



Prayer Evangelism Workshop Leads to 'Operation Saturation'

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Monday Night (July 14)

Although we were initially disappointed that our guest speaker—Dave Thompson from Harvest Evangelism—had his flight cancelled and never made it to Newark, God blessed us abundantly with His presence and with amazing reports from those who attended Harvest’s Overseas Training Mission in Argentina. More than 50 people piled into the Dominion Fellowship Ministries headquarters on James Street to hear how Prayer Evangelism is being put into practice in communities across Argentina.



Prayer Evangelism workshop participants receiving reports from Argentina

After the Rev. Dr. Jackie Reeves opened the evening with prayer, Pastor Irving Johnson, Carol Ingersoll, Martha Seidler and others led us in Spirit-inspired worship. Lloyd Turner then introduced several groups who were participating, including Nancy Esbenshade and three of her intercessors from Carbondale, Pa; four Amish gentlemen from Lancaster county, Pa; five with Silvio DelCampo, an Hispanic pastor from Dunellen, NJ; the Dominion Fellowship Ministries team; missionaries from World Impact-Newark; and individuals representing other ministries in Essex and Union Counties.



Rev. Dr. Jackie Reeves opened the evening with prayer



Pastor Silvio del Campo (on the left) and his team from Dunellen (including his daughter at his immediate left)

Dr. Wilks distributed and offered an overview of the evening's agenda. He shared from his heart the vision that he had received from the Lord more than a decade ago of Satan holding the city. As the prayers of the church rose up the enemy was not able any longer to hold the city, and he collapsed under its weight.



Dr. Wilks illustrating his dream of the strongman over the city falling down

Dr. Wilks also shared some of his experience on the Overseas Transformation Mission trip to Argentina with Harvest Evangelism. He was accompanied by David Ingersoll, Irving Johnson, Mable Lewis and Althea Gravesande. Each was given opportunity to share their experience. Lloyd, Jackie Reeves and I also shared from our hearts and experience.

David Ingersoll from World Impact exuded the joy and love of Christ. He said that he had gone down with one simple prayer - that he would become more like Jesus. I'll save his story for another time. Pastor Fran Huber closed the evening with a benediction.

Tuesday (July 15)



Prayer Evangelists surrounding Dr. Wilks

On Tuesday morning 20 of us gathered to pray and hear how the Lord had been speaking to each of the participants. We shared testimonies and prayer request for almost two hours. During that time we sensed a real affirmation that Dr. Wilks has received a unique, God-given authority in the city. As we prayed over him, we received strong confirmations from the Holy Spirit.

Next we drove over to Dominion's Manna Station facility on 16th Avenue. This is in the heart of the Central Ward and is located in a challenging neighborhood. We prayed for a woman - please add your prayers to ours - for comfort as the man she was with died that week under tragic circumstances. She was in great pain and received some comfort and a measure of healing as we prayed for her.

We then did an exercise in prayer evangelism that Dr. Wilks called "Operation Saturation". We set out in teams of 4-5 in all four directions from the 16th Ave location. The teams prayer walked, prayed blessings on those they encountered and as the Spirit led, engaged in conversation. I met some ladies who adopted streets, one person received the Lord and many received blessings and prayer.



Team returning to the Manna Station following the Operation Saturation prayer walk

Lloyd reports, "The head of my prayer team received a promotion to leadership on Tuesday. At the beginning she was hesitant to lead us, but we told her she was the one who had spiritual authority on 16th Avenue, since she lived in that neighborhood. At the end of our prayer walk she had follow-up appointments scheduled for Wednesday with a barber, a beauty salon owner, a grocery store owner, the manager of a fast food shop, a liquor store owner, and a "woman of the streets". We declare that the Kingdom of God is at hand at the Manna Station!"

By that time we were hungry and it was nearly 3 PM. Many had to leave, but the Amish fellows, Lloyd, Dr. Wilks, David Ingersoll and I went to Applebees for lunch. Then the Lancaster County team wanted to prayer walk their newly adopted neighborhood. Oh I forgot to tell you, they decided to adopt ALL the streets in the so-called "Forgotten Triangle". As I had been praying, I sensed that the Lord was prompting me not to call it that anymore but to call it by a new name: Trinity Place. Steve Lapp said that he thought it would be the Holy of Holies.

They were amazed at the spiritual hunger of the people and would like to come back soon with "busloads" of intercessors from Lancaster County. PTL! We walked the perimeter with them (most of it anyway). They were still going strong when we took off to get a little rest. What an awesome time!

Prepared by Joanne Turner, July 21, 2008



***Ministering to residents in the Trinity Place –
formerly known as the “Forgotten Triangle”***