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Dear friends & family,

As I write this update, it dawns on me that this will be the final one focusing on NYC ministry! Now I'm getting a bit emotional, after nearly a decade of ministry in this great and needy, vibrant and tiring, beautiful and dirty, rich and poor, God fearing and idol worshipping, international and intra-cultural, City of cities...the City I've grown to love, with the love of Christ. Jesus loves even NYC...most definitely, NYC.

Highlights of this past quarter were all the prayer events that took place here in the city, drawing many from around the country and even from around the world!



The International Prayer Council started with a few hundred aboard a prayer cruise around Manhattan, praying continuously for a few hours...for all the boroughs of the city and various institutions. The next couple of days were filled with prayer for and at the UN, and culminated with prayer at Wall Street and Ground Zero.

Photo: Pictured with the group I was asked to lead for prayer at Ground Zero, representing more than a few countries!

The most powerful & challenging words I heard spoken at the UN was from a Filipino brother:
"Today's generation has never been more under-challenged. If they don't find their destiny, they will self-destruct. If they do, the greatest revival will happen! Today's generation is globally minded and technologically equipped to reach the world. If revival breaks out amongst the youth in NYC, it will go around the world in just 48 hours."
Wow...what food for thought!!!



And, of all the people there, wouldn't it be just like God to connect me with all the Southern Cal intercessors?! What a confirmation of His calling, since one of my roles with the ministry after I move, L.A. Connect, will be to flow

with the prayer streams...and now it has already begun!

Photos: While on a couple hour break, the Southern Cal ladies asked if I'd guide them to the Top of the Rock, so they could pray over NYC. I love doing stuff like that, but I also know how expensive it is to go up. Believing this was a divine appointment, I knew I should...and just as we arrived, we got drenched in a major downpour. The young man in the middle (left photo) told us that it wasn't worth going up, since visibility just went down to zero. While waiting for permission to see if we can just go up to pray, we asked the guy if we can pray for him. He not only let us pray for him, he fervently agreed in every prayer point, that it became obvious he was a Christian! Later, the other worker came around the counter & she wanted to be prayed over, too!! And, we were given complimentary tickets to go up! After we were praying at the top, the workers up there said they could not take us to the 'very' top because there was lightning and it was too dangerous. However, while we were praying, they saw the rain & clouds give way to clear skies & they were amazed...they proclaimed, "A minute ago there was lightning, but it's clearing up...we'll take you to the very top!" Certainly this was a divine appointment...and, what an adventure with these wonderful intercessors that I now look forward to ministering with in California!!!



The Fulton Street 150th Anniversary events

Praise the Lord things went really well! I'm so grateful for my wonderful prayer team that was so helpful and prayed so diligently! Over 1200 gathered for the celebration dinner. Photo: A wonderful statue of Jeremiah Lanphier (the businessman who started the noontime prayer meeting on September 23rd, 1857, that God used to birth this revival) was unveiled. Since this was in part, a vision of our CCC founder Bill Bright, Vonette was invited to be a part of the unveiling. The statue bench will be strategically located on the streets of NYC in front of the American Bible Society, down the street from the Lincoln Center. Please pray that this will be a powerful witness to the city, and invitation to prayer!



Thank you for praying for me during the **NYC marathon**, as I prayed my way through all five boroughs! I had a blast...you can tell I was getting very sentimental about leaving NY, since I took 50 photos en route! Though I did my worst NY time, it was within 5 minutes of my best NY time, and now I've got it captured with the fall leaves through each of the boroughs! Anyone care to join me for my 20th marathon when I'll have the joy of coming back to prayer run/walk LA on March 2nd?!?!

Photo: Pictured in the tent where the marathon worship service was held by runners, for runners...with David, one of our key volunteers with our Priority Associates ministry (he's not too keen about his outfit, ☺ but says I can use the photo).

As I close my time in NYC, thought I'd do another **Top 10 list of memories & NY signs:**

- 10) Of course, the people.
- 9) **Very different** people. ☺
- 8) The energy in the city.
- 7) Ministry with the rich & poor...where the greatest disparity exists.
- 6) The good food...especially since restaurants here do **not** have the health inspection ratings... if we knew the ratings, we probably wouldn't enjoy the food here! ☺
The following are memorable NY street signs & subway poster...
- 5) Do not even **THINK** about parking here! \$250 fine.
- 4) No honking. \$350 penalty.
- 3) No idling. \$10,000 fine.
- 2) **Stop** and smell the garbage. Run Easy, NYC. (especially as a runner, I almost laughed out loud when I read this on the subway)!

And, the #1 thing I'll always remember: Wherever God calls, He is faithful, even in NYC!!!

PRAYER REQUESTS...I covet your prayers through this big transition!!!

- 1) That God will provide for all the additional relocation & transitional expenses.
- 2) For wisdom on the best way to move.
- 3) For His leading on what to do with my car?? Ship, drive or sell?
- 4) To secure an apt in SoCal when I am out for the holidays during end of Dec/early Jan...
- 5) To end my time in NY well.

More specifics on each of the above prayer requests is written on the response form...this response is simply focused on Christmas or end-of-year giving. In January or February, I hope to send you all the info on my new ministry with L.A. Connect!

As I part with things, sometimes I admittedly struggle with giving away or donating all that I need to let go of & will need later, but I'm reminded of the fact that it all belongs to the Lord in the first place, and what an honor it is to answer His call & act in obedience to Him. What a blessing this is...what a blessing HE is!!! What a blessing you are & have been throughout my years in NYC!!! Thank you!

With a grateful heart! Love, pauline

See below for response...

Yes, Pauline~

In response to all God is doing in my life...I'd like to be involved at this critical time.

Special Prayer:

_____ I am committed to pray for your transition.

Special Christmas or Year-end giving toward additional relocation and transition expenses:

___\$50; ___\$100; ___\$150; ___\$200; ___\$250;

___\$500; ___\$1000; ___\$2000; ___other

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

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PRAYER REQUESTS...I covet your prayers through this major transition!!!

- 1) That God will provide for all the additional relocation & transitional expenses.
- 2) For wisdom on the best way to move for my situation...anyone who has had or knows of others with good (or bad) experiences, please let me know!
- 3) For His leading on what to do with my car?? An inexpensive way to ship it, OR if I drive, my former colleague will come the first half... anyone interested in joining me from around the Southern states/Southern route to CA, beginning Feb 5th or so?? OR if I sell my car, for God's provision for a car in CA!
- 4) To secure an apt in SoCal when I am out for the holidays during end of Dec/early Jan...it would be SO HELPFUL to know where I'm moving to & not have to move twice!
- 5) To end my time in NY well, and be ready early so that I can accomplish & enjoy all that the Lord would have for me.