

Thursday, March 4th, 2010

Connect

The Sanctuary's mid-week update of news and activities going on in your church family.

Connect supplies information you can use to pray for people that you love and information about events that you can attend to strengthen your Christian faith and fulfill God's plans and purposes for your life.

Sunday Morning Ralph will be teaching. Please, plan to be with us and remember to invite your family and friends.

Please, pray for the Sunday service and for Ralph, Louise and the various teams involved in the Sunday morning service.

Please, pray also for God to put someone on your heart to bring to church this Sunday. Plan to follow up your invitation afterward with coffee or lunch with your guest.

Recent Changes!

Ralph has been receiving a monthly donation directly into a retirement fund (RRSP) on a monthly basis for many years instead of a pension. When he went "off salary" he agreed with the leadership that he would continue to minister on Sundays in the pulpit 2 or 3 times a month and accept this donation to his RRSPs as "salary" for his work (slightly short of minimum wage per hour). Due to changes in the financial situation here at The Sanctuary it is no longer possible to continue this monthly donation. As a result of this change Ralph is now free to travel and minister elsewhere on

Sundays as we cannot expect him to minister for nothing. He has graciously agreed to continue to teach from our Sunday pulpit for March and April as the schedules for these two months had already been determined. This will allow our growing "teach team" an opportunity to plan and adjust to these major changes. We appreciate his willingness to do this for our local church. Starting this Sunday we will be taking up a Love offering whenever Ralph speaks.

Starting with the month of May Ralph will no longer be a regular teacher on our team for the first time in 30 years - teaching only when invited and, on those Sundays, a love offering will be received for his ministry as happens when he ministers elsewhere.

We regret having to make this change so suddenly but without being able to offer any compensation for his work this change could not be avoided. If you have any questions about this change, please contact our pastor, Louise, at 536-9573.



Impacting Prayer

Thursday - Rob, Barb, Roman, Caitlyn, Lindsey and the new addition

Friday - Joe, Karen and Isaac

Saturday - Marilyn, Hanna and Ava

Sunday - Rhonda and Cecil Pierce

Monday - Don, Shirley, Eric, Katie, Tiara and Chloe

Tuesday - Ben, Naomi, Jessica, Jeremy, Melody and Thane

Wednesday - Nestor

Please also be praying for:

- Lawrie's father (Bert Robinson) for salvation and her brothers and sisters for wisdom.
- Karen's father has recently fallen. As a result he has bruised his rib and tore both elbows. One elbow is now infected and he is on antibiotics. Much prayer is needed for strength, health and salvation for her elderly parents.
- A full and speedy recovery for Tom's thumb
- Teresa to overcome depression, addictions and physical healing and for a clear and sound mind
- Continued recovery of Louise's hand and shoulder
- For contacts and guests to be drawn to Jesus
- Revelation of God's direction for the church
- Please pray for Linda, Terry and the other members of the Physical Therapy group that Louise goes to. Louise is praying that God will open the way for her to pray for and witness to these people this week.

Praise Reports!

Recently there was a prayer request to pray for Amanda's mom Pat (a mother of a woman who works for Joe and Karen). Pat is doing much better since her neck surgery and is starting to feel 'normal' again. She and her husband Garnet say thank you so much for your prayers!

Elizabeth's friend who was facing some tough choices and many obstacles in her family situation has begun to have things resolved. There is still a long road ahead but your prayers are making a difference!

Nestor witnessed to his cousin in Ontario who was sick. She has been healed and is rejoicing and writing to her family members far and near about God's goodness and his directions in the Bible that lead to health.

Joe and Karen's nephew Peter, his wife Lana and their children, Jack and Charlotte live in Maui on the Hawaiian Islands. The quake that recently hit Chilli triggered a Tsunami that God miraculously averted. The giant waves shrank and became harmless as they neared their island.



KEEP PRAYING!

This came in this week to Ralph Howe Ministries - and is an urgent need for prayer... an on-going struggle with "darkness" for one of our young men whom I am discipling who lives several hours drive from the city of Moscow, Russia.

Hello Ralph!

I have an urgent e-mail to You. Iliya's mother asked me to e-mail this to you.

Yesterday I visited my husband's parents and met Iliya. He was very weird, his speech was slowed down. I asked what he was using. He said that was using nothing and that the only thing he wanted was to have a sleep. But I feel that he does not say the truth and hides those things.



