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3, 2, 1, GO!

It is 2016: the tactical launch of our Coatesville Prayer Covenant 'per-street' prayer initiative! Thousands of explanatory brochures were printed, our Coatesville Neighborhood Center building is being fitted with a 10 foot x 12 foot city map with all 152 streets illustrated, and our computer is registering all those who sign up to pick a street to: **a) pray for**, and **b) minister to** somehow.

This very unique city has a very strong history of Christians hearing the call of God to intercede intentionally for its many needs, yet also a very strong history of problems preventing and / or collapsing such efforts. Besides our efforts, God simultaneously recently raised up other people and ministries with amazingly specific and complementary gifts in His perfect time. **Please target this work and us in your prayers in 2016. Specifically: please agree with us to stop hindrances such as strife and divisions, and declare victories for Christian unity and effective ministry to the city ...in the all-authoritative name of Jesus.**



3, 2, 1, PRAY!

At our monthly city-wide prayer meeting, we have what we call **3, 2, 1, PRAY!** For 30 minutes, we fellowship and allow time for latecomers; for 20 minutes, we worship God; for 10 minutes, we share the prayer focus for that meeting; and then we **PRAY** for an hour. That is two hours, theoretically; in reality: we usually start a little later and often finish a **lot** later, but it's all good. **Prayer is one of those things where you either "get it" (understand it) or you don't.** Here it is explained simply:

- Jesus is 'outta here!' The Bible says Jesus is at God's right hand ruling, and that Jesus also prays for us.
- Jesus said we *need* the Holy Spirit (read John 16!) to live God's way. The Holy Spirit prays for us, too.
- The Holy Spirit is the part of God **Who** we communicate with; Jesus is **how** we are able to talk to God.

THIS is why certain stronghold problems exist (prompted by the devil and non-Biblically living people):

- 1 Many are against the Holy Spirit, sometimes entire denominations.
- 2 Many do not pray, do not attend prayer meetings, and do not want to.
- 3 Many do not hear God's voice (the Holy Spirit) talking to them as others do... even if they might want to.

ANYONE who has deep intimacy in their marriage learned to give their SELF to their spouse. Not chocolate, not roses, but "I'm here for **you**; what shall we do?" proving the spouse means **everything** to them. God is the same way! Many fool themselves in resisting God, prayer, the Bible, Christian fellowship and discipleship, etc. yet foolishly think they're going to Heaven... or would even like to be there. This happens when they have no intimacy with God to let them know, by personal experience, **how far better God is than everything this world has to offer.** God invented intimacy, and is not fooled by spiritual chocolate or roses, either; He wants our entire lifestyle... and when He receives it, the direct ministry to us from the Holy Spirit is second to none.

Jesus said I am with you always... which is God's presence made possible by Jesus' blood communicated via the Holy Spirit. God in His existence is relational – Father, Son, Holy Spirit... not informational. When we pray, it is not to inform God of our situation; He already is all-knowing. God wants relationship, seeing who invests in the intimacy of prayer. This is reciprocating the love God initiated to us back to Him; exactly what He wants.

Thank You!

Huge thanks to you who responded to our heating need communicated in MissionNews #15. Your generosity freed us up to minister without the diversion of trying to find a way to keep warm this winter. Compared to our fellow missionaries overseas facing life and death situations, it was a small thing yet significantly relevant to us.

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Thank You! (Continued)

ALSO: **Heartfelt thanks** to you who support us in the three ways we have requested: intercessory prayer, financial support, and communication. God provides this stuff through you (Matthew 6:33) so we can fulfill His call here for us... which is deeply reaching people here. It may seem so insignificant, but ironically will explode into pivotally vital rewards once we reach Heaven. **God is quiet like that... until His time**, which is coming near.

Christmas 2015 Fun!

The annual Coatesville **Christmas parade** was a lot of fun, and a great opportunity to love people. Missionary friends from our YWAM base in Lebanon, PA joined us with extra food, too. *Testimony*: that morning, a food store had an accidental order of 150 "too many" loaves of bread (never happened before or since at that store), so YWAM Lebanon brought that bread plus Christmas cookies for kids to decorate plus other blessings to share. The joy was contagious and we got to build relationships with people... some growing to this day. Relationship is everything to us, because being a "friend of sinners" like Jesus was known to be is how we find out who wants to be disciplined. In our street level ministry, we see **people** needing the Savior... anyone can see **problems!** God provides generously for us in this because we simply do the Bible, and it is fun!

Also, we invited all of the children who were a part of our summer outreach (see MissionNews #13) and their moms to a **Christmas party**. Gifts for all the children were provided by a sister from our home church in NJ. The lady who was helping Kathy with our afterschool "God's Friendship Club" speaks Spanish and was able to connect with moms who speak very little English. It was wonderful to share the truth of Christ's birth and show His love through our care!

