various congregations in Minnesota and Wisconsin, as well as meeting and planning with congregations for upcoming prayer conferences. The summer months also found me moving from Eden Prairie, MN to my new home in Apple Valley, MN; as well as continuing my doctoral studies at Bethel Seminary in St. Paul. In addition, I also spent considerable time editing numerous teachings, and creating CD and DVD resources for use in conferences and prayer schools.



Part of the group at Holy Cross Lutheran - Maple Lake, MN

In November, I had the pleasure of leading a weekend prayer retreat at Luther Crest Bible Camp on November 4-5 for Shalom Lutheran Church in Alexandria, MN. Then the following weekend, November 11-13, I was able to lead a prayer conference at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Maple Lake, MN. The Holy Cross event also provided an opportunity for preaching on Saturday evening as well twice on Sunday, with an additional Adult Forum discussion. Those three weekends in a row, were full and fun time.



Scenes from the Burning Bush Encounter at Lower Brule

Toward the end of May, PWI returned once again to Mt. Carmel Retreat Center in Alexandria, MN as well as to the Lower Brule



Praying during Mt. Carmel Prayer School

October and November continued with preaching and teaching opportunities. On October 28-29 I led a two-day prayer conference at Calvary Lutheran Church in Willmar, MN called "Grow Deep In Prayer," which also included a service for healing and wholeness at the conclusion of the conference. It was great to see a number of people coming from various churches and denominations sharing in this prayer conference.



Scenes from the Burning Bush Encounter at Lower Brule

I praise God for the open doors He has provided throughout the entire year for teaching and for preaching. I'm also excited to hear that many of these congregations are wanting to schedule additional conferences in the year ahead. None of this would be possible except by the continued empowerment of the Holy Spirit. God is indeed raising up His church, and preparing the bride for the coming of the groom. It is so much fun to be part of what God is doing. Thank you once again for your prayers, your partnership, and your support!

## 10-Point Prayer Express

1. Give thanks to God for His faithfulness to PWI and the Prayer Vision: The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it (1 Thess. 5:24 NM).
2. Pray for God to release significant funds to PWI during the month of December to pay for all domestic and international obligations
3. Pray for funds to continue vital prayer ministry in Africa (especially, Kenya and Tanzania) and Asia (especially in India) as well as all other PWI global mission and ministry

4. Pray for abounding and abiding fruit from all PWI prayer missions during the year 2011 and from the beginning (September 19, 1998): Still other seeds fell on fertile soil, and they produced a crop that was thirty, sixty, and even a hundred times as much as had been planted!  
(Matthew 13:8 NLT)

5. Remember to pray for all of the Prayer Requests submitted by Pastor Stephen and Shakila Jackayya in Bangalore, Karnataka, India (See separate article in the PWI E-Ministry Newsletter)

6. Pray for DVD recording of all PWI Prayer Schools - Prayer Schools Type VI and VII have not been recorded yet. Pray for anointing and blessing over Pastor Steve Brown (Flagstaff) and Mike Regal and Donny Leinweber (Glendale) as they do the recordings and others who will join their teams. Pray for all aspects of the recording to bring the best quality possible for God's people and to God's glory. Especially pray for God's will regarding Weekly Prayer Schools and recordings for the Winter and Summer of 2012



7. Pray for the DVD Editing Team - wisdom, discernment and time to complete the total editing project for both CDs and DVDs. Also pray for God to raise up an anointed Production Team to adjust and fine-tune the Workbooks to accompany the CDs and DVDs. Also pray for God to call Translators who will translate these materials into many global languages. Especially pray for the current translation of PWI Prayer School materials into Norwegian and Russian. Pray for God to release all the necessary resources to do all of the above mentioned activities and provide wisdom for how to best do the global distribution

8. Pray for God's guidance and His richest blessings over all PWI engagements in 2012. It starts with Weekly Prayer School (WPS) Type VI, Strategic Level Intercession and Warfare Prayer, at Community Church of Joy on Tuesday, January 10, 2012

9. Pray for God's blessings and guidance in the preparation and implementation of the Prophet and Prayer School in Schilbach, Germany. Also pray for clear instructions from the Holy Spirit regarding the will and timing of God for PWI entering into a stronger and more involved prayer partnership with Pastor Herbert and Rita Lang at the Rittergut Schloss/Herberge near Schilbach, Germany

10. Give all glory, honor and praise to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit!

## Prayerfully Consider an Extra Gift to PWI



God is faithful and generous. He is also trustworthy. Because the financial circumstances in the USA are challenged, the general financial support for PWI has also been challenged during the past months.

It has been especially hard financially during this fall. PWI has had to cut important mission and ministry both domestically and internationally. Unless the Lord releases funds during the month of December, further and essential ministry services will need to be cut. As you can understand, there is a definite urgency in this matter at this time. Please remember PWI in

your prayers. Bless you!

An extra Christmas and Year End gift will help PWI "catch up" on past and current obligations. Bless you for "praying in" the "shortfall." If the Holy Spirit prompts you to send an extra gift, it is received with joy and thanksgiving. May God bless you abundantly!

