

THE CAMEL COURIER

"...BEHOLD THE CAMELS WERE COMING!" GENESIS 24.63

PRAYER IS ENJOYABLE yet difficult; talked about yet neglected; simple yet powerful. Over the years, three Biblical admonitions have helped me immensely in my personal prayer life: fasting, praying in the spirit and kneeling. Ever since a friend in seminary introduced me to fasting, I have found this regular discipline to be a source of power, intimacy, cleansing and refreshing for my own soul. Jesus anticipates that His followers will practice fasting. He says, "when you fast..." (Matthew 6:16). Secondly; praying in tongues. I had taught vigorously against this form of prayer, but the Apostle Paul's clearly advocates it: "I speak in tongues more than you all..." (I Corinthians 14:18). Again with the help of friends I found prayer in tongues incredibly valuable, especially when I do not know what to do in a situation or even how to pray. Finally, the knees. After giving what I proudly thought was one of the best messages ever on humility, a newly saved young student said to me, "It is amazing that you spoke on humility. On the way here the Lord told me to ask you a question, 'Have you humbled yourself before Me lately?'" Since then I have daily knelt before the Lord. Church history tells us that James, the brother of Jesus was called "old camel knees" because of callouses on his knees from praying. It is taking me time, but fasting, tongues and kneeling are all a part of increasing my enjoyment and effectiveness in prayer.



— Gary Gilbertson , *Prepare Ministries Founder and Director*

MEET OUR NEW STAFF!

LAURIE KUEHN



Laurie joined part-time staff this May after volunteering with Prepare for over a year. Her log home, Heart Peace, was purchased while she served as a caregiver for Flo Kahn for 32 years. Although Flo is now in heaven, Laurie stewards Heart Peace for staff and student retreats, prayer meetings, study groups, hosting out of town guests and speakers, and even mentoring out of her kitchen. Laurie passionately encourages all to build faith and trust in the promises of Jesus. Her testimony of overcoming fear and joylessness empower her to set other people free. Laurie is excited to see how God blesses people through her gift of hospitality!.

MEET OUR NEW VOLUNTEER STAFF!

ANNA MORTON

A joyful event assistant ready to serve!



MAX MAYRHOFFER

"God has called me to Prepare as an intercessor"



JENNIFER & NOAH SANDERS

A newlywed couple making art from the heart as they design the newsletter & disciple students



"TEARS ARE
LIQUID PRAYER,"
- CHARLES SPURGEON



"WHAT GOES UP
MUST COME DOWN!"

PRAYER COORDINATOR
JEN & MARTIN ECKHART

Jen coordinates
monthly prayer
support for
Prepare through
email



"OUR FATHER"



Jesus spoke volumes in two words as He taught his disciples to pray, "Our Father" (Matt 6:9). Under the Old Covenant, the Lord was known as "the God of our fathers." Many Jews of this time saw God as somewhat distant, and most felt they could only access Him through a priest or through a prophet. Many even felt His name was too holy to say aloud. The personal revelation of God as Father made the religious Jews of Jesus' day irate and ready to kill Him (John 5:18). What an incredible privilege we have under the New Covenant to call Him Father, one who knows and cares about our needs before we ask (Matt 6:32-33), one who desires to give good things to His children (Luke 11:13), one who desires to have a relationship with us, and to teach us to hear His voice (John 10:27). So often I hear people pray to God, and I sense a distance in the prayer. Come to Him as a dearly loved child of the kingdom and call upon Him as He desires and as He taught us "Our Father"... "Abba Father"....

- David Olson, *Prepare Staff*

"IF YOU REMAIN IN ME AND MY WORDS
REMAIN IN YOU, ASK WHATEVER YOU WISH,
AND IT WILL BE DONE FOR YOU."

- JOHN 15:7

DESPERATE PRAYER



Growing up in a Christian home I became torn between the truth of scriptures and the desire to live for myself. I found myself empty and without hope, partially believing that I could have a meaningful relationship with God. But I was not willing or able to give up my all in order to really experience that relationship. By God's grace He taught me how to meet with Him during these times. I would drive my car to a local rest stop and simply pour out my frustrations and desires to Him. I felt empty, without purpose of love. In my desperation He met with me. That rest stop will always be held dear in my heart as the place where the Lord taught me how to pray.

