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2020 NETWORK CONFERENCE

We've just completed – FINALLY – Network Conference 2020! I say "finally" because, from the network leadership, we were not certain we were going to get this accomplished in light of the pandemic that we are still dealing with across the nation.

In my thinking, I can say with praise that it was a tremendous victory to meet together. The ministry was outstanding from our General Superintendent, Doug Clay, as well as our three pastors, Ryan Visconti, Raul Salgado, and Greg Marquart. We also had an informative session with LOGOS and the commissioning of our elders led by Pastor Jeff Peterson. Mission's presentations were made by Pastor Ron Rockwell - honoring our World Missionaries, by Pastor Leigh Metcalf - honoring our U.S. Missionaries, and by Lindsay Petri highlighting our Women's Ministry's missions project. Radiant Worship Collective led in worship, and the times of prayer gave us all a moment to reflect on not only what this past year has given us, but what our future might look like as we press on in the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

THANK YOU, RADIANT CHURCH, PASTOR GREG MARQUART, AND YOUR ENTIRE TEAM! YOU WERE GRACIOUS, EXTREMELY HELPFUL, AND GAVE US A SAFE ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH TO MEET TOGETHER AS A NETWORK FAMILY.

Please enjoy these pages of photos from the conference, taken for us by Pastor Jackie Holgate and his son, Matthew.





Happy Thanksgiving dear network family from both Marjorie and myself. We love you deeply and are so grateful for you in this holiday season!



Us To Pray

One out of many questions that the disciples asked of Jesus can be found in Luke's Gospel. It says, **"One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples."** *Luke 11:1*

As pastors and leaders, we all know the importance of prayer. Unfortunately, myself included, it's not a matter of "head knowledge" but of "knee knowledge." Each of us has a desire to pray but often we fall short in the action of prayer. In this month's communiqué my hope is to encourage you to reengage in the act of prayer.

Things are desperate throughout the world and this is only compounded for our missionaries who are battling on the front lines. May the Lord "teach us to pray" with renewed fervency as we see the times and seasons of His coming quickly approaching. And may we never forget the promise of effective prayer in light of eternity. The book of Revelation makes this truth a reality by saying, **"The perfume of the incense mixed with prayers ascended up to God from the altar where the angel had poured them out"** *Rev. 8:4 L.B.*

Would you please join me in prayer this month for some great needs listed below by our Assemblies of God World Missions Leaders. Thank you!

→ Pray for Missionaries, Pastors & Churches

“As a COVID-19 survivor, my heart goes out to everyone who suffers from this virus. Headlines report another surge in cases worldwide. Please join me in praying for all who are struggling to get by physically, emotionally and financially. If you know some of our missionaries personally, would you connect with them and let them know you are holding them in prayer? That kind of encouragement can make such a difference. Our missionary team partners with pastors and congregations in nations worldwide. Pray that God will guide every corner of His Church through this challenging season and will draw lost multitudes to the hope of the gospel, the bedrock solution for every life need.” Greg Mundis, AGWM Executive Director

→ Pray for Missionaries Returning Overseas

“We are overjoyed with each report of another missionary who is able to return to their nation of calling. Compared to a typical year, that travel flow is still a trickle. Let’s pray that the trickle will become a steady flow, and that our entire AGWM missionary team will soon be active in their ministry locations. Pray for wisdom as they recalibrate modes of outreach in cooperation with continuing social guidelines. Pray for a new season of harvest. So many people who have been hit by the pandemic are asking questions about eternal matters.” Gil Rodriguez, AGWM Mobilization Director

→ Pray for Laos

“We continue to build awareness of the spiritual need across the Buddhist world. To that end, we want to invite concerted prayer for those nations that are home to the majority of the world’s Buddhists. Please pray this week for Laos, home to more than 4 million Buddhists, about 60 percent of the population. Pray for the church to be established in Laos, for the hearts of Buddhists to be turned to Jesus, and for growing opportunities to disciple new believers.” Jeff Hartensveld, AGWM Asia Pacific Regional Director

→ Pray for Unreached People Groups

AGWM’s world religion prayer emphases now encompass Islam, Buddhism and Hinduism. Pray with me for the nation of India, the birthplace of Hinduism, and more than 1 billion Hindus there. Despite centuries of Christian witness, very few inroads have been made among this massive sector of the population. Omar Beiler, AGWM Eurasia Regional Director

Thank you again, Network family, for your heartfelt prayers and your continued generosity in supporting our missionaries. May the Lord bless you and place His favor on your ministry.

