



*"From the Neighborhoods to the Nations and From the Workplaces to the World –  
Transforming Our Cities for Christ through United Prayer"*

### **"Notes and Quotes"**

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### ALL TO THE GLORY OF GOD

Starting in July of last year, God began taking the Women's Prayer International Board of Directors (including myself), and my husband, LC, through a somewhat rigorous, yet blessed journey of faith. Due to circumstances beyond our control (and thank God they were in His control), we had to put WPI's furniture into storage and move into our home, *at the suggestion of my unselfish husband*. Wayside Chapel had been so wonderful to us by donating office space to us for eight years, and they had given us plenty of notice to obtain office space; however, everything fell through the cracks for the office space that we thought was being donated to us. Sometimes misunderstandings and miscommunications just happen, but they never take God by surprise. It was a blessing for a while to be working out of my home in so many ways, but it became difficult in other ways - and it just didn't seem that this was what God wanted for Women's Prayer International, our leadership, the women of WPI, myself or my husband.

I was slowly losing hope for any future for WPI. My husband was wonderful, but our home was becoming an office, rather than our home. The turning point of seeing some light in this journey was in May, when Suzanne Dollar, serving with Campus Crusade for Christ, and also the WPI Advisory Board Chairman, accompanied me to Washington, DC for the National Prayer Committee meetings and the National Day of Prayer activities. (I can't begin to tell you how depressed I was over the future of WPI when I left for that trip.) Even so, it was a joy to be with Suzanne and worshipping and praying with like-hearts in the meetings. Both of us were truly blessed.

After I returned, nothing major happened to change our circumstances, however hope seemed to rise up in my heart for WPI's future. One day, in my quiet time, God spoke to my heart, and I will paraphrase it for you, "You have released WPI into My hands. You have told me that if I was through with you and WPI, that it was OK. You didn't want to serve me in it, if I was not in it. You even asked me if it was a change in the seasons of WPI. You and others have prayed for office space and now put feet to those prayers." I knew right then that God wasn't through with me or WPI, and hoped that He was taking us into a new season of growth. I thought (and prayed) HOW do I find office space? In my mind's eye God brought me to a building that I had called about when it was getting close to our move, and our move had not been confirmed. From that day until now, it is becoming a long story "a God story" of what He did, when on June 5<sup>th</sup> we moved into Suite 221, at 11103 San Pedro, San Antonio, Texas. **We give God praise for all of you who donated the funds for our lease from June 2011 to June 2012, and for the owner of the Jost Bldg, Royce Jost, for discounting the year's lease for us!** *I now realize that it was fellowshiping, worshipping and praising the Lord with the National Prayer Committee members that God used to give me hope for His women's united prayer ministry – Women's Prayer International.*

You may be going through a rigorous journey, and you may not see the blessings at this time. My dear friends, when I look back on this last year, some of the blessings were somewhat disguised, but they were there -- It was through your prayers that my husband was able to visibly see what goes on the office of WPI. He saw firsthand of my dedication to my Lord, and my heart to be a servant, while leading this ministry. He experienced with me the ends and outs, the ups and downs, the joys and the pains. And our love has grown so much more precious for each other and for God, as we have seen Him work in our lives. LC is truly a valuable role in service to our Lord in Women's Prayer International. I pray that whatever journey God has you on now, that above all, you will know how every much He loves you, and that He is fulfilling His plan for your life –for your ultimate good and for His ultimate glory.

**Joan Courtney, Founder & President**

**We give God thanks for our  
in-house IT Specialist:  
Sergeant Major LC  
Courtney, Retired**



#### GREATER WORKS

"Prayer does not fit us for the greater works, prayer is the greater work. ... There is nothing thrilling about a laboring man's work, but it is the laboring man who makes the conceptions of the genius possible; and it is the laboring saint who makes the conceptions of his Master possible. You labor at prayer and results happen all the time for His standpoint. What an astonishment it will be to find, when the veil is lifted, the souls that have been reaped by you, simply because you had been in the habit of taking your orders from Jesus Christ." **MY UTMOST FOR HIS HIGHEST**, By Oswald Chambers