

MPS Covered In Prayer Update

by Sherlena Hale



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This Summer we've had an amazing time at the MPS prayer walks. Every school has its own unique calling which makes every prayer walk for each school unique.

Clarke Street School

Principal Davis (who had just become the head principal of Clarke the day after the walk) led the walk and did an amazing job. She shared her confession for her school as well as her challenges she faces there. The 9 of us who came prayed for those challenges and then dispersed

and went into every room and prayed and blessed the rooms with oil. At the end of the walk we prayed together as a group and praised the Father.

Rufus King Middle School

Tamera Ellis is the principal at Rufus King Middle and the 6 of us that prayed there had an amazing time. One of the unique things about this school is the peaceful atmosphere; you can feel the presence of God there. Even though the staff and students weren't there, you just knew that that peace and His presence remained and all you needed to do was tap into it. We went on every floor in the building and covered every large area with prayer and blessed oil.

A testimony from Principal Ellis: "Thank you so very much for taking time out of your schedule to be part of the prayer walk at Rufus King International Middle School. It was wonderful having you all present lifting up the name of Jesus. Thank you very much for your unwavering prayers. As a result of them I'm seeing God work in my school changing things for the better."

Townsend Elementary School

Redona Williams (the principal at Townsend Elementary School) asked another MPS principal if there was anyone who would come into the schools and pray and that principal connected her with BASICS to schedule a prayer walk. 4 of us showed up to pray and bless every room and for the principal's needs. When we were leaving, Ms. Williams cried and thanked us continually for taking our time to come and pray for her and her school.

God is moving in our schools. He is the one that created education and education was never meant to be separate from Him. I sense a calling back to the foundations of what God envisioned, not just in our churches but also in our neighborhoods, our schools, our cities, and our world. Please keep the Public Schools in your prayers.

To find out how to participate in MPS Covered in Prayer, contact Sherlena at sherlena2woc@yahoo.com

"The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective."
James 5:16b ■

The Problem of Predatory Towing

by Dan Quakkelaar



Dan Quakkelaar

A single mother loads her car with clothing. It's late, and she wants to get an early start in the morning. It's the kids' clothes. She washes them once a week at the laundromat, and tomorrow is wash day. But when she gets up in the morning the car is gone.

Upset, she calls the police to report the car stolen, but finds instead that her car wasn't stolen at all. It was towed. Although her street is not marked, she was ticketed for parking in front of her house, and the unpaid ticket resulted in her car being towed. The price to get the car back is \$300, plus \$12.50 per day "storage" at the lot, plus at least \$50 toward the parking ticket. She can't afford any of it.

So, the city takes possession of her car and dispose of it as they wish, as an auction car or as scrap. The proceeds pay for the tow, storage, ticket, and perhaps a little more for the city coffers. She is not allowed to retrieve the kids' clothing, or anything else in the car. It's all gone.

This story happens all over Milwaukee every night. It's quite profitable for the city, especially among the poor. Oftentimes tickets are forgotten about, or mothers are unable to pay them.

Once the car is lost, so is the job, travel to daycare. It's a major hit to a family to lose their transportation.

Certainly parking laws should be obeyed, and fines should be paid, but it is often in Milwaukee that this kind of towing happens, mainly in poor neighborhoods. One might say that the poor are targeted, as they have no resources to fight back.

It's an opportunity for the church, though, who can show the love of Christ to a young single mom. This is the dream of Lawrence Winters, Lenders 2 Yahweh and Friends of Sinners Church, and a great opportunity to restore the reputation of the church among the poor Jesus came to save.

Please pray for us as we attempt to understand this problem, and figure out how to prevent the tow in the first place, or replace cars confiscated from the poor by our government. If you would like to be involved, contact Lenders 2 Yahweh or Friends of Sinners Church. 414-502-9899.

"So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith."
Galatians 6:10 ■

God at Work on the "Inside" by Mike Moses



Mike Moses

When preaching in the prisons I have found the attention of the inmates to the message as being extremely good and almost always 100%. Occasionally, however, I notice a couple of guys in the back talking to each other for a prolonged period and my first response is to be put off by it. But then I am reminded of "Rob's" testimony and remember not to fret because God is still at work!

"Rob" (not his real name) was a brawler when he was arrested; most likely a motorcycle gang member who was sentenced to life for murder. He remained a brawler for the first 12 years of incarceration, in and out of "seg" (isolation), mostly for fighting.