## Celebrating God's Faithfulness - Highlights from PWI History

In this seventh issue of the PWI E-Ministry Newsletter, we are launching a new feature entitled, Celebrating God's Faithfulness-Highlights from PWI's History. It is a brief look back over the many wonderful things God has done in and through PWI.

On Sunday morning, April 27, 1986, Pastor Bjørn was driving from Alexandria, Minnesota, USA to a neighboring town to share a message on behalf of the Gideons, a Bible distribution ministry. Something very unusual happened. He started to weep and could not stop. From all outward appearances, his life seemed to be in good order. There was no reason to weep. But weep he did, uncontrollably. He remembers telling the Lord if God wanted him to participate in the worship service that day, He had to stop his crying. When he arrived at the edge of the town where he was supposed to speak, driving by the town sign, the weeping suddenly stopped. The message was delivered and it was well received. As he proceeded to drive back to Alexandria, he passed the town sign and the weeping started all over again. It was a rainy day and his crying didn't help! He could hardly see the hood ornament on the car. Consequently, he decided to drive to his office at the bank where he was working rather than to his home because it was closer.



For a couple hours he sat in his office chair, still weeping. After some time, he found himself on the floor, weeping face down on the carpet. After some more time he said to the Lord, "I think you are trying to tell me something. Whatever it is, your servant is listening." Something unusual happened. With his eyes wide open, he saw what could only be described as a crystal clear vision.

Thus the Vision of Prayer was born. The Vision from God was to prepare God's people (The Bride) for the return of Jesus (The Bridegroom). It has motivated PWI ever since. Maranatha - Come Lord Jesus!

## Upcoming Events

January 10 - April 17

Weekly Prayer School Type IV  
Strategic Level Intercession and Warfare Prayer  
Community Church of Joy, *Glendale, Arizona*

#### May 20-25

Standard Prayer School Type IV  
Families in Prayer: Praying Together ~ Staying Together  
Mt. Carmel Bible Camp, *Alexandria, Minnesota*

#### June/July

Standard Prayer School Type VII  
Jesus Is Coming Back to be held in *Flagstaff, Arizona*

#### September 11-15

Standard Prayer School Type IB  
Face to Face With God  
Petrodolina Youth Center near *Odessa, Ukraine*

#### September 19-23

Prayer Mission to Belarus and Russia

#### September 25-29

Standard Prayer School Type IV  
Families in Prayer: Praying Together ~ Staying Together  
*Lyngdal, Norway*



## David Pedersen Leaves PWI with Our Blessings

David Pedersen, the PWI IT Specialist and PWI HQ Office Manager, has tendered his resignation from Prayer Watch International effective January 10, 2012.

David started his full-time ministry with PWI June 2005. He has served with distinction and excellence for six and a half years. During this time, he has been a faithful, knowledgeable and invaluable member of the PWI global ministry team.

David's primary responsibilities have been computer services (hardware, software, peripherals, local area network (LAN) and more), website construction and maintenance, PowerPoint, Internet communication (including the PWI E-Ministry Newsletter) - general IT ministry needs and bookkeeping, accounting, liaison with the PWI CPA firm, bank deposits, international wire transfers, accounts receivable and payable, various reports (financial and others), record keeping (Servant Keeper) - Office Administration and Management.

We at PWI will miss you greatly, David - as a friend, ministry and prayer partner and skilled and dedicated fellow servant in the local and world mission fields.

May the Lord abundant bless you, Lacey and your soon-to-be-born daughter as you pursue God's complete and perfect will for your lives, work and ministry.

We release you from PWI with God's most precious blessings and a double portion of His divine favor. We release you from PWI with our prayer support and encouragement for an outstanding present and future filled with God's peace, power, presence, joy and protection.

May you always know you are greatly appreciated and deeply loved.

## PWI Is Prayerfully Seeking an Office Assistant

Due to the resignation of David Pedersen, PWI is in need of a part-time Office Administrator. The person who is seeking this position will need to be a Bible believing and living Christian person of prayer who has a sense of Holy Spirit call to this position and could be a volunteer.

The person called to be PWI's Office Administrator will need to have a workable knowledge of the following:

1. Experienced computer operator
2. Quick Books
3. On-line bill paying
4. Account receivable and payables
5. Orchestrating bank deposits
6. Internet savvy
7. Familiar with Microsoft Office Products
8. Audio and Video technology
9. Servant Keeper

**Resume Requested**



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The person called to be the PWI IT Technician will need to have a workable knowledge of the following:

1. Experienced computer operator
2. PowerPoint
3. Website construction and maintenance (Web Technician)
4. Microsoft Word and Microsoft Office Products
5. Photoshop
6. Dreamweaver
7. Constant Contact on-line
8. Filezilla
9. Internet savvy
10. Audio and Video technology
11. Experience with local area networking (LAN), remote desktop, and VOIP systems a plus



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