



Gateway Partner Update

How Great is Our God

"How great is our God!" we all sang as the Gateway Prayer Conference opened. There were very few prior relationships among those that were singing, but we all knew that God was great and that He would meet us when gathered in His name.

Twenty-five people from different cities, states, churches and walks of life listened to Lesley Barker as

she brought her 30 years of expertise as an intercessor to us. We learned that God would not impact those we are praying for unless He first met us in love and repentance. We learned the rewards and challenges of intimate prayer from Esther, the Shulamite woman, Abraham, Jonah, Moses and Daniel.

The times of soaking worship led by Mike and

Mary Morrow and Pam Berry brought us into His presence where He ministered to us and we to each other.

Saturday night Lesley brought out her prayer aids for Lexington and we pressed into prayer for the city and the world coming to Lexington for the World Equestrian Games.

The Lord blessed us lavishly we great food and friendships that will last for eternity.



Trust in the Lord at all times

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight."

God is amazing when we really allow him to lead and trust him for the outcome. The Gateway Prayer Conference has been one of those events the Lord has used to show Himself faithful and help us to walk with Him in His dimension.

The test of our faith walk came as the time for the conference drew closer.

There were few registrations and many people we had invited declined for various reasons.

As we prayed about cancellation wondering if we had heard the Lord correctly, he brought to us the parable

of the wedding feast. We believed that we were to go into the highways and byways and compel guests to come in. He also brought us to repentance of our preconceived idea that it was for women only. The Lord moved in both of our hearts at the same time and we said, "Yes Lord."

Within days of the conference our hearts began to change and we put out an open invitation to the intercessors we knew in Lexington to just come. We asked people to invite people they knew who had a heart for intercession.

We began to experience great joy to be able to show the Lord's lavish nature towards those who came.

The spirit of the Lord was evident in the worship, the teaching and the meals

together. At times it was palpable. God planted seeds in each person and you could see the Lord bringing life in each individual.

The testimony of our prayer conference journey is that God stretched us beyond our own thinking and caused us to risk in order to follow Him in something greater than we knew. He showed himself faithful to do more than we could think or imagine.

We believe that we are to walk like this in greater measure if we are to accomplish all the Lord has in mind. In the words of John the Baptist, "He must increase and we must decrease."

We are grateful to you for being part of this journey through your prayers, your giving, and your words of encouragement.



Prayer and Praise

Praise the Lord for the lessons learned about walking by faith.

Praise the Lord for the fruit from the conference.

Praise the Lord for keeping Ken in the finishing of the barn.

Praise the Lord that we accomplished our goal of putting the accounting online so we can access it from the computer anywhere.

Pray that the Lord would lead and guide us as we pray for the next steps to take in 2010.

Pray that God would give us the resources in people and funds to take the next steps.

Pray for divine help as we put together the annual report due out early in October.

Pray for traveling mercies as we are spending much time away from home in September.



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Finished at Last!!

Many of you have been following the "barn" project through the summer. Some of you have been instrumental in launching the project and setting up the walls. It seems fitting that all of you should see the finished product.

With everything else that was going on, we both still felt that we were to build the barn and build it at this time. It was the hardest building project Ken had ever attempted. He asked the Lord to help him learn those lessons that needed to be learned in the process.

One lesson was the joy of team. While he did most of the project by himself, several men from our church were critical in getting the project started correctly. There was great joy in working together and things went smoother and faster when everyone pitched in. One of our neighbors took an interest and

helped Ken on many occasions. We certainly got to know our neighbors better.

Building the barn required constant prayer for skill understanding and help from the Lord. Every detail required prayer. Whenever Ken would try something in his own limited understanding, it would have to be done over. This is a discipline that seemed critical for ministry in the days ahead.

Many of our intercessors saw the barn project as a picture of the ministry. It was important to finish it quickly and set the doors in place.

It was finished the day before the prayer conference. Like the prayer conference, it

required a step of faith and obedience.

Finishing the barn is only the beginning. Making use of it will be the real blessing. Every time we look at the barn we are reminded of God's faithfulness to help us do greater things than we have ever attempted. If our intercessors are right about it being a picture of the ministry, we are excited to see what he will do next with the Gateway Center.



More than just a barn; it is a symbol of God's faithfulness

