

Friday, September 30, 2011
Year in Review Report

Dear Friends in Prayer,

Some have asked about me and wanted to know what is happening in Pat Chen's ministry and First Love Ministries International. This will be a "Year in Review" as well as things to come, which will help you catch up to where I am presently and where I believe the Lord is leading me. This has been one of my busiest years for ministry, travel and meeting family needs on the East Coast. I still live on the West Coast in California and have a full ministry there, but I also do a great deal on the East Coast. You could call me "bi-coastal."

Churches, Organizations and Ministry Overview:

As always, my first call is to intimacy with God, to know Him, to love Him and to minister His presence. I am called to the apostolic, but also to prophetic and pastoral ministry as needed, both nationally and internationally. After 35 years of ministry, the Lord enables us to do many things as He wills and directs. The ministry call is to pray, preach and minister prophetically whenever and wherever the Lord leads, as well as to help give oversight and governance to various churches and ministries as He opens doors. The Lord has given me opportunities to pray, preach and minister in the prophetic in Sunday services and church conferences on the East and West Coast. I had the privilege of being the keynote speaker for the first graduation ceremony for the Bible College of The Good Samaritan Church, San Pablo, California headed by Bishop John Bell. In September and October, I am traveling in the Washington, DC area for a few weeks to spend time with family, on Capitol Hill to visit the US Senate Chaplain and the House of Representatives Chaplain. I will spend time in our new "Secret Place" prayer room near the White House with various pastors and prayer leaders and end my time on the East Coast by preaching twice at an Annual Church Conference from October 5- 9, 2011 in Waynesboro, Virginia.

What a privilege it has been to serve on various Board of Directors, Executive Committees and church and ministry organizations, only some of which I will mention below. Much of what I have been doing is apostolic in nature. There are a lot of little struggling churches, organizations and leaders out there that need encouragement, direction and a greater dimension of His presence. I continue to serve on the Board of Directors for the National Prayer Committee which sponsors the National Day of Prayer. This same Board also governs the National Day of Prayer Task Force whose spokesperson is Shirley Dobson. The National Prayer Committee comes together to seek the Lord on behalf of the nation and to hear prayer reports of various efforts going on across the nation. They seek the Lord for His next steps and strategies to be taken as a prayer movement and pray for the welfare of our nation and the Church.

The whole month of July, I assisted Pastor David Kim at Parkway Fellowship

International Prayer Center in Dublin, CA as he and his wife, Sara, just had their first baby. I preached two of the four Sundays and, when not traveling, I help with preaching, advising, counseling and support, etc. The International House of Prayer - East Bay (IHOP) has operated their prayer ministry within the Parkway Fellowship building for several years now. Pastor David is one of the Founders and Board members. As you know, IHOP East Bay is a tremendous prayer ministry that teaches and trains prayer missionaries and helps foster great passion in prayer for certain focuses, such as spiritual awakening, abortion and revival for the region and nation. Pastor David has asked me to give input into developing a local church prayer ministry. My position and role there is Pastoral Advisor and since my West Coast ministry office and prayer room is located on premises, it is a good fit for me. I will be speaking into that effort as time and travel permit.

The “Secret Place” Prayer Room near The White House:

As I write this portion of my report, it is September the 11th and we are remembering how our Nation was changed after the terrible terrorist attack and thousands of people were killed. Many of us have been repenting and praying for spiritual awakening, revival and also protection and economic recovery for our nation even though we realize we don't deserve it. We recognize our need for God's goodness and grace and we cry out to Him for mercy to triumph over judgment.

Ten years ago, due to the attacks on 9/11, the Lord called me to increase my prayer ministry in Washington, DC. As you know, we had a prayer room on Capitol Hill for three years and have waited on the Lord to reveal a place for the Prayer Room to move near the White House. On December 4, 2010, we dedicated and reopened the “Secret Place” Prayer Room, located around the corner from the White House. Local pastors, Aglow leaders and others traveled in from out of state for our Christmas Celebration Dedication. One of our Board members, Dr. Mike Reynolds, formally with Chabot Space and Science Center, Oakland, California and now Dean of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Florida State College, Jacksonville, Florida, inspired us with “the Star of Bethlehem” teaching. Our Reception Office and Prayer Room is in a building strategically located right next door to the White House New Executive Office Building. I give many thanks to Sherry Gilmore and Pam Eichorn, of Ajoyin Publishing, for sharing their creative gifts to make the Prayer Room beautiful and presentable for our guests. The building was not affected by the 5.8 earthquake that recently hit the DC area though it is just a few blocks away from the damaged and now closed National Washington Monument. The DC area had a hurricane as well and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Dedication was postponed due to the hurricane until a later date. It is now September 29th and I am in DC. I have had the opportunity to see the MLKJ Memorial and, though there have been negative remarks concerning the Memorial, I was inspired by it and pleased to see its strategic location next to the Tidal Basin, as well as the particular quotes that were used. It is an important “stone of remembrance” for our nation and the world to see.

