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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.

## Cul-ti-vate

By Roberta Rader



***"I am the true grapevine, and my Father is the gardener." John 15:1***

**Cul-ti-vate.** To prepare soil for the raising of crops. To loosen or break up the soil around growing plants. To foster or improve the growth of...

As one who loves gardening, spring is a wonderful season and "cultivate" is a beautiful word! I love to see the growing plants popping up and find great joy in clearing away the debris of winter, trimming off dead bits, breaking up the compacted soil, then watering, fertilizing and mulching.

How comforting it is to know that as the "Master Gardener", my Father, is also cultivating me in every season. He continually clears away the debris of sin, trims, prunes and shapes, and breaks up the compacted soil of my heart. Then through His Word and Spirit, He daily waters and fertilizes my life in Him. And this same process is seen in the Master Gardener's work of cultivation in the ministry of ASK USA.

**Would you join the support team in ASKing the Father to:**

- Cultivate the ground of ASK USA as Lynne, Art and I gather within the various zones over the next months, beginning with the Northwest and Southwest zones in June. We are ASKing Him to clear away debris, prune and shape, strengthen our roots and bring new growth, unity and encouragement as we gather. Isaiah 54:2,3
- Cultivate His vision and clarify His plan for ASK on the North America Continent. As we continue to gather in prayer and conversation with International, Continental and Canadian leaders, we are asking together for clear strategy, and practical steps to build on the foundation laid by Graeme and Beverley Coad in 2013 and the partnerships strengthened at the 2018 NA Conference. We want to hear Him clearly. John 2:5

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## Introducing the Zone Leaders---Southwest Zone



By  
Nga Dang



My family and I immigrated to the United States in 1975. As we assimilated to the States, my close-knit family structure deteriorated, leaving me insecure and lonely. When I was in my early twenties I attended, at my sister's invitation, a series of evangelistic events. My sister had come to Christ the year before. At that time, I didn't have any understanding of church or prayer. I recall a time during prayer wondering to myself, "Why is everyone looking down?" Eventually, I heard the minister share Revelation 3:20. Jesus is standing at the door of my heart knocking. I thought if He is that close He can come in. Awkward and simple, that invitation began my process of coming to understand God's love and Christ's work on the cross.

In 1997, during a time of much emotional struggle, I attended a Sunday night service led by Pastor Wilbur Wacker. Pastor Wacker spoke about Jesus is the God Who heals. I also met Lois Hino who invited me to a Lydia prayer time on every other Thursday. While driving home from that service, I asked God to heal my troubled heart. I eagerly attended the Lydia prayer time. As I learned to meditate on His Word and pray the Lord healed me.

Currently, I'm privileged to serve on the Southwest Zone Team with Marsha Elliott, Pat Ramos, Linda Thompson, Fern Wallace and Marie Wood. We've been prayer partners for about twenty years. As a team, we recognize the value of Biblical meditation and prayer. In recent times, most of our team serves as ASK representative intercessors in multi-ministries prayer efforts. The Lord has spoken to us His favor and time to grow ASK in our zone with the word from Genesis 26:22, "*For now the Lord has made room for us, we shall be fruitful.*" Please join us in asking for the growth of ASK in Southwest Zone.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

ASK USA co-directors, Art and Roberta Rader, along with pastoral director, Lynne Bowman, will be visiting each zone in the coming months. They are starting in the west with the Northwest and Southwest zones. They want to see the work of ASK in the zone, meet ASKers, encourage group leaders and leadership teams. Anyone is welcome to attend the gatherings.

The following gatherings have been scheduled. For times, location and more information email the listed contact.

**June 23 – Seattle, WA** - Liz Stubbs --- [estubbs@mindspring.com](mailto:estubbs@mindspring.com)

**June 25-26 – Ojai, CA** –Fawn Parish --- [fawn.parish@gmail.com](mailto:fawn.parish@gmail.com)

**June 28 – Torrance, CA** – Nga Dang --- [Nga1048@yahoo.com](mailto:Nga1048@yahoo.com)

**June 30 – San Jose, CA** – Nga Dang --- [Nga1048@yahoo.com](mailto:Nga1048@yahoo.com)

DO JUSTICE  
 love mercy  
 walk humbly

**Gathering all generations to pray for all nations, asking God to do what only He can do, and doing whatever He asks of us.**

This is the last article in a series looking more closely at the statements of the ASK Network vision and ways to practically implement them on the local level. The primary work of ASK Network is to gather to pray. The ASK model for prayer is to seek the Lord for a prayer target and scripture, worship, meditate on the scripture, and pray out what the Lord has given you ASKING Him to do what He has shown you to ASK of Him. While the ministry of intercession is usually in the intimate, secluded place with God, there are times when the Lord moves on our hearts to put feet to our prayers.

Here are some examples of what God has asked us to do:

- Prayer-walking. Many of us have prayer-walked around schools, college campuses, county courthouses, government buildings, and neighborhoods. Prayer-walking has been defined as praying on site with insight.
- Prayer drives. Sometimes the area for which we have been praying is too large to be prayer-walked, so we pray as we drive around the borders of a city, county or state.
- Prayer mapping. You may be lead to research the history of your city or state in order to pray with better understanding.
- Taking a stand for justice. “As those who pray, we tune into what offends the heart of God. We need to be prepared to take a stand for what He stands for. Be listening to the Lord to hear anything He might speak to you to do about the very issues of injustice you perceive, and then act accordingly.”\*
- Opening hands of mercy. ‘Prayer is a mercy ministry, taking the needs of others to heart. As our hearts are open to be merciful in prayer we will be led to be merciful in our actions.’\* For example, as we pray for a nation, we may be led to support missionary work there.
- Teaching a short two to four week course on the ASKING model of worship/meditation/prayer in your church, or asking another to join you (or your prayer group) in asking prayer.
- Contacting your pastor or leaders in your community and ask how you can pray for them.

As we pray may we hear what the Spirit of God is speaking to our hearts as we ASK.

\*(From ASK Network Leaders’ Handbook)