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⇒ By Joyce Williams

"Arise, go on your journey at the head of the people, so that they may go in and possess the land." Deuteronomy 10:11

Fifty-two ASKers from nineteen states, including International ASK Director Celia McAlpine and Continental Directors, Beverley and Graeme Coad, gathered in Knoxville for the A*rise ASK leadership gathering. Each of us was invited to come with clean hands and a prepared heart in obedience to God's personal promptings. Two Rivers Church and the ASK Practical Team graciously met our needs. Beginning with the very first song in the Thursday evening session, our hearts and practical preparation paved the way for the worship team to usher us into God's presence.



Thursday evening and Friday morning were dedicated to a time of refreshing through worship and fasting. Friday afternoon each attendee received personal ministry through listening prayer. We also heard

an encouraging word from Danny Matthews, Two Rivers' prayer ministry pastor. We broke our fast together with dinner and felt nourished, both in

A*rise ASK USA Leadership Gathering—continued

spirit and body. Friday evening we celebrated God's work in us with worship and personal testimonies.



Saturday and Sunday was a time of equipping and encouraging. The session opened with worship, then Cheryl Cannon, USA Director, expanded on the ASK Lampstand and reviewed the ASK Family Precepts. A vital addition to the Lampstand is the Rampart Intercessory Prayer Covering for our leaders. It is being facilitated by Margie Drye and Patricia Kirby.

We broke into small groups to hear the National Team leaders highlight their specific team's mission and passion to serve the members of ASK USA. After lunch Cheryl reviewed the basic steps of ASKing. These were put into practice Saturday evening when Karen Stobaugh facilitated a time of meditation, sharing, and prayer based on James 2:1.



Sunday morning Cheryl encouraged us to see ASK as a gift to be shared with no strings attached. She reminded us to stay focused and not "let those things we love dearly, trample God's plan and purpose for us." She challenged us to respond to the call to A*rise, to recognize the time in which we live. Our words, actions and prayers should reflect that we know what time it is and we know what to do.

The A*rise leadership gathering was truly a time of refreshing, equipping, encouraging, and commissioning: "for the hour has come to awake from sleep." A chapter in history is closing and a new one is opening. Indeed, Salvation is near to us!

New Look for the Website

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Getting to Know our National Teams

Generations Team: Anne Doggett leader; Nancy Merritt, Kim Patierno



“From generation to generation” is a phrase sprinkled through scripture. Teach your children... Honor the elders... God cares about the interactions among the generations, including the unborn. Indeed He has made Community a foundation of our faith. We need each other! Our team endeavors to foster teaching, fellowship and prayer across the generations, especially in spreading the joy and value of biblical meditation and targeted prayer walking. When Jesus prayed in John 17:20-21, He had you and me in mind: “... May they all be one, even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so *that the world may believe...*” The Generations Team encourages the building up from within so that God’s truth and mercy can be walked out and spread abroad. Pray for us, will you? That we continue to wait on Him for vision and strategy. We want to be living examples of Hebrews 10:23-24. For He who calls us is faithful and He will do it!

National Prayer Call Changes Coming on September 6th!!

Based on feedback we received at the A*rise Conference, we are making changes to the National Prayer Call timing and format in order to encourage more participation and to more closely reflect the model of ASKing prayer.

What does not change:

- * The date remains the same - first Saturday of each month
- * We will still share communion together
- * We will provide a focus and scriptures for meditation

What does change:

- * Starting time changed to 9:30 eastern time
- * Duration of call changed to 1 hour
- * Conference call prayer will more closely reflect the ASK model of ASKers briefly sharing what they have received in meditation and then praying it in with short, specific prayers.