Please pray for workers as Luke 10:2 says; Kathy needs a new helper with the after school ministry as the one mentioned above is now ministering elsewhere near her home up north. Specifically, pray for people to ask for, listen for, and obey the voice of God giving them direction for their life. Besides blessing God, ministry is deeply satisfying for the minister as well as those being ministered to. It is fun for the spirit and the soul.

What Our "Tent-making" Looks Like

Tent-making is a term derived from Acts 18:1-3, describing how the Apostle Paul financed his missionary work: by having a part time job making tents. Today, the term still refers to **missionaries working part time so they can afford to live yet still remain able to minister full time**. It is a full life and a good life. Our tent-making is working on a farm; here are some pictures! Kathy is feeding an orphaned kid (baby goat). We also clean stalls and care for many animals including goats, cows, pigs, turkeys, rabbits, geese, chickens, ducks, pheasants, and quail (...all by ourselves when the owners are away). The llama is pretty much self-sufficient. We pull lots of weeds (organic farming means no herbicides), pick blackberries & apples, harvest garlic, asparagus, tomatoes, corn, etc. We scrub walls, shovel snow, fix and maintain things, and do or help do whatever else needs doing.



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For The Record

We receive zero salary as missionaries and most of our missionary support for living does *not* come from regular pledges, but from various one time gifts. The ratio between committed ongoing and one-time support has varied over the years, but God is faithful as we live by *faith...* in Him. The beauty of finding out and obeying whatever God tells us to do is that He most assuredly provides for it! Faith is *not* will power; that would be scary. Faith is doing what we hear God tell us to do, as we ask Him specifically for His will. We receive no tax base funded or public assistance food, finances, or health insurance. God does provide everything we need.

When we say we live by faith, realize it is nothing extraordinary that we should be congratulated for; rather, it is God who does all the providing and who deserves all of the credit. We have the humble, fun and sometimes challenging privilege of partnering with the only true God that exists, has existed, and ever will exist. He actually knows what He is doing, and is very good at it, so we are in good hands... the very best. It is a learning experience, for sure, but a wonderful one. Thanks for your help in it all. God keeps perfects records and promises rewards in the Bible for those who exercise their free will to seek, find and obey His will.

Personal Side Note

Eight years ago we started a small sized couple's ministry entitled *Couples In Bloom*. Two years later we published a couple's workbook through Bethany Press entitled *Intimate Anatomy*. It is available through Amazon.com, IntimateAnatomy.com, or directly from us by request. We also run our CouplesInBloom.com website which has about 200 spiritually challenging one-page articles. Since returning to full-time missionary work in 2013, there has only been enough time available to write one new article monthly on average. These articles are intentionally concentrated to incite reader engagement. Click on and scroll down our [HELP](#) page.

As Jesus' communication style was *parabolic* (speaking in *parables* to direct a wide audience to a specific point) (like a *parabolic* ('dish') antenna), our Couples In Bloom articles use an *interpolation* style: the content is dense, the reader looks up the Scriptures, and *connects the dots to compile the conclusions*. This is intentional to help communicate more content with less words, and to help promote reader comprehension and content ownership by requiring them to personally investigate, process and personalize what is written.

Spoon-feeding is good for new Christians on milk / basics of Christianity, but mature Christians also need to be able to handle the meat of the Word for themselves, as seen in 1 Corinthians 3:1-2 and Hebrews 5:12-14. Therefore, *not* everyone may digest what is presented, but it remains as a resource for anyone hungry and thirsty for more spiritual food. We usually post links for personal ministry on [Loren's Facebook page](#). Highlights from our YWAM ministry work can be seen on the [YWAM working in Coatesville Facebook page](#). As always, these MissionNews letters are also all available online by clicking on the 2 red hearts on the top of our CouplesInBloom.com homepage, or by clicking [HERE](#). Lots of stuff for you here; thanks for checking it out!

Good News!

Our youngest daughter is getting married this April! She met her fiancé during missionary training in 2013. They are a special couple with a heart for ministry. 3 John 1:4 says, "I have no greater joy than these things, to hear that my children walk in the truth." We have four children, now going on four children-*in-law* (better yet: *-in-the-Lord*), and four grandchildren on earth so far (and some in Heaven...probably visiting their great-great-grandparents)... every one of them a gift from God to us. We are also so very blessed to have our parents within visiting distance, and praise God for all His richness to us. Psalm 16:6 says, "Jehovah is the portion of my inheritance, and of my cup; You shall uphold my lot. The lines have fallen to me in pleasant places; yea, I have a beautiful inheritance. I will bless Jehovah, who has given me wisdom; my heart also instructs me in the nights. I have set Jehovah always before Me; because He is at My right hand, I shall not be moved. Therefore My heart is glad, and My glory rejoices; My flesh also shall rest in hope." Amen! ♥ Loren + Kathy Falzone