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"Cultivate" is a bimonthly electronic publication of ASK Network USA that informs and encourages ASKers in the work of praying for the church, community and all the nations. It seeks to cultivate a deeper relationship with God and with one another.

First Fruits of Strengthening ASK USA



In November 2017, at our support team retreat, we sensed the Lord asking us as USA Directors and Lynne Bowman as Pastoral Care Leader, to gather in the geographical zones of ASK USA to encourage, bless, and build relationships. We felt strongly that we should begin on the west coast. The reason for that became clear as we realized that the beginnings of Lydia / ASK Network were birthed in that part of the USA.

So, from June 23-July 1, we gathered in the Northwest and Southwest zones. We began with a rich and full ASK Day in

Seattle. Travelling on to California we joined intercessors in Ojai to ASK for their city. Then we gathered with ASKers in Torrance, where we experienced a strong move of the Spirit in prophetic prayer. We ended our time in California with an ASK Day in San Jose, praying for God to move in the Silicon Valley.

From the beginning, the Lord gave us three words to discharge as we journeyed: remember, repent, repair. As we gathered in each place, we "remembered" by talking about ASK Network's beginnings and the transition from Lydia to ASK. In the transition process, questions and misunderstandings had occurred which, in some people had caused strained relationships. We "repented" specifically where needed and saw the Lord begin to "repair" relationships and strengthen the foundation of ASK USA.

We can hardly contain all the encouragement, generous hospitality, fellowship, prayer, blessings and love that was given and received on this journey. Most of all, we saw ASK as a family of old and new relationships, faithful prayer, caring for one another and doing all that He requires of us. As we gathered in each place, we heard many "re" words coming back to us: refresh, restore, re-dig, re-plant, return, re-orient, rebirth, reproduce, re-enlist, reconnect, re-establish, renew. As we go forward with zone visits, we set our hearts to continue to remember, repent, repair and do whatever He may ask of us. Our next gathering is with the Midwest zone in Illinois September 15.

"Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we could ask or imagine." Ephesians 3:20

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ASKing for divine appointments

By Sue Monson.

"And let us not be not weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." Gal. 6:9

Sowing and reaping, the vision for any work of God, sometimes feels unending and seems to get little or no results. However, in this verse we are encouraged to stay the course and we will be rewarded. Part of our vision for ASK network is to share what God has given to us, that He might multiply it. Many times this happens through divine appointments, and may come as a complete surprise to us. This is what happened with our ASK group in Illinois.

In early spring of 2014, our prayer and planning team began seeking the Lord about where we were to go in the state of Illinois to pray and to share the vision of ASK Network. He impressed upon us that we were to go to Prophetstown, a small town in the western part of the state. We started to pray, and to meditate in Joshua 1:3, "Everyplace the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you." We continued praying for several months, asking the Lord for His timing and that His purposes would be established through us. We also asked for divine appointments. At this time Prophetstown was only a spot on the map; none of us had ever been there or knew anyone there. Then, in the summer of 2015, one of our team members was attending a conference totally unrelated to ASK in another state. She met two ladies from Prophetstown. We had received our divine appointment! As she told them about the vision of ASK Network they became very excited. They went home and shared it with their pastor, and an invitation to come to their church soon followed. From out of that divine appointment, completely orchestrated by the Holy Spirit, an amazing group of ASKers has emerged. We have made new friends, and our faith has increased to believe God for growth throughout our state, maybe, through more of His divine appointments.

Father, in times that we are tempted to become discouraged, we ASK you to help us to remember that this is Your work, and You are faithful to bring it to pass.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Midwest Zone Gathering: September 15 – 9:30am to 3pm. Journey Church, Loves Park, IL. Contact: geraldine.winfrey8@gmail.com

Opportunities to Gather by Phone

- Third Saturday Each Month 7:30- 8:30pm (EDT): National Prayer Call. Topics vary, but we always pray for a nation featured in latest ASKing Point. Dial-in-Number: 712-770-4667; Access Code: 113607#. Sign up at asknetworkusa.net to receive a monthly email with the topic and scriptures for prayer.
- First Wednesday Each Month 10-11am (EDT): ASKing with Compassion for the LGBTQI Community. Conference Dial-in-Number: 641-715-0863; Access Code: 8822701. Please email Fawn Parish, fawn.parish@gmail, and put God's Heart in the subject line to receive a weekly scripture to pray for this community.
- Every Friday 10-12noon (EDT): ASKing the Lord of the Harvest, praying for Unreached People Groups. Dial-in Number: 641-715-3580; Access Code: 551830. Please email Nga Dang, nga231@yahoo.com, for further information.