



*“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

Thanksgiving to God, the Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ!

We praise God for the privilege of using WPI to pray for the Texas Out4Life Conference and for the San Antonio Nehemiah Initiative. Lives were transformed, and will continue to be used to spread the gospel in word and deed throughout our city and beyond. God blessed us greatly at our benefit dinner in September through Pastor John Cannon as he delivered His message in word and song. We pray God’s blessing on each of you who gave from your heart, and thank Him that two-thirds of our fiscal budget was met!

Since our dinner, it seems that WPI has experienced what I have heard referred to as “God’s suddenlies.” In September, God suddenly and supernaturally connected us with Women of Joy to cover their San Antonio October conference in prayer. It was a great blessing for us to also staff the prayer room with intercessors. We were privileged to pray for women’s requests, for and with the speakers, and to pray with some of the attendees. *The atmosphere in and out of the prayer room was electric, filled with the overwhelming presence of the Lord.* Women visited our display table, took our response cards and were excited about praying with other sisters in the Lord in their neighborhood or places of work for the transformation of their city and nation for Christ. *A Women of Joy conference is where God inhabits the praises of His people and the love and joy of Jesus abounds!*

Since that first call that I made to WOJ, our Board of Directors were fervently praying and seeking God’s perfect will for us and Women of Joy. On Saturday evening of the conference, I was humbled and thrilled that Phil Waldrep, a Southern Baptist Evangelist, (founder of Phil Waldrep Ministries and WOJ) invited Women’s Prayer International to join WOJ at each conference. WOJ is generous in covering the expenses for four women to travel to each conference. *We covet your prayers for this great opportunity to advance Christ’s kingdom as there is much planning and training to be done and, also, fundraising for office personnel.* The vision and mission of WPI remains the same, and our national networking with WOJ is a win-win God-ordained partnership to unite the body of Christ. This relationship brings full circle the scripture that we chose as our ministry verse – John 17:21, when Jesus prayed for His church “that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.”

In May of 2011, WPI will enter into our 14th year of ministry. Ever since we were birthed out of the South Texas Billy Graham Crusade Women’s Prayer Committee, I have believed that God would expand WPI’s territory to the nations - in His timing and in His way. I have shared many scriptures in previous newsletters that God has given to me to help me live by faith, not by sight. *It is through your prayers that our faithful God has encouraged me to live by faith when I could not see His hand and to keep pressing on for the fulfilling of the vision that He gave to me:* Sisters in the Lord across the nations united in prayer in their neighborhoods and places of work, with a holy desperation for Jesus’ prayer in John 17:20-23 to be fulfilled for their city and nation – that millions will come to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ before He comes again!

I hope the following verses the Lord has given me this week will encourage you that His word is still living and powerful, and that you will not give up on the dream or vision He has given to you. During my quiet time with the Lord on October 26, He brought me to a verse that spoke to my heart *fourteen years ago* on October 26, 1996, (the first month the BGC Women’s Prayer Committee met). ‘So Jesus said to them again, “Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.” (John 20:21) Over the years, I have asked God on behalf of WPI to shut doors that no man can open and open doors that no man can shut. This week he pointed me again directly to Revelation 3:8, “I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name.” This week, His sweet Holy Spirit brought these verses back to me (Exodus 33:14-15) ‘...And He said, “My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.”

The Lord’s will and plan is to send us all out somewhere. After my time with the Lord this week, I can assure you that He is sending WPI out, that He has opened a door that no man can shut, and that He will go with WPI and WOJ throughout the nations. My prayer for you is that God will speak to *your* heart to know His plan and give *you* direction - whether it is next door, down the street or across the nation. I pray that He will open doors for you that no man can shut and shut doors that no man can open – all to the glory of God!

Joan Courtney, President

Introducing Christa Cox-Watanabe – WPI’s Japanese Ambassador

The world is in desperate need of prayer and we are in desperate need of prayer warriors to cry out to God for our cities and nations. I am thankful that I have the opportunity to serve as a prayer warrior in this time and place, and to represent WPI as an Ambassador to Japan. I am truly blessed to have the opportunity to equip and encourage Japanese speaking women to unite to pray for their nation, and to lead them to a more effective prayer life. I covet your prayers for myself and for our Christian sisters in Japan. E-mail: nwew@nifty.com

