



Mothers of Prayer Intl Newsletter

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Who we are . . . Since 1999: Mothers of Prayer Intl. is made up of women worldwide, who meet on the first Monday of each month to unite in focused prayer for their children and the children of the local church and community.

Our Mission . . . We are committed to the spiritual preservation of this generation and beyond and the spiritual restoration of previous generations.

Our Need . . . Committed women who will join together on the first Monday of each month and pray focused prayer for their children.

Three Priorities of Prayer...

1. The salvation of our children (Isaiah 49:25; Psalm 144:12; Isaiah 43:5-6).
2. That they take ownership of the faith at an accountable age (I John 2:25-28; James 1:25).
3. That they enter into the ministry of the Lord's harvest (Matthew 9:38).

Restoration

By Judi Nicholls



Restoration. The word conjures up images of beautiful old structures brought back to their original state. Indeed, Webster's dictionary defines restoration as "the act or process of returning something to its original condition by repairing it, cleaning it, etc.; the act of bringing back something that existed before or the act of returning something that was stolen or taken."

When we put the term restoration into spiritual perspective, it conjures up to us even more dramatic images. Imagine church families that have been torn apart by the ravages of sin. Children that have been lost to the world . . . stolen by its vain philosophies and disappointing promises. Now, see them restored by the cleansing and regenerating power of the Holy Ghost. It is all possible through the power of prayer. Prayer has the power to bring about spiritual restoration to those for whom we stand in the gap. God says, "The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10).

Having a child who is currently not living for Christ is a gut-wrenching place to be in. It is certainly not the place I ever thought I would find myself in. Yet, here I am. In battle for the soul of our only child! Restoration is my hope and my goal for him. I am resolute in this.

The Bible clearly states in James 5:16b that, "the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." To paraphrase from the original language we could say it this way: "The actively mighty prayer of a just man has much force." One may say, "But I am not righteous." While I understand that sentiment, don't forget that we do NOT stand before Him in our OWN righteousness, but by faith we take on the righteousness of Christ when we believe in Him!

Therefore, we can go boldly before the Lord and petition Him having confidence that He will hear and answer our prayers!

It is the tool of the enemy to try to discourage us from prayer by telling us we're not worthy enough, we're not holy enough, we're not good enough to stand in the gap in prayer for our children and church families. But we don't take confidence in ourselves; we take confidence in Christ, His Word and His promises. It's all about Him and it's all in Him. Prayer is a powerful tool that God has given us. Prayer moves the hand of God! We can find a rewarding and fulfilling place in the body of Christ as we give ourselves to the ministry of prayer, standing in the gap for those in need of restoration.

"And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you" (Joel 2:25).

Note: Judi Nicholls is the wife Ray Nicholls and they are missionaries to Belarus, Poland, and the Ukraine. They have been in missions for more than twenty years. She is on the Prayer Commission for Europe and the Middle East and is the Prayer Coordinator for the CIS and the Baltic Republics. They have one son who lives in Alaska.

A God of Second Chances

By Brenda Hudson



Think about your life this past year or perhaps so far this year? Did things go well for you? Or do you feel you've struck out? The good news is you don't have to justify it or call it by another name, even though you may have messed up. There is always another chance to begin anew, especially with God. At one time or another, we have all needed another chance, a new beginning, a clean slate. We do serve a God of second chances. I, for one, am extremely grateful.

With all of this in mind, let's do an attitude check.

God wants to plant in our minds that failure is not final. The Bible is full of one story upon another of people who failed, but God coached them along until they got it right. "For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more" (Jeremiah 31:34). Thankfully, we serve a God of new beginnings.

Perhaps another outlook God wants us to adopt is that bad results can be redeemed. God forgives sins and He heals wounds; however, there will be scars that remain. Even scars can serve a purpose; they serve to help us relate to others who have wounds. God uses everything in our lives - even our failures.

Finally, realize that your future is open. It is as bright as the promises of God. Failure doesn't mean you are ruined, God not only can forgive, He redeems. Something new waits - a future designed by God. Whatever relationship has been broken can be mended and redeemed by the promises of God and His forgiveness.