When he heard that someone he knew and liked from grade school was also in the same institution but in a different building, Rob knew that the only way he could meet with him was to see each other at the chapel during weekly services. So, he and his friend met there, in the back pew, and Rob rudely told anyone sitting nearby that they were there to visit and if that bothered them they needed to move to another pew!

This went on weekly for months until one day Rob showed up and his friend was not there, due to being transferred to another

prison. Since he was already signed in for the service, Rob stayed and listened to the speaker (another inmate we'll call Joe) for the first time. The more he listened, the angrier he became and finally waited at the end to confront Joe.

"I'm going to get you!" he proclaimed.
 "Whoa, brother, what seems to be the problem?" Joe replied.
 "You were talking about me, weren't you?", asked Rob.
 "No," said Joe who then showed Rob the passage of Scripture that he was preaching from right in the Bible.

Rob huffed off to his cell not knowing what to think. He didn't own a Bible and therefore had to borrow one. Then Rob wrestled with God and His Word for a whole week and at the end of those 7 days, he gave his life to the Lord Jesus.

Rob has now been "inside" for 32 years and I've been making pastoral visits with him for 5. In my estimation, from all that we have discussed and I have observed, in his daily walk with Christ, Rob is not only a great role model to fellow prisoners but also to you and me and ANY believer anywhere.

Praise the Lord for his power to transform lives through salvation!!!

Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come..
2 Corinthians 5:17 ■

Provision During Season of Growth by Neva Hill



Neva Hill

2017 has been a challenging but blessed year with many changes, but changes are necessary for growth. As different people walked away from the Woodlands mission, I was sad and didn't understand what God was doing, but then realized that people were answering other calls that God had on their lives. And God was not through with me yet in this community!

The Woodlands has a new dynamic with lots of new families moving in. Most of the families are purchasing the units, which is wonderful, as home ownership is a great asset to the families. The community has become more diverse, which is good for growth.

Another change: I started a new position which was added to my current position. It meant more work for me, but also brought support from the businesses in the area.

God has been stretching me during this season of growth and change. But I am reminded that God does not call us to do anything that he does not supply what it takes to make it happen.

Since I started the new position the businesses have taken a direct interest in the community. One business donated some of the book bags and school supplies for the Back to School event.

Alderwoman Lewis assigned nine Earn and Learn students to the Woodlands for six weeks this summer; the help was much needed and appreciated.

Next Step Ministries again served in several capacities, including VBS and helping to **build the very first playground for the community**. Though not yet finished, it is already a blessing, and kids are on it day and night. I prayed for three years before the playground became a reality. *"Wait on the Lord, be of good courage and he shall strengthen your heart" Psalm 27:14.*

I am continually grateful for the donations Mike and Susie Hayden distribute to the community. John Jones serves faithfully with his Mobile Media van, which the families love! And I am thankful for the wonderful volunteers and supporters for the Woodlands Community: BASICS, Evangel, Lamb of God, Granville BID, S.M.I.L.E., ResCare, Crossway Church, and Deborah (one of the most faithful residents in the community.)

Please continue to pray for me and the community, as I depend on God to place the right staff in the area to accomplish the things He wants to come to pass.

"No good thing will he withhold from those who walk uprightly."
Psalm 84: 11 ■



New playground equipment

Courtside Ministries Comes to Milwaukee – Exciting New Prayer Ministry

by Michael Sellenheim



Ms Beatrice Garrett

Courtside Ministries, a National Prayer Ministry, recently launched in the city of Milwaukee on May 22nd, thanks to local Attorney, Beatrice Garrett. Ms. Garrett initiated the local start-up of this prayer ministry, responding to the call to be the team lead person earlier this year. Beatrice found out about Courtside while attending this year's Christian Legal Societies' Winter retreat in February. There she met others affiliated with Courtside, and learned about the ministry's value. Beatrice could see the positive impact this would bring to the people of our city, so she reached out to the Executive Director, Mike Kienapple, about starting Courtside in Milwaukee.

Beatrice has been a lifetime volunteer and she has become rooted in her Christian faith through her love and actions toward others, giving back to the community. "People need to know they are loved," said Beatrice. As a lawyer she embraces the opportunity to help clients learn from their past mistakes, and encourages them to make the needed changes to turn their lives around.

At its core, Courtside is a prayer ministry seeking to serve the thousands of people who flow in and out of the courts on a daily basis. The ministry mission is to proclaim the message of hope, and know there is life to be found in Jesus. This all began in Colorado Springs in 2009 after attorney Tyler Makepeace, set up a small card table outside the courthouse one morning with a small sign which read, "Need Prayer?" It did not take long before those

seeking prayer came up to the table where Mr. Makepeace was present to pray with them. Courtside Ministries is not out to sell anything or interfere with attorney/client relationships or the administration of justice. In fact, Courtside Ministries has even received the support of the judges who see the value in serving the many people who come to court scared and overwhelmed, or leave the court devastated or depressed.

