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Dear Friends of The Ministry Center-

On Palm Sunday, Calvin left In the Light Philadelphia, after receiving a powerful blessing to carry God’s fire and glory to Reading, PA. He finished the walk with other believers on Saturday, April 14 on top of Mt. Penn at the Fire Tower near the Pagoda. Following you will read about this powerful prayer walk as well as some comments from some of Calvin’s most trusted friends in ministry.

Michael Kaucher, Executive Director of Reading Berks Conference of Churches shared, “Sometimes when your phone rings, you brace yourself for a challenge. Other times you can’t answer fast enough, because you know a God encounter is coming. This is the case when Calvin Greiner calls. I’ve known Calvin for a number of years. We don’t talk extremely often, but when I see his number show up on my phone, I know that God is going to show up through my Jesus-loving, Holy Spirit-filled friend. So, when the phone rang in March my spirit jumped. Calvin shared with me about the next prayer walk journey that he felt God was asking him to accomplish…Philadelphia to Reading. We planned to meet with a small group of people on March 17th and pray over this walk. Calvin showed up on the 17th with a shepherd staff in hand, this one engraved for the Mayor of Reading, Wally Scott. We had a powerful time of prayer, sensing that God was renewing a connection between Reading and Philly. The next confirmation was to seek a time for Calvin to meet and pray with the mayors of both cities. We were able to bridge a connection with Mayor Scott in Reading with little effort. The time frame for the walk was revealed to be during Holy Week leading up to Easter. A time came together on April 7th to meet with Mayor Scott and present the shepherd’s staff to him. He was so excited about this. A slogan you will see as you enter Reading is “The City of Positive Change”. We prophesied to Mayor Scott that rivers of positive change are coming. He received this word and loved the staff and kept asking if it was his to keep. We assured him that it was indeed his. He, like Moses, found strength in the possession of this staff that was blessed by God!”

While in the Mayor’s office, Michael Kaucher and Calvin met a crew from Channel 69 who decided to interview Calvin about his ministry and taped him while on Mt. Penn during his prayer walk. On Friday, April 14, they aired a short clip of the interview on the evening news.

Calvin spent part of his week with his friend, Tim Doering and his family, ministering to the Lord and serving others in his network. Tim, from Parker Ford Church in the Pottstown area shared, “We had just come home from two weeks of counseling and teaching at a conference in Indonesia. I was backlogged on all my communication. To boot, it was Holy Week. I had a full week of services and meetings in front of me. It wasn’t exactly the time that I would’ve suspected the Lord to place someone at our house for the week. But praise Jesus, I am glad He did! Calvin prayed over our land, participated in our pastors’ gatherings, shared God stories with my kids, blessed our local church leadership team and worshipped with my family throughout the week. But what God did through Calvin’s obedience and presence was significantly more.

It's so easy for people and groups to get stuck in patterns of relating to one another in a way that can resist or just plain miss God's "next thing." All week long I saw God bring things to fruition that he had previously given vision for. Things that we had worked toward, but that still needed a moment of spiritual harvest. We saw communication clogs opening, personal and regional strongholds being named and addressed, passions and callings being identified or re-engaged and new days dawning. I may not have answered as many emails as I had planned on that week. But know that much more got done this year and for eternity because of all that was shifted by Calvin's ministry of prayer and presence that week. Sometimes we need to snap out of our routine and be refocused. We are so grateful for the blessing of having Calvin with us and the adjusting and refocusing that it brought for many. Praise the Lord. His timing is perfect!”

Speaking about the close of Calvin’s prayer walk, Michael Kaucher recounts, “Back to the final stage of Calvin’s Philadelphia prayer walk. Ten of us gathered in Pendora Park at the base of Mt. Penn. David Leibensperger led the group to this spot through Holy Spirit discernment and prayer. We spent 30 minutes in prayer before we began the ascent. This was enough of a blessing to call it a day! Calvin prayed over each person, then we prayed over him. David shared much about being led to this spot and the journey they were about to take. Before we headed out, Calvin entrusted a small iron pipe to me, indicating that God was going to provide something to break; a piece of pottery, a bowl, something to be struck to symbolize the breaking of the past into a new reality for Reading. Calvin was led to fill a water bottle with water from Mineral Springs, trusting that God would guide him as to where the water would be used. To summarize this time of prayer- so much was shared, prophesied, and declared it was a wellspring breaking forth. John and Mary Faus led the time of prayer with a special presentation to Calvin of a Native-American blanket. Both parties were blessed in this exchange! We moved into an open time of prayer from there. I was led to present the iron pipe to John and Mary to symbolize their dedication to prayer for the region and the stake that they have claimed in the Reading area. Mary boldly proclaimed that it was time to move from praying for Reading to praying through Reading. The ripple effect of the move of God that is ready to explode in Reading will go way beyond the city, state and even country.

David brought out an old Reading Railroad lock and it was opened and given to me. My interpretation of this was that God was unlocking the grip that has been on Reading for years. There was much prayer surrounding this. A young couple was with us, the wife being from Peru. She made a decision to follow Jesus in the last year. Prayer was strong over her during the day. There was a great sense that God was unlocking her potential and she will be a bold witness of Jesus, as she is willing. I passed the lock on to her and her husband, reminded that the unlocking going on is going to move way beyond Reading.