Today in the morning Iliya's mother called on me and said that last night Iliya has got into the hospital!!! The reason is (as Iliya says) - he took 20 pills, used a drug and drank a bottle of whiskey and mixed all of this with 5 cans of beer (all of this his parents has found under his bed). His mother has found two syringes with drug stuff in his room. At the hospital he has gone through gastric lavage and all the night he was on a drip. Doctors has found that his kidneys are in serious problem. They say that he uses something as his blood clots too fast. In the evening Iliya was really drunk, he beat his father (and a week ago Iliya told me that he loved his father) and his mother's hands are black and blue. Iliya went off into hysterics he beat his head against a brick wall, parent could do nothing with him and they had to call the police. His girl who used to come to him saw that Iliya became uncontrollable and she began to cry. His parents think that she is the one who brings drugs to him and that she has brought alcoholic drinks as Iliya does not go out and has no money. In the morning today his mother took him from the hospital and had a very strict talk to him. Iliya said that he did not remember a thing and did not even know how everything has started.

Artem and I had a talk about this whole situation. Artem said that too much attention was paid to Iliya, that it was best to let him alone and that in a year or a half of the year everything would normalize. Parents are very offended on Iliya, his mother believes that Iliya thinks only of himself that he is selfish.

Ralph, I do not condemn Iliya. I understand that he is addicted and needs deliverance. But what to do next? I know only Jesus can give him this freedom!!! So now I do understand his behavior during that Sunday service. By the way, after the service three people got understanding that Iliya needs to get repentance. Ralph, I know that God has unconditional love!!! What would you advice to do in such situation? What to do, how to act rightly?

Sincerely, Helen

This young man is in serious need of prayer. He is at a crucial point in his life and needs to make some very hard decisions.

Please continue to pray for him!



Dear Friends,

At last month's **Ladies Fellowship Event** we each made a unique card or cards with a Valentine or Birthday theme. It was fun to let our imaginations invent ways to express ourselves on paper. Of course Barb was there to help us when we got stuck and needed a bit of help. It was a lot of fun being together and doing something together.

This Friday evening we are again meeting at Barb's. I invite you to come and chat while you crochet and/or create an Easter card using your choice of stamps and materials.

The purpose of these events is to build friendships and provide an opportunity to bring a friend or two to a low key event where they can meet Christian women who are examples of what it means to "Love God and one another".

I hope I'll see you at 7:30pm at Rob and Barb Milos', 24 Jackson Bay on Friday March 5th.

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**A Life of Miracles** has at long last arrived. This is the story of an evangelist's son who rebels and becomes an international drug dealing pimp. I didn't even know that there was such a thing. Isaiah Reed sank deeper and deeper into this drug culture and became very rich from his pimping crimes until one day he was murdered by the men he was selling drugs to. He was shot in the head and stabbed 16 times. DOA—he was autopsied. In the movie he shows the autopsy scars where his chest was cut and cracked open. When his mother was notified by phone of his death she asked that her prayer be broadcast over the intercom and God raised Isaiah back to life. Isaiah went back to his sinful ways until amazingly God moved in to rescue Isaiah and his future wife. Carol Reed had been one of the girls that Isaiah pimped. He loved her but continued to mistreat her. While he was in jail she sank into despair and planned to take her own life until God reached out to her through Isaiah. The stories of their lives before they were saved and the miracles that God performed on their behalf reinforce the knowledge that God loves the pimps, the prostitutes and the drug dealers. No one is too bad for God to change if he or she responds to God's wonderful love in Jesus.

This would be a good movie to invite friends to view. It is hard hitting and not suitable for children that you wouldn't let watch C.S.I. The plan is show this DVD on the Sunday after Easter. We will make invitations for you to hand out.

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I was delighted at the response to my challenge to **Follow in Jesus' Footsteps**. We had a great discussion on Tuesday evening. A Bible reading schedule for March is available on the back table this morning.

The idea is to read the gospel selections that tell about Jesus' last week before His crucifixion and the Easter stories to prepare for a more meaningful Easter. Study with the prayer that the Holy Spirit will help you to dig deeper and learn more about Jesus—seeking not just to know what the words say but also seeking a revelation of God's heart.

You are welcome to join us at Calvin and Lawrie's on March 16 and 30 at 7:15 pm. to discuss what you have discovered about Jesus from the readings for the two weeks prior to the meeting.

~ Louise

Ralph's Internet Radio show, The Point, is "on the air" once again...

March's topic is: "How to Listen to God"

This week's programs included:

- Why would God still want to talk to us today?
- How did God speak in Old and New Testament days?
- How does God speak today?
- The three reasons God speaks to His people



All radio programs are FREE to listen to [on-line](#). Each program is approximately 30 minutes in length and includes up-to-date information on mission work being carried on by Ralph Howe Ministries in many nations worldwide.



Life Changing!