Love and prayers, Ron & Sue





Bridge The Gap

Urban Outreach



James Turner | U.S. Missions

Bridging the Gap Urban Outreach led by James & Letha Turner, began on the streets of Cincinnati Ohio and Covington, Kentucky. They began by feeding, clothing, preaching, and building relationships with the hurting, the hopeless, and the hungry. In the past 14 years of their ministry, James and Letha have been called into inner-city ministry, and God has led them to some of the darkest and most drug-infested areas of America to plant inner city churches.

By the grace of God through their partners with the Urban Outreach Network, they have established churches and ministry points in 11 different cities, mostly recently in Phoenix and Glendale, AZ.



Through these churches and ministries, they have preached to over a 1 ½ million people on the streets and have raised up thousands of outreach workers and leaders. They have provided not only food and water but also clothing, basic medical care, haircuts and grooming services, and hygiene kits to those living on the streets. In addition, they provide prayer and testimony, spiritual guidance, and help interested individuals get into recovery programs, work programs and affordable housing.

One of their volunteers stated that there is a unifying need at a human level that is encountered every time we set foot in the mission field.


From James and Letha:

One of the most challenging aspects of this ministry is the personal attacks that comes to our family due to being on the front lines. In 2014, we came home from a long day of inner-city ministry to find our son had been murdered in our basement. At that point in our ministry I had 2 choices to make. I was tempted to get mad at God and throw in the towel and to quit the ministry. After 2 days, we decided that we were going to trust God, run to Him, preach our son's funeral, bury him, then we would make the enemy pay for this by planting inner city churches, all over America.

The most rewarding aspect of our ministry is to see hundreds of lives transformed by the Power of God. To see God restore broken lives and to see God turn ashes into beauty (Isaiah 61).



NOTE TO SELF... *ANXIETY!*



**"Search me, O God, and know my heart;
test me and know my anxious thoughts."**

Psalm 139:23 NIV84

I chose to return to the subject of anxiety again this month, due to our heightened awareness of this reality in this year 2020. In October, I recommended several passages worth noting that clearly address this relevant topic. I failed to include David's closing words in the intimate 139th Psalm where David closes by inviting God to do some deeply personal work in his life.

It is striking that David opened up the psalm acknowledging that God knows everything about him, including his very words before they leave his lips. Yet, he closes it by asking this God of full knowledge, to know his heart. Several translations such as the NIV84 and NLT use the word "anxious heart." Others such as the ESV and KJV simply render it "heart." The Hebrew word used is actually the same as found in Psalm 94:19a, translated "anxiety" "cares" and "doubts" in various translations. I appreciate then, the NIV's and NLT's translation.

Jesus reminded us in the Sermon on the Mount that our Heavenly Father already knows what we ask of Him before we pray (Mt. 6:8). Such truth moves some to wonder why then, do we even need to pray. Similarly, if God knows everything—including our heart and deepest thoughts—why then, would David ask Him to know His anxieties? I believe the answer is in the spirit of the entire psalm, as it has been entitled, "God's Complete Knowledge and Care."

The skeptic, Voltaire hated the thought that God knew his most intimate details of his life. He said it made him feel like a caged animal that people stared at. Meanwhile, as believers we welcome this powerful attribute of God with a sense of comfort and care. Our God knows our deepest thoughts (weaknesses, failings, anxieties, issues), yet still loves and cares for us!

This great love is truly a merciful love. A faithful spouse shows such love in their looking past all the weaknesses of their mate. A faithful pastor shows such love when emerging from a counseling session and still caring for the sheep—no matter what indiscretions have been shared. A loyal friend looks past his friend's shortcomings to live the ideals of true friendship. Yet, none compare to an all-powerful, all-knowing, ever-present God who is willing to lead us in the everlasting way no matter what weaknesses we have.

What a Shepherd of our souls!

Remain faithful, under-shepherds. Stay healthy in ministry!

Pastor Jeff



Reach Out to an Elder Today!