We held a White House Historical Briefing the day before our Annual Worship Prayer Summit in April. It was facilitated by a White House Park Ranger who has worked at the White House for over 30 years. We were surprised and pleased to find out in his Briefing that our Prayer Room is in the building positioned within the borders of what is officially and historically called "The Presidents Park". The President's Park is about 81 acres of land which includes Lafayette Park, several historical and White House buildings and surrounding acreage. This acreage also includes the plot where the National Christmas Tree is on display. We learned from the Park Ranger that there is no true front or back of the White House. We mused at the reason. When Diplomats, Kings, Queens and Dignitaries enter either side of the White House, they never enter the "back door."

On a visit to the Decatur House and Museum, which is right next door and left of our Prayer Room building, I discovered that it was the very first residence to be in the neighborhood of the White House. This house also had two slave families, which were the first slaves in the neighborhood. They kept the grounds and lived in the second floor slave quarters. Our office and prayer room is located on the second floor in the adjoining building. I noticed the replica of the official state seal of California imbedded in the wooden floor. These wood floors were taken from the California Redwoods. I am constantly amazed with how the Lord gives confirmations and signs that we are in the right place. The White House Historical Association oversees the Decatur House and its headquarters is located nearby in what is referred to as the Federal Four Square Blocks of buildings just steps away from the White House. The Faith-Based and Neighborhood Communities Office is located in this same four square block of buildings.

Washington, DC is the "seat of our government" for our nation and Capitol Hill represents the Legislative branch. The White House represents the Executive Branch where the "head" of the "free world" lives and conducts business. It is without a doubt that the Lord has placed us at a key "root" and "hot spot" of power to pray for our nation and the number one leader in the world, the President. We realize that man and politicians cannot change things, but God uses man and works in the hearts of man and through circumstances, good and bad. We trust in God, His Word and pray His kingdom come and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven. We have had key leaders, pastors, prayer leaders and Aglow teams visit the prayer room to lift up our Nation and President in these very desperate and critical days. Prayer teams need to be small due to the size of the Prayer Room, but people have come to pray from Florida, Georgia, Indiana, South Carolina, Oklahoma, and California and of course, Washington, DC, Maryland, Virginia, and other states. You can sit in the Prayer Room and look directly out the little window at the back of the New Executive Office Building where some of the White House staff work and pray.

I believe the Lord does not take lightly our humble efforts, even with all of our imperfections, to beseech Him in persevering and prevailing prayer. One could be discouraged as it seems our nation and global issues continue to look weak spiritually and economically. But we must not give up. We walk by faith and not by sight. I am blessed and relieved that I do not have to be present when people visit to pray, due to several trusted pastors and leaders in the DC Metropolitan Area who have keys to enter the Prayer Room building as needed.

FLMI Worship and Prayer Summit, Washington, DC:

In April 14-16, 2011, we held our Gatekeepers Worship and Prayer Summit in Washington, DC. We began on Thursday afternoon with a White House Historical Briefing held in the Conference Room in our Prayer Room building where the Park Ranger from the White House facilitated the Briefing as mentioned above. Thursday evening, we had a Prayer Banquet at the Historical Hay-Adams Hotel across from the White House, Lafayette Park and St John's Church, known as "The Church of the Presidents". The Prayer Banquet and other Summit functions are held in strategic historical locations as we prayed for the President, the Executive, Legislative and Judicial Branches of Government. The Lord ministered in significant ways in the Friday and Saturday sessions on behalf of our Nation and the Church. We leave the results up to Him. Our speakers were Bishop Harry Jackson, Dr. Paul Cedar, Pastor Che' Ahn, Bill Yount, Pastor John Bell, Kelly Wright from FOX News and me. One of the Summit highlights is the Gatekeepers Roundtable Forum, which is a panel of leaders used of God in the Seven Spheres of influence in society. I have been conducting the Seven Mountains focus, as some call it, for six years now and will be expanding this concept in future conferences, including on the West Coast. The Seven Mountains are the church/religion, family, government, education, business, media, and arts/entertainment. The date for next year's Gatekeepers Worship and Prayer Summit is April 19-21, 2012.

