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“LORD, please send forth laborers into the harvest. Specifically, into Pennsylvania!”

PA District Superintendent: **REV. MICKEY CLUSTER**

“...EVERYTHING BY PRAYER...” Philippians 4:6

The Pennsylvania District has at its disposal a powerful ministry that will bring revival to our churches, and if utilized, the entire district! Amazingly, no monetary value is associated with it, so everyone can afford it! And the best part ... it is always available to us! You may be wondering which ministry this is. It is the ministry of PRAYER!



“Pray PA” is the prayer ministry of our district and is nothing new to Pennsylvania. Many of our churches were born out of prayer. Pastors and leaders received their calling in prayer. Prayer changes lives!

Winning the lost is our goal and the strategy of “Pray PA” is for every church to unite with one another in weekly prayer meetings within their churches. A Prayer Coordinator within each congregation will prove an asset to the pastor and members. Prayer requests from the district will come from myself as I receive them. A group called PA Intercessors is in intercessory prayer for multiple needs continually. Bishop Cluster’s vision for Pennsylvania is multi-faceted but prayer is the core of Revival! UNITY and PRAYER can become synonymous with REVIVAL in Pennsylvania with your commitment!

Connie Kramer / PA District Prayer Coordinator



The PA Ladies Ministry has initiated a \$500 Bible School Scholarship program! Our first recipient was Savannah Santiago from Indiana, Pastor Ryan Zeek. This year we will be awarding two \$500 scholarships. We have named it the “**Lodema Spurlock Bible School Scholarship**” in honor of Sis. Spurlock (1-19-1939 ~ 3-27-2019) and her great love for God, His Word, and His people. The application can be downloaded at the PA District website under the Ladies Ministry page. The deadline is September 1, 2023. Encourage your Bible school students to apply. They may be the next winner!



Debbie Cluster / Ladies Ministry President, PA

TELL THE WORLD THE GOOD NEWS

“We are not doing right. This day is a day of good news, and we remain silent.”
— 2 Kings 7:9

A story of evangelism (2 Kings 6:24-7:1-20).

The Syrian army had besieged Samaria causing severe famine. Death was inevitable and imminent. Outside the city gate were four leprosy men who decided that their only hope was to surrender to the enemy rather than die of hunger. So they started toward the enemy camp. Arriving, they were astounded by what they found — specifically, there was no one to surrender to! The Syrians had fled for their lives, leaving everything behind, for the Lord had made the four lepers to sound to them like the noise of a great army. Those four lepers stumbled upon plenty of food, fine clothes, and riches for the taking ... they ate their fill and took things to hide and to hoard.

Yet something didn't feel right.

They looked at their unexpected fortune and agreed that they could not keep the good news to themselves — “We are not doing right. This day is a day of good news, and we remain silent. If we wait until morning light, some punishment will come upon us. Now therefore, come, let us go and tell the king's household.” They realized they had a moral obligation to share the good news. So they did. Naturally, the Samaritans were skeptical at first. They thought it had to be a trap. This “good news” sounded too good to be true. Yet after confirming the story, they found the lepers had told them the truth and saved their lives.

Truly, thousands would have died if the lepers hadn't shared the good news.

Prior to salvation (Acts 2:38), we were very much like those four lepers — we had the spiritual leprosy of sin; we existed under a sentence of certain death (Romans 6:23). But then we surrendered to the “enemy” (Ephesians 2:1-3) ... at “the old rugged cross” of Jesus Christ. Unlike the Syrians, He didn't abandon us at our coming to Him, but He still gave us everything (Romans 8:32; 2 Peter 1:3) — “so great salvation” (Hebrews 2:3) that has “made us alive” (Ephesians 2:5). Exceeding riches (Ephesians 2:7)! There is good news in Jesus, and we must tell somebody, even everybody, about it. And initially, that's what we did. We couldn't keep it to ourselves. We knew that hoarding this “good news” message of Jesus Christ all to ourselves was/is wrong. And so, we told them where to find “the bread

of life” (John 6:50-51). If they refused to “eat it,” that was on them, but we kept telling it (Jeremiah 20:9).

Sadly, we have become “comfortably numb” to that “not right” feeling and just continue to feast at the Lord's table while thousands are spiritually starving to death!

Jesus commanded, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature” (Mark 16:15); the gospel is the good news of the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus for our salvation (1 Corinthians 15:1-4). Like the apostle Paul, we must become eager again to preach and share this gospel, “for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes” (Romans 1:15-16). But how will they hear to believe to call upon his name if we stay silent, keep it to ourselves? Brothers and sisters — “We are not doing right!” We who know must tell those who don't. That's evangelism: “Those who know, telling those who don't.” LEITH ANDERSON

How can we again “do right” and tell the world the good news?