More prophecy was delivered related to the passenger railroad being re-established between Philadelphia and Reading, and Reading and Allentown. There was a keen sense of renewed Christian relationship between these three cities. The Holy Spirit will be uniting leaders from these cities. There was prayer related to William Penn and his dedication living on as we continued to pray in the shadow of the William Penn Memorial Fire Tower. We were reminded that Reading and Allentown were early cities established through connection with Philadelphia. God desires for them to be re-connected in the spiritual once again!

I must mention that attention was drawn to a black heart painted on the platform where we were praying. It was intended to be satanic markings. This black heart of stone was “turned to flesh” as we prayed over it, pored the spring water onto it, and poured communion “wine” over it. Interestingly, the grape juice, when poured onto the heart did not run outside of the outline of the heart, like the water did. It stayed on the heart, and appeared as blood. Jesus restored this black heart. We also lifted up in prayer twelve Berks County regional prayer gatherings that Reading Berks Conference of Churches is planning. Pamela had picked up twelve small stones. The stones were placed around the heart on the ground. One of them was passed to the young lady who also shared in receiving the lock. We believed that the symbolism of this was that God would continue to move beyond the twelfth prayer gathering, and beyond Berks County. We were reminded of the prophecy of growing connection between Philadelphia, Allentown and Reading. Prayer will be a huge part of this renewed relationship.

Around this time of our gathering, we were joined by part of the planning team for the Easter Dawn Service, scheduled to take place at this spot the next day. Communion broke out among the group, with bread and grape juice being shared, representing the body and blood of Jesus. This was a very special time of unity as brothers and sisters in Christ!

Fire was at the forefront again, as prayer continued. We prayed for Holy Spirit fire to ignite in that moment and continue into the Easter Dawn Service the next morning. We all departed knowing that our time there was anointed and the fire of the Holy Spirit was alive and well!

By the way, the preacher at the Easter Dawn Service the next day spoke of fire and carrying this fire of the Holy Spirit off the mountain to wherever we go! He did not participate in, and had no knowledge of the prayer time we had the day before. God is good and we were all greatly blessed!

 In closing, please know that I’ve done my best to summarize the amazing time we had the weekend of April 15th. It was one of those times I wish was recorded. Knowing that it was recorded in the heavenly realm is perhaps all that was needed. The Body of Christ is amazing, and it is always incredible when we set aside our personal agendas and gather in prayer, communion and fellowship. We certainly were ONE that weekend! I’m so glad I answered that call from Calvin in March. All praise be to our Lord…Father, Son and Holy Spirit! Amen!”

David Leibensperger wrapped up the week this week-“I am so grateful to Calvin for bringing the F(f)ather's heart to Reading and the place that was prepared to receive the father's heart since 1939, the William Penn Memorial Fire Tower. I am also grateful for all who came to support Calvin and lift the hands and hearts of the intercessors and pastors in Reading. Special thanks to Peter and Craig Osborne.

 Truly, I believe 4/15/2017 was the beginning of the fulfillment of Psalm 132 in Reading. It was the cry of King David and it now has become our cry. The LORD and His ark have come to Reading. May the fire of the Father's presence now begin to consume this mountain in Reading like it consumed Mt. Sinai. Our hunger and thirst for Him will feed this fire until the whole city and region is consumed with our fiery love for the Father and His fiery love for His children (2 hearts together as One heart).

 I love this quote in *The Reading Eagle* today about yesterday's sunrise service on Mt. Penn. "**I feel some kind of fire on this mountain this morning**," said the Rev. Lee Wilder of St. James Chapel Church of God in Christ in Reading. "God is about to break some yokes this morning, about to break some yokes in this community." He explained that in the time of the ancient Israelites, it was believed that God lit the fire in the Temple but that the priests were required to tend the fire by removing the ashes that would otherwise snuff out the flame. He then said, "Church, **we need to keep this fire burning on this mountain** until Satan can't operate in this city anymore."

Calvin feels this was one of the most fruitful prayer walks up to this time. He is thankful to the Lord Jesus and all who made this trip possible.

Upcoming prayer walks this year are planned for Allentown, Bethlehem, Scranton, Carbondale, Erie, Pittsburgh, and Chambersburg. Jim Snyder, from the Pittsburgh Prayer Network shares, “We are definitely praying for you and Eastern and Central PA and for a mighty move of God throughout the whole state of PA. Thanks for praying for us in Pittsburgh. The things that were holding us back have been broken in a decisive way! I feel like the doors have flung wide open in every direction since my request to you and your intercessory team for prayer. I’m walking into a blessed time in every contact I’m making carrying Jesus yoke, not my own, feeling like I’m entirely under the yoke that is easy and the burden that is light! Thanks for being there for us- the Lord continue to bless you, your whole family and ministry abundantly in the glorious name of Jesus.”

Again, we thank you for your continuing prayer and support of The Ministry Center. Only God knows the impact that was made during our recent walk. Please check out our web site at [www.theministrycenteronline.org](http://www.theministrycenteronline.org) and let us know how we can pray for you!

In His Service,

Calvin and Stephanie Greiner and The Ministry Center Board