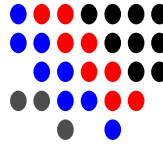


Newmarket Alliance Church

Transformed people, transforming the world



E-Update
September 16, 2008

Please use this e-update is to stay informed, and as prayer reference, when you and your cell are praying about what's happening at NAC.

You may also refer to website www.nacnet.net for more complete listings, and unedited letters.

This week's promise from God:

"The intense prayer of righteous people is very powerful."

—James 5. 16

Primary Strategy: Prayer

NAC's Prayer Room is open for all who want to come and pray:

Sunday 9-9.30am	Monday 7-8.00pm	Tuesday This could be yours!	Wednesday 7-8.00am (New Hope)
Thursday This could be yours!	Friday 7-8.00am	Saturday (NAC Attic)	

Last week, 22 people participated in these prayer events!

Listening to God this week: (James 5.13-20)

NOTES: In calling people to listen to God, then act as prayer warriors, James gives us some specific advice

V.13 Pray about what's wrong... we are called to not ignore, not to be in denial, but to acknowledge something's wrong... and pray

V.13 Praise about what's right ... we are called to not take our blessings for granted, but to specify them and give thankful praise

V.14-15 Speak the word of faith, and believe it.. we are called to take action about things, and to exercise God's authority to change things, from wrong to right... many times this requires faith, which is itself a gift from God

V.16 Confess sins to one another... we are called to be people of transparency and authenticity with other, humbly acknowledging our imperfections, and our need for God's forgiveness.

V.16 Pray for one another... we are called to humbly extend grace to one another, and to speak God's forgiveness to each other.

"Transformed people" step up to their call to be prayer warriors, and are not afraid to be real in front of God, and with each other... and they're the ones who see the impossible become possible!

My prayer for you for this week:

- That God will give you insights to recognize what's wrong, and what's right... and pray accordingly
- That God will give you courage to be authentic with at least one other person
- That God will give you the triumphant experience of seeing Him do "impossible" things because of your prayers.

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Sundays at NAC

- Sept.21** Anniversary Celebration, Cell Festival, Baptism, and BBQ Lunch!
- Sept 21-Oct.18** Bridging the Great Divide
- Oct.19** Larry Kreider (DOVE International)

NAC Announcements:

- **Pray4Canada** is an initiative to raise up an army of prayer warriors (200+) for Canada during the days of this general election. (Sept.7-Oct.15).
Join the army on Facebook, see daily updates at <http://pray4canada-pray4canada.blogspot.com>, or email: ianknight@likegroup.com
- **VHS, on Saturday, Sept.27**, for all G3 and Cell leaders. Meet at NAC 9am-12.30pm
- **FSIO Saturday Oct. 4**, all day NACPAC event

Other Announcements:

- **Preparation for Marriage Seminar, Sept 19-20** at ValleyView Alliance Church. Call NAC or VVAC office for details
- ValleyView and NAC are co-sponsoring a concert of the **African Children's Choir, Oct. 12** at Valley View Alliance Church. Children from the Choir will need to be billeted on Sunday October 12 and Monday October 12. Call NAC of VVAC church office if you can help with billeting. More details to follow.
- NAC and DOVE are co-hosting a seminar on **Oct. 18**, at NAC. **"How to fulfill your calling as a Spiritual Father or Mother"**. Brochures are available at NAC.
- **Teen Challenge work crew needed.** If you have construction skills and could help out on a Saturday once a month at Teen Challenge, King City please contact Tim Gordon at home, 905-775-4361 or email at gordgang@rogers.com

Please pray for:

Prayer for Healing

Alan (friend of Rob and Diane Whiting)
Doug Donovan (friend of Catherine Perry)
Christine Hunt's sister
Linda Hurren's cousin, Adrian Cooper
Mike Coles' mother, Wanda
Rob Lees' mother
Linda Cassidy
Mike Stawski's mother
Mary-Lynne Hurn

Out of the country:

(** see letter attached)

Jonathan Hurn (Afghanistan)
Lianne Litow (Australia)
Meredith Lopez (Kenya)**
Sean Stewart (Kenya)

Away from Newmarket:

Jon Alle (Brandon)
Matt Alle (Brandon)
Aynsley Bateman (Tyndale)
Josh Bojakra (Tyndale)
Sarah Bowyer (Guelph)
Jon Dew (St Catherine's)
Stephanie Dunn (Brock)
Jordan Fast (U of T)
Nicole Griffith (McMaster)
Michelle & Matt Hodgson (Tyndale)
Mary-Lynne Hurn (Redeemer)

Michael Klauke (Georgian)
Sarah Klauke (Ambrose)
Suzanne Perdeaux (Waterloo)
Josh Perry (Georgian)
Lynette Pretorius (U of T)
Angelina Ramroop (York)
Jessica Robinson (Brock)
Nick Wallar (Waterloo)
Robin Wallar (McMaster)
Ryan Willems (Orillia)
Gabe Wong (Ottawa)

• From Meredith:

I was at our children's home on Saturday. I spent most of my day with a 3.5 month old in my arms. His name is Ezekiel. He is the son of the director to the home.

I was the first visitor to hold Ezekiel when he was born (after hospital staff and his mother). He was just a few hours old. His skin was so light that they jokingly called him mzungu (for white person/European here). It was a joke that he could totally pass for my son...half white/half Kenyan. I was definitely willing at that moment to take him home with me.

Three and a half months later and he's changed to a beautiful shade of brown with these beautiful big brown eyes. He can no longer be mistaken for an mzungu. His mother says that Ezekiel and I have a special bond. She says he knows me well. She calls me his

second mother. When he's fussy, I take him and unless he's hungry, I can calm him down. I sing to him, I pat his bottom, I rock him, I cuddle to him, I kiss him. On Saturday, I had him

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smiling and talking up a storm (well more like baby gurgling sounds but I'll take what I can get). I engaged in eye contact and baby gurgling conversation with him. Every time he smiled that toothless, gum-filled smile, it made me smile more.

The children were laughing at my interaction with Ezekiel, seeing an adult pretend to understand the language of a 3.5 month old. But the more I showed my

interest in what he was moving on about or gurgling about, the more he would smile, kick his feet and gurgle.

It's an amazing thing to see; to see the smile of a baby, of a child.

It's moments like this when I ache to be a mom; to be able to hold a child of my own. I can't wait for morning sickness (yes seriously!), baby kicks, back pains, discomfort, hours of labor...all for the life of a child. To me, the nine months is worth it all. To see my husband, hold his baby for the first time...to see him have gurgling conversations with our baby. On Saturday as I held Ezekiel, I ached for all of that even more.

I remember having a conversation with a family member, before I knew Kenya was where I was going to be. We were talking about wanting children some day and she said to me, "Meredith, I know you will have children some day. They may or may not be yours in flesh but you will forever be surrounded by children and you will be called Mom." Four years later, I was in Kenya, surrounded by children and many called me, and still call me, Mom.

Children mean so much to me. I wouldn't be here if they didn't. To see the transformation of a malnourished, sad being to a healthy, happy child is amazing and so wonderful to be a part of. It's amazing to see what God does in these children.

There are over 2 million orphans in Kenya alone. I wish my arms were long enough to hug them all, but since they aren't, I'll hug as many of them, individually, whenever I can. I may not be a "mom" yet, but I have the love in me...why not give it out to the children who need it.