- Danny Lewis, *Prepare Staff*





"NO MAN IS GREATER
THAN HIS PRAYER LIFE"

— LEONARD RAVENHILL

HEALED THROUGH PRAYER

On July 2, I found my wife, Janet, collapsed on the kitchen floor. She couldn't talk or walk. The right side of her body was paralyzed, and the right side of her face was drooping. At the ER I overheard a nurse say that he could barely hear her heart. I notified everyone I could to start praying. Then the miracle started. Within 3 hours, my wife was sitting up in bed laughing and talking normally. The next day the hospital doctor and the neurologist both said they'd never seen anything like this! She had no symptoms or evidence of even having a stroke. They said she may as well go home. Thank you all and thank you Jesus for giving me my wife back! Days after this Jon and Janet led a missions team to Mongolia.



— Jon Chara, *Campus Director at Stout*

"IN THE MORNING, LORD, YOU WILL HEAR MY VOICE;
IN THE MORNING I LAY MY REQUESTS BEFORE YOU
AND WAIT EXPECTANTLY." -PSALM 5:3

ANSWERED PRAYER AT THE U OF M

Before going out to invite students to our meetings, we would often pray for the Holy Spirit to lead us to people whose hearts God had prepared to know Him. One beautiful fall afternoon in front of the student union, I



approached a sweet looking Chinese student sitting on a bench.

Ting showed up promptly at our bible study half an hour later. She came to Prepare Bible studies and I met with her personally many times. Ting came to the conclusion that she wanted to become a follower of Jesus and be baptized. She was baptized on June 29, 2014 in the Mississippi River as a part of the Stadium Village campus church service.



— Donna Liew, *Prepare Staff U of M*



"I've been having a ball praying and watching God show up." — Haley Luhman,
Prepare Alumni, Stout

PRAYER MOVEMENT ON THE CAMPUSES



Kathue was contemplating taking his life when he noticed a group of students were praying for hours in Christ Chapel at Gustavus every night in January. Joe, a student leader at that time for Prepare, invited him into the circle. Kathue has been joyously following the Lord ever since. Prayer has been a huge part of the faith experience at Gustavus for years.

Sister campus, St. Olaf has a prayer gathering every weekday to pray for 30-45 minutes. This has been happening consistently since the mid 90's! This consistent prayer life of St. Olaf students has been the foundation to many students being saved and many leaders being trained and sent out.



MISSIONS WITH PREPARE

**“DEVOTE YOURSELVES
TO PRAYER, BEING
WATCHFUL AND
THANKFUL.”
– COLOSSIANS 4:2**



The High School Missions trip to Costa Rica was a great success! David Olson led this trip.



Praise God for a successful Africa Action event! Thank you for partnering with us to raise more than \$10,000 for Hope Village Orphanage in Rwanda!



NEW MERCIES MINISTRIES:
CHARLIE & KAREN OGELSBY
& FAMILY



STELLA'S RECIPE CORNER

STOVETOP CHICKEN BROCCOLI DISH

– Stella Gilbertson, *Prepare Part Time Staff*

No time to pray because you don't know what's for dinner? Try this Gilbertson family favorite “hot dish” that you assemble, pop in the oven right away, a few hours later or even the next day.



Layer in order in greased or sprayed 9X13-inch pan:

- 1) Fresh broccoli florets, about 1 to 1 ½ bunches OR 1 16-ounce bag frozen French cut green beans, UNTHAWED (Our family prefers broccoli)
- 2) 4 to 6 cups cooked chicken or turkey chunks (Rotisserie chicken works great!)
- 3) 2 cans cream of chicken soup mixed with 1 cup sour cream (Optional: stir in 1 to 2 cups shredded cheddar or colby cheese)
- 4) 1 package (4 to 6 servings size) Stove Top chicken dressing, made according to package directions, sprinkled evenly over top. Cover dish loosely with foil. To bake right away: preheat oven to 350° and bake covered about 30-40 minutes; uncover and bake another 10 minutes. If from refrigerator, first leave out at room temperature for about 30 minutes before baking. It's easy to overbake this, so when you smell the broccoli it's done.

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We're asking God for:

- Increased fervency and frequency of prayer on campuses
- Leaders to multiply disciples and campuses
- Continued growth in our missions outreach

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Thank you so much!
God Bless,

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