"This I recall to mind, therefore I have hope. It is of the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness" (Lamentations 3:21-23).

No longer can we keep God "in our pocket," using Him just when we are in trouble. He can no longer be a hobby or passing interest. He is life itself. He is in control, more than just a guest in the guest room or a small corner of our heart. We invite Him into every room of our lives.

The continual infilling of God's Spirit is what changes our lives and circumstances. We must seek the truth about our relationships, change wrong thinking to right thinking, and change our actions.

Our God is a God of second chances, so why shouldn't we be also. Restoration. It can mean many things to different people. It may mean restoring a relationship with a child, husband, or friend - or perhaps your own personal relationship with God. Whatever the circumstances, God is a God of second chances.

Note: Brenda and her husband David pastor Riverside Apostolic Church in Morgantown, WV. Been happily married to David for 46 years. She is the mother of two children, Nathaniel and Derek, and the happy grandmother of 3 grandchildren, Chandler 16 years old, Emma 7, Gauge 4. She is also a military Mom, her son Derek is currently serving in the Army and was just promoted to Sergeant.

The prayer of the heart is the heart of prayer. -Charles Spurgeon

From the Editor



Debbie Akers

God is doing mighty things!

It has been my goal and vision since I was first asked to start this newsletter that it be available in various languages. God is opening many doors and this newsletter is now available in English, Spanish, French, German, Dutch, Portuguese, Russian, Greek, Arabic, Farsi, Czech, Chinese, Swahili, Hungarian and Tagalog. Special thanks to Sisters Dianna Tuttle and Jerolyn Kelley and the team of translators that make this happen each month! Also, Reverend Don Hanscom is working to translate into Urdu, Hindi, Thai, Tamil, Sinhalese and Laotian! So under the direction of Sister Gwyn Oakes, UPCI Ladies Ministries President, to better represent our mission of prayer for our children around the world, going forward we will be known as Mothers of Prayer Intl. We are rejoicing and ask God to continue to bless this prayer ministry. -Debbie Akers, UPCI, Mothers of Prayer Intl, Coordinator and Editor

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Mothers of Prayer Intl Report From Lebanon

Greetings from Byblos! Thank you for all you are doing to make the Arabic MOPI a reality. We have used it to start a new monthly meeting in different geographic areas using homes of mothers so they can invite their friends. We are having interest from people who do not attend church on a regular basis or have never attended. We are also utilizing it monthly in the Bible School. The students then are sharing with others. The other thing that is so wonderful about MOPI -- it is a great tool to interest visitors.

We are currently using the Arabic, English, French, German, Portuguese and Tagalog. We have extra copies on hand to hand out to visitors and get them involved. The idea of 'praying for the family' always gets a positive response.

Thank you again for your assistance in making this happen.

Sincere Christian Love from Lebanon, Mariann Starin

Praise Reports

I received a text from my daughter to pray. A man with a gun had fired shots on my daughters collage campus. They went into 'lockdown' and eventually the man was taken into custody. Thank God for His protection! Sue J

From the Mailbox

Appreciate all you do for the kingdom sweet lady! Hugs! -Wanda C

Hi Sis. Akers, I just wanted to say you do an outstanding job with the newsletter and all you do to make MOPI (DOZ) such a great ministry. It was really encouraging to read that there's availability to so many other languages too. Blessings on the year ahead! -Susann George, Pastor's wife

31 Biblical Virtues to Pray for Your Children (10-12)

10. Biblical Self-Esteem -- "Help my children develop a strong self-esteem that is rooted in the realization that they are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus." (Eph. 2:10)

11. Faithfulness -- "Let love and faithfulness never leave my children, but bind these twin virtues around their necks and write them on the tablet of their hearts." (Prov.3:3)

12. Courage -- "May my children always be strong and courageous in their character and in their actions." (Deut. 31:6)

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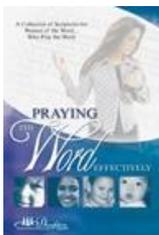
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