Want to be a part of what Ralph Howe Ministries is accomplishing for the Lord here in North America and overseas? You can become involved in a number of ways including becoming a [prayer partner](#), a financial partner (individuals and companies) or by becoming part of a mission team and be part of a team ministering overseas planting churches, leading people to the Lord and ministering to the saints. Information can be found on the main web sit at



www.ralphhoweministries.com



There are also a number of free resources on the website and even more that you can download or purchase. You can sign-up to receive Ralph's daily [blogs](#), monthly [E-Newsletters](#) or bi-weekly Prayer Partners E-Newsletters.

Each time Ralph goes overseas a [write-up](#) of his experiences and personal growth is posted along with pictures of the people that were touched. These motivating and insightful write-ups are a great inspiration!

Kidz Klub

On Monday night, ten very excited kids came out to Kidz Klub. We went to the park to play games where we met a few more kids who participated and one who came back to the house with us for the rest of the night!

God is answering prayers and opening doors! Kidz are excited and inviting their friends. We had two new boys join us this week and a returning visitor. Pray for these kids as they step out and invite their friends. Pray for those being invited and those who have attended once or twice but not consistently, that God will continue to work in

their hearts.

During the month of March we will be getting to know the kids better. After an outdoor activity and a snack we will be having two kids give a ten minute presentations about themselves. They are able to bring up to three items that they feel show who they are. We ask that they put some effort into this so that when they stand up they have something thought out to say. This is supposed to be fun so parents please encourage them to be creative!

We also got some suggestions from the kids about what they would like to learn during our 'Talk About' time each week. There were some very silly suggestions that we welcomed gladly and plan to twist around so that we can fit God into them! There were also some surprisingly serious questions like: 'Why does God let bad things happen?' and 'Why did God give us a conscience?' We are very excited by the challenge to speak to all of the topics in the weeks to come. Please be praying for wisdom for Darryl and Elizabeth as they prepare what they share with the kids.

We plan to go outside for a portion of most Kidz Klub meetings. Please make sure your children and their guests are dressed properly for the weather. All the children, no matter what age, need **mitts, a toque, jacket and socks.**

Please, remember to let Elizabeth know when there is any change in your prayer requests, updates help us pray more effectively.

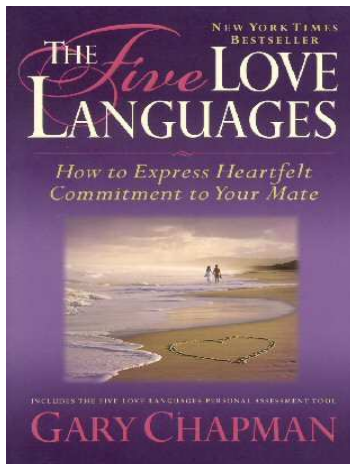
It always blesses us to know that God has answered our prayers.

Also, please let Elizabeth know when you have new prayer requests.



PAINTING FOR GOD'S GLORY

On Monday afternoons Louise is leading a group of ladies who want to learn to paint in order to glorify God with prophetic art. This group is part of the fulfillment of prophetic words given to Louise over the years by Denny and other prophets. The goal of this group is to bring Christian artists together to help them develop the skills they need so they can share the visions and inspirations that God has given them. Right now we are focusing on learning to paint in acrylics and we are doing some drawing practice. If you are interested in joining us please call Louise. We have room for one or two more people.



THE FIVE LOVE LANGUAGES

This book written by Gary Chapman is required reading for Marriage Preparation Classes. Mr. Chapman points out that as we grow up we develop a way of recognizing that we are loved and in return we demonstrate our love in that same way. This is what he calls a love language. Problems arise in couples when each partner has a different love language. This book can help you identify your love languages and help you learn to speak your partner's love language so that you will both feel loved and appreciated.

Watch for a Wednesday night class to start this month.

Louise has 3 copies of this book for sale at \$15.00 each.,

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Those couples who have expressed an interest in being married this year need to contact Louise to arrange for Marriage Preparation.

Call Louise right away at 536-9573 to set up an appointment. Marriage Preparation is tailored to each couple's needs. Interviews begin this Sunday.



LAUGH YOUR WAY TO A BETTER MARRIAGE

At the end of the wonderful Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage Class there were some extra books left over. If you said you wanted to come to class Naomi ordered you a book. If you didn't show up to the class your book is still waiting for you. There were also books that some people picked up but didn't pay for thus leaving Naomi and Ben out of pocket.

Please, be responsible and pay for your books. Naomi got them at a reduced price for you and cannot return them.

If you are interested in reading this terrific book they are available for \$19.00 on a first come first serve basis from Naomi, call 949-7722.