Aglow International Board of Directors (IBOD) Resignation:

Recently, I resigned from some of my involvements and will be dropping some others as well. There is a time and season for everything and my resignation on the Aglow International Board of Directors will be effective October 2, 2011. Working alongside Jane Hansen Hoyt and the women on the Aglow IBOD helping to govern the ministry in 170 nations over these years has been a great honor and most wonderful privilege. There is no other ministry like it and once an Aglow woman, always an Aglow woman. That's me! As I am called upon and my schedule allows, I will continue to minister in Aglow. I am scheduled to speak at an Aglow Spring Retreat next year in Ohio April 13-15, 2011 and also at an Aglow State Conference in South Carolina May 4-6, 2011.

Mission America Coalition (MAC) Board of Directors Return:

After many years of being away from the Board of Directors of the Mission America Coalition, I will return as one of two women and attend my first Board meeting October 20, 2011 in Dallas, Texas. Dr. Paul Cedar, the CEO and

Chairman, asked me to return to the Board (referred to as the National Facilitation Committee) and I am looking forward to serving again in this new season of ministry. MAC is an unprecedented Coalition of Christian leaders who have prayerfully come together to mobilize the Church for praying, caring and sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ in deed and word. Leaders from 81 denominations and over 350 ministries and dozens of ministry networks have been involved in the Coalition. The MAC Mission Statement is: "The Whole Church taking the Whole Gospel to the Whole Nation - and the World!"

The Board members I will be serving with are as follows:

Dr. Paul Cedar, CEO & Chairman

Dr. Lon Allison, The Billy Graham Center

Rev. Jeff Farmer, Open Bible Churches

Dr. Roger Parrott, Belhaven College

Dr. Leith Anderson, National Association of Evangelicals

Mr. Alan Andrews, U.S. Navigators

Dr. Glenn Burris, Jr., The Foursquare Church

Rev. Dave Butts, The National Prayer Committee

Rev. Dr. W. C. Champion, Christian Methodist Episcopal Church

Dr. Robert E. Coleman, Gordon Conwell Seminary

Dr. Danny de Le'on, Templo Calvario

Dr. Stephen B. Douglass, Campus Crusade for Christ

Dr. Ken Hemphill, Southern Baptist Convention

Dr. Sterling Huston, Billy Graham Evangelistic Association

Dr. Larry Lewis, Southern Baptist Convention

Rev. Phil Miglioratti, Mission America Coalition, COO

Dr. Tom Phillips, Billy Graham Evangelistic Association

Mrs. Mary Lance Sisk, Love Your Neighbor Ministries

Potential House of Prayer in the DC Area:

Recently, I was contacted by a dear couple I have known for more than 20 years. They are now retired and have moved to Miami, Florida. They asked me to pray about using their house in Ft. Washington, Maryland and managing it as a House of Prayer for when I travel to DC, as well as for various Pastors, Prayer Leaders and Missionaries. It is about a 20 minutes' drive outside of DC. They took their house off the market after two years and will take care of the insurance, utilities and the general upkeep of the house. I have stayed there many times and visited the house recently. It is a very nice one story rambler with three bedrooms, two baths, a sunken living room, stainless steel kitchen, dining area, den, family room with fireplace and a two car garage. It has a beautiful treed "park-like" back yard with two patios and is just a block away from a marina. The house is completely empty, but there is one main obstacle. I will need to raise the funds to decorate and transform it into a beautiful place to stay. Those who stay at this House of Prayer will be expected to give a donation. Please pray with me as I continue to seek the Lord to confirm and show me when or if I should move on this. Our basic ministry finances have been very tough this year, which

makes it difficult to think about obtaining finances for another project. But the Lord is my Provider and may send provision through a donor or two.

Monthly Prayer Teleconference Call and Prayer Room Visits:

If you desire to pray with me and others on a monthly basis for our nation and global issues and also keep up with my ministry travels especially to Washington, DC, please let me know by emailing me or going on the website, www.firstloveprayer.net, for the information to do so. I look forward to hearing from you.

I have a passion for His presence,
Pastor Pat Chen