At some point in their running from tent to tent, eating, hiding and hoarding garments and other treasures, the four lepers stopped what they were doing. They “came to themselves” (Luke 15:17), gripped with conviction, guilt — a fear of punishment by God or the king or both if they did not share the good news of their discovery with their fellow-countrymen in the city of Samaria. In short, they “repented” and returned to tell the good news. Stop! Paul said, “How horrible it will be for me if I don't spread the Good News” (1 Corinthians 9:16 GOD'S WORD TRANSLATION)! Moses warned — “Be sure your sin will find you out” (Numbers 32:23); basically, the sin that will find us out is the sin of doing nothing. As with Isaiah (6:1-13), God wants us to come to a “dead” stop (and yield to the conviction with repentance) so that we will be able to answer His call to “Go, and tell this people” ... “Here am I! Send me.”

If you're not already going and telling, STOP! ... and get going — tell the world!

Tony Mansinho / Editor, The Keystone



“IN THE NAME OF JESUS ... RISE UP AND WALK”

Pastor Les Montgomery is no stranger to health issues!

His most arduous health challenge occurred in August 2022. While working at Value Drug, he began to experience dizziness and arm numbness. He finished his shift and drove home with his left arm becoming totally limp. Arriving at home, his left leg was dragging and he had difficulty ambulating. He rested for a few hours, hoping for improvement. His wife, Elizabeth, finally convinced him to go to the emergency room where he was diagnosed with a stroke which left the left side of his body paralyzed. Ten days in the hospital followed by twenty days in a rehabilitation facility left him with minimal improvement and the use of a wheelchair for mobility.

Bro. Montgomery continued to preach from his wheelchair at the Restored Apostolic Ministries of Altoona. A visiting missionary provided hope to him in the form of a message — “The missionary said that God was going to heal me and that when He healed me He would move me into a miracle ministry,” said Montgomery.

On Sunday, Feb. 12, 2023, almost six months after his stroke, Bro. Montgomery was preaching a sermon about miracles. The week prior to this service, he had heard the Lord instructing him to focus on miracles. He chose Acts 3 as the miracle to preach to the church. This miracle was performed by Peter and John in the name of Jesus, a man who had been lame since birth was healed and able to leap to his feet as he walked in the temple. As Bro Montgomery preached with zeal, he became very anointed, proclaiming: “It is time to give the world Jesus.” He then walked and literally jumped across the altar. The congregation overwhelmed with emotion, thanked and praised God fully, especially his wife and children. Months after being told that he had reached his full potential of healing, he was not only standing unassisted, but walking briskly in front of his parishioners. “For with God nothing will be impossible” (Luke 1:37).

Bro. Montgomery’s message: “If Jesus would heal me, He will heal anybody.”

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“God’s will and timing must intersect. It can be God’s will and not His time. If it’s not His will it will never be His time.” @terryshock



God is doing a great work in Pennsylvania!

The Lord has shown me a couple “visions.” In one of them I saw a line of semi-trailers ... as far as the eye could see. They were heaped over the top with shelled corn that had just been harvested. It was overwhelming. I was then picked up and sat down in front of a door. My attention was drawn to the bottom of the door ... it was rotting away. The door was opened for me to enter.

The next thing I saw was a group of horses coming into the back yard of the house I was in. The horses had riders on them and there were 5 or 6 of them. I only saw the faces of two men — they were uncles, one of which is a senior pastor and the other an assistant pastor in another church. The horses had wings and they were flying just above the houses. I ran out of the house and when they landed they asked me if I would like to ride. Yes! I was told it was going to cost \$50 to ride and that I needed a coat. The coats they had on were really dark and old but in good condition. I didn’t have the coat but I paid the \$50 to ride and climbed on. As we ascended, my horse started going faster than the others and ascending as we went. I looked back and I could hardly see the others. I was enjoying it so much that I put

my head on the side of the horses neck and wrapped my arms around him and said, “I love this horse.” When I said it, I immediately lost control and the horse began going straight up into the sky. I was getting nervous and pulled on the reins to slow him down, but there was something above the clouds he wanted me to see. I was worried as we were about to enter into the clouds that I would be cold because I didn’t have a coat and that I wouldn’t be able to breathe. But as we entered the clouds I wasn’t cold and my breathing was fine. It ended there.

We are standing in the promises of God and the Lord is showing it to us ... it’s our time for a harvest of souls! It’s going to cost us to go there, but when we fall in love with the horse, which I believe is fasting, prayer, and the Word, we are going straight up into the promises of God and the supernatural. It’s an exciting time to live for God! Be encouraged, the best is yet to come and this “latter part” will be greater than the former.



Dennis McCartney

PA Global Missions Director



The Jesus Church of Washington Miracle

approximately 5,600 sq ft. of space! Here’s the story ... after several years of searching and saving, a generous man from the area gave the church a check for \$50,000 to apply to the building fund. He then continued giving, contributing a total of \$70,000. Along with the support from other churches, we purchased our new building on Feb. 27, 2023, debt free! Our first service was on April 2; and since then, we have witnessed incredible moves of God, welcomed many first-time guests, and baptized four new people in Jesus’ name, including a lady in a wheelchair who received the Holy Ghost during her baptism. Praise the Lord!

We had a wonderful dedication service on June 10 with pastors from Section 3 joining us in celebrating this miracle. We trust our story will inspire and encourage every pastor and church in need of a building. If God will do it for us here in Washington, He will surely do it for you!

Jacob & Sis. Anna Hostetler / Sectional NAM Director