To speak confidentially with an Elder, download the *Arizona Ministry Network* app from the Play Store or App Store. Under the tab "A Safe Place" scroll through the elder names, pictures and phone numbers. Then, simply reach out via text or phone call.

You can also find the list of Elders and their contact info through the azag.org website [HERE](#).



Free Online Discipleship for Men



Visit azmensministries.org for small group studies created to help men grow in four dimensions of manhood: Identity, Relationships, Vision and Purpose.

There are three spiritual growth levels for each of these elements:

Courage – This level focuses on men who are discovering Christ or taking their first steps in Christ. The courage level will give application and implementation exercises for spiritual growth.

Strength – This level assists men who have a relationship with Christ and are in the local church. The strength level will focus on discipleship growth applications and implementation resources to strengthen their relationships and encourage men as they serve Christ in their church and daily life.

Endurance – This level gives encouragement and engagement of Kingdom principles so those who are currently serving in key leadership assignments will find a deeper sense of their spiritual purpose in ministry.



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Learn about our National and State Women's Ministry Mission's Program:

LIGHT THE WAY™

Light the Way exists to unite women around the cause of missions giving for the victimized and marginalized. Together, we work to REACH the lost, RESTORE the broken, and RESOURCE ministries and individual women who are seeking truth. The Arizona Women's Ministry is committed to sound stewardship of your gift. As such, 50% of your giving will go directly to our annual project, 40% will be used for local ministry and 10% will be used for administration.

To Give: www.azagwomen.org/missions

About Our Annual Project

Calcutta Mercy is a nonprofit organization on a mission to help the poor of Calcutta, India. Our goal is to give everyone in Calcutta access to food, education, and quality medical care.

Thank you for your support!

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Arizona Youth Ministries



Check out our Youth Pastors portal! Scan the QR code to see a video recap and photos from AZYC20!

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YOUTH LEADERS' SUMMIT

FRI, JAN 8, 2021 6:00 PM - SAT, JAN 9, 2021 4:00 PM
GRANITE HILLS RETREAT & CONFERENCE CENTER - PRESCOTT, AZ

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Peter Reeves



Nate Schatzline



Meesh Fomenko



Shadye Melu



Chris Estrada



Noah Herrin

REGISTER TODAY! @ AZAGYOUTH.ORG/YOUTHCAMP



Arizona Kids exists is to equip churches and pastors so that kids in our state can experience God on their level, which will be a part of the foundation for their life-long relationship with Christ!

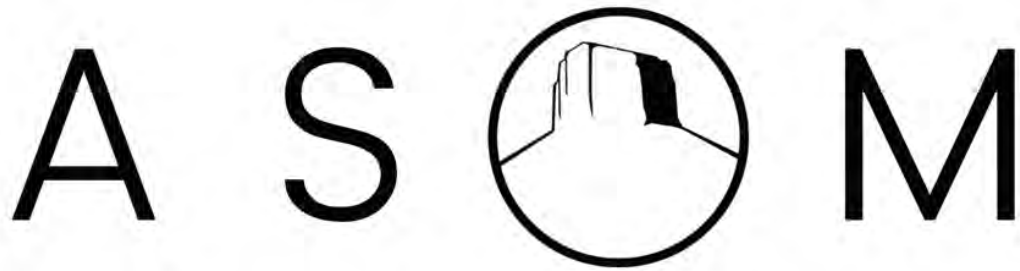
Arizona Kids is a connection point and a resource for churches by:

1. Inspiring a desire for relevant and age-appropriate teaching.
2. Supplying resources to pastors so that they can equip parents to be the most influential spiritual voice in the life of their child.
3. Cultivating relationships between children's pastors: full time, bi-vocational, and volunteer. We need each other!
4. Providing EXTREMELY fun events that will facilitate a life-changing encounter with Jesus.

To find out more about events and resources like those listed below, please visit www.azagkids.com. Also, please follow @azagkids on Instagram and Facebook.



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THE ARIZONA SCHOOL OF MINISTRY


WE ARE BACK!

MORE PLACES TO LEARN


It's been a fulfilling month getting to know the Network. This month we started two new sites that will be meeting in **Tucson** and **Globe**. Sign up for November's class on our website. We are back to offering in person classes and will also continue to provide an online option each month. If you need anything please reach out to our team!