Courtside Ministries now serves at 64 locations throughout the U.S., with Wisconsin becoming the tenth state to join. The ministry serves outside of the Milwaukee County Courthouse on Monday mornings, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

A 24 hour prayer hotline is also available for prayer:
1.773.231.8212.

Courtside Milwaukee is in need of more prayer warriors to join the ministry. Volunteer qualifications are simply a servant's heart, authenticity, sincerity, love for people, and a desire to encourage others with the hope of God's love and presence in their lives.

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- National Website: <http://courtsideministries.org/>

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6-7 ■

A Father's Day to Remember

by Samantha Funk



Rick Puza

The Mobile Media Ministry was in its preparation stages to go out to the Father's Day parade and festivities in Mukwonago, alongside Brooklife Church.

On June 17, 2017, all seemed to be in order, when founder and proprietor of the Mobile Media Ministry, John Jones, called his driver and friend, Rick Puza, to confirm plans for the event, as

well as preparations for getting a new second vehicle renovated and outfitted for ministry use. Puza, a mechanic, was keeping the second donated vehicle at his home in Eagle and was in the process of finalizing technical repairs before it would be taken to away for further repairs.

After the phone call, Jones continued to prepare the Media Van for the event. Several minutes later, Jones received a call from Puza's older son, informing him that Rick had passed away suddenly while fixing the second ministry vehicle, screwdriver in hand. His wife had found him hunched under the steering wheel and was unable to move or resuscitate him.

Puza had been the assigned driver for the Father's Day event the following day and was a loyal friend and supporter of the Mobile Media Ministry for years. Back in 2001, Puza and his sons had volunteered their time to help clear out and patch up the Media Van, which was an old, discontinued medical screening vehicle from the 70s.

Jones came in to see the Puza family the same day to console and pray for them, having lost his own wife to cancer in 2008. Afterward, both of Puza's sons volunteered to assist and drive in the Father's Day event to honor the memory of their father, a man who always helped anyone he met, anytime, anywhere. Rick Puza would give of his time, talents and funds, even when his health was critical and his time on Earth was about to end. The parade and outreach with Brooklife went off without a hitch, and many were encouraged and blessed.

The Mobile Media Ministry has lost a precious member and brother with the untimely death of Rick Puza, and everyone who was touched by his goodwill and experienced his service will sorely miss him. His story and contributions to the ministry and the Kingdom of God will forever be retold by the Mobile Media Ministry as they press on for the sake of the call.

"Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful servants" Psalm 116:15 ■

Working together to fulfill the Great Commission

by Gary & Laurie Hendrickson



Gary & Laurie Hendrickson

At our core, BASICS is brothers and sisters in Christ serving *together* through prayer, care, share and prepare, bringing the hope of Jesus Christ to Milwaukee.

Following God's direction, Arn Quakkelaar and Mark Mallwitz have laid a strong foundation to impact Milwaukee, building relationships of trust and serving, linking urban to suburban, breaking down walls of racial divide and misunderstanding, and in their place building bridges of unity, friendship and love.

We see BASICS as the hub of a spinner, seamlessly connecting kingdom-minded churches and ministries, through ongoing relationships, fanning into flame their calling, helping them to fulfill the Great Commission, through connections, resources, experience and encouragement!

We need to continue to bridge bridges of opportunity to serve, where God can see His body gather together in unity. As we practice loving others in both practical and spiritual ways, the result will be changed lives and transformed families and culture.

Our objectives are to:

- Share the good news of Jesus Christ with a hopeless generation
- Equip Christ-followers for ministry
- Develop Leadership for the next generation of BASICS

We are excited to work with this amazing team of staff, volunteers and Ministers to Milwaukee that God has put into place, as well as those He is about to bring for His Glory, in the city of Milwaukee! It is truly our privilege to serve with BASICS in every way HE allows!



"Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to the building up of one another."
Romans 14:19 ■

BASICS Heart and Hands Fundraiser: Register Today!



This year's Heart and Hands Fundraiser will again be held at the Westmoor Country Club (400 S. Moorland Rd. Brookfield, WI 53005), on **Saturday, September 9th**. To register, visit <http://bidpal.net/basicsheartandhands2017>

Donate to BASICS

BASICS Vision:

"To see Christians united to transform lives and cities for the Glory of God."

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