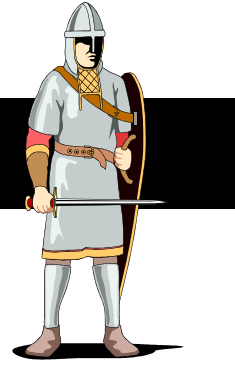


Wall of Prayer



April 20, 2007

Dear Faithful Prayer Warrior,

As we are well in to our ninth year* of praying for teens across our nation, I am so very grateful for your perseverance and for the compassion and faithfulness of our merciful God. He continues to give me confidence in our efforts through John 15:16, “You did not chose Me but I chose you, that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask of the Father in My name, He may give it to you.” We have been chosen to assist in the supernatural harvest of many souls. There is much fruit to realize in this spiritual wasteland.

We are all familiar with the account in Numbers 13 of the twelve Hebrew spies chosen to go into Canaan and “check out the lay of the land.” The report was grand with word of abundant milk and honey and evidence of enormous clusters of fruit. Yet ten of the men focused on the size of the inhabitants of the land rather than on the harvest to glean. Though the Lord God—who parted the Red Sea and destroyed the Egyptian army—had already told them that the land would be theirs, the ten tried to convince the people that it was impossible to take the land. They said, “...it is a land that devours its inhabitants...the men are of great size...and we became grasshoppers in our own eyes and we looked the same to them.” Their report was absolutely true—the opposition would be enormous and the people were powerless—but it was not complete. The all-knowing, almighty Jehovah God was left out of the picture. His sovereign will was for His chosen people to harvest the abundance of the land.

The fields are white for harvest in our nation. Jesus’ words tell us His sovereign will: “Let the children come to Me.” Our prayers are essential for this harvest. Satan is devouring our youth and we are like grasshoppers in the face of the media and commercial “giants” that captivate them; the giants of the drug culture, increasing violence, and the broadening sexual boundaries are destroying them. Spiritual battles must be fought. Getting past the voices that discourage us from even entering the battlefield of prayer may be our biggest challenge of all. God never expected the Israelites to conquer the land without Him. Joshua and Caleb knew this and their entire lives were spent seeking God and believing His promises.

The Hebrew word for “seek,” so often used in the Old Testament means, “to frequent; to tread.” When we hear the voices of doubt, discouragement, or distraction we must turn our focus from the giants and seek our God. We must beat a path to our God, frequent His throne of grace, and pour our hearts out to Him. Look around and see the beautiful fruit. Let the children come to Him. Satan wants this precious fruit, but Jesus promises us that whatever we ask of the Father He will give us. Never turn back!

In Him,

Susan Admire

*This is a reprint of a letter sent when we were in our fifth year of praying for our students. I was encouraged to read on March 22, in *TIME magazine*, of the favorable

acceptance Bible curriculums are receiving in 460 school districts in thirty-seven states.¹ God is answering our many prayers for our students to somehow, somehow to come into contact with His word. In response to the TIME article, Charles Colson wrote in a guest column for *Christian Post*, “And having once dipped into the Bible, I believe, they will be more inspired to read on their own. They may even consider joining a Bible study to learn more—that is if somebody invites them. And they just might remember the Bible’s stories and teachings when making decisions about whether to engage in casual sex or follow the crowd into crime.” And as we prayed last year at this time, “While our motive is not to endorse materials we have not seen or a textbook we have not read, we are encouraged that students across our nation may soon read Biblical truth. Our prayer continues to be that the Holy Spirit would sear the hearts of our youth with the truth of His Word and move them to repentance and salvation. As Paul wrote to the Philippians, regardless of the reason, the important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached through His Word (Phil. 1:16-18).”²

Biblical illiteracy—another giant being conquered, even as we pray.

¹ Van Biema, David. “The Case for Teaching the Bible.” TIME March 22, 2007.

² Taken from the Wall of Prayer letter, April, 2006