NOVEMBER CLASSES

Ministerial Ethics
Conflict Resolution
Biblical Counseling

 602-343-4000

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Yisrael Vincent
Director



Jeanna Lonergan
Coordinator

Time to Dream Again

SISTERSTRONG LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

One-Day Event | Three Locations

As seasons change, God has a plan! During times and days of transition, we want to keep our minds and hearts focused on His Truth. God has a purpose when things shift around us. We believe, He will faithfully reveal how He needs us to respond!

This One-Day Sisterstrong Leadership Summit is structured so you can hear from God and understand how He needs you to react. There will be teaching, time for group interaction, and moments for personal reflection.

He has created you for this moment in history. It is Time to Dream Again, and step with assurance into all He has purposed for you! Together, let us hear from God and move forward to present the Gospel of Jesus Christ!



Lavon has been called to awaken and inspire women leaders into their mission destiny for Christ! She travels globally, inviting women to wholeness and to intentionally access their Holy Spirit giftings. She serves as an Elder for the Arizona Ministry Network.

Lavon Reep
Guest Speaker

Arizona South | January 16 | 10am - 2pm
Tucson | Discovery Church

Arizona North | January 23 | 10am - 2pm
Flagstaff | Northland Christian Assembly

Arizona Central | January 30 | 10am - 2pm
Avondale | Cornerstone Christian Center

Register On-line for \$20
Includes your meal & Dream Again Notebook
Deadlines for registration is one-week prior to your summit



DENISE RYAN
Network of Women Ministers
Arizona Ministry Network

RICK RYAN
DIRECTOR
INTERCULTURAL MINISTRIES



"IT'S GOD'S GREAT ARMY OF ANONYMOUS SAINTS WHO BUILD HIS KINGDOM!"

George O. Wood

It was an incredible night at the recent Ordination Service of the Arizona Ministry Network! Arizona Intercultural Ministries was especially excited because of four pastors being recognized. These tremendous saints are part of the emerging leaders of 48 ethnic congregations who are growing, planting and spreading the Good News that Jesus saves. They are seeing signs and wonders become the norm in their services. We celebrate with all Arizona ministers that the Lord is raising up for this hour to reach the world!



Pastora Helia Martinez
Templo de Vino Nuevo / Spanish
San Luis



Pastor David Paupi
Christ's Family Life Church / Filipino
Queen Creek



Pastor Fanuel Nyanshoshi
Bethel International / African
Glendale



Pastor Samuel DeAsis
Church Planter / Burmese
Phoenix

TEEN CHALLENGE OF ARIZONA

 55 years

Trusting GOD

VIRTUAL FALL BANQUETS 2020

TUCSON NOVEMBER 16 – 7PM
To benefit Springboard & Tucson Men's Center

PHOENIX NOVEMBER 20 – 7PM
To benefit Phoenix Men's Center

SCOTTSDALE NOVEMBER 21 – 7PM
To benefit the Christian Life Ranch



Free Registration Online: tcaz.org
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**Thank you for
being a part of the
Arizona Ministry
Network!**



Recent Network Statistics

OPEN CHURCHES

Glendale, Hope City Church
Holbrook, Faith A/G
Houck, Bethel Navajo A/G
Sierra Vista, Mt.View A/G
Page, First A/G
Rainbow Mtn., Navajo Mtn.
Shonto, Victory A/G
Winslow, First A/G

TRANSFERRED OUT

Matthew Thurber to New York

TRANSFERRED IN

Joshua Wood from NW District
Alesha and Robert Ferguson from AK District
Dustin & Heather Williams from Rocky Mtn.
Todd Matchett from Indiana District

DECEASED

Wayne G Jones
Estel Myree Morris

Cabin For Sale - Beall 133

This cabin has newer electric range, refrigerator, live-edge cabinetry, windows & flooring. It also has A/C window unit, gas furnace, electric water heater, newer plumbing, electric upgrades, stacked washer and dryer, garbage disposal, & carport. There are newer shingles on the roof, siding and paint. Cabin has one bed, one bath, & family room. There is approximately 650-800 square feet. Security doors are on the front and back, additional storage area is under house plus small storage unit. 4 seasons, hunting, mile high, close to lakes, fishing, national parks, & 1 hour from Flagstaff!

Call Brian at 602-819-3965 to view cabin #133.

Price: \$60,000 immediate possession