



ANSWERS TO PRAYER

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“LORD, I have heard of your fame; I stand in awe of your deeds, LORD.
Repeat them in our day, in our time make them known; in wrath remember mercy.” Hab. 3:2

“THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE”

Eugene City Manager Jon Ruiz attended a monthly One Hope Gathering to address the pastors. He listed the answers to prayer he sees from his perspective, and beseeched us to keep praying.

Since the start of One Church - One Day, trust and collaboration have grown between Lane County and the City of Eugene. Ruiz shared that they are **working together better than they have in decades.**

This paved the way for the TAC Report, a complete city/county strategic plan to house the unhoused; one of the greatest challenges facing our region. Here’s what Ruiz had to say about the role of prayer, hard work, and the faith community:

“This is the first time in decades where we have the opportunity to make a significant difference [by implementing the TAC Report]. Though, while we could actually make a significant impact, it is the faith community who has the miraculous gift.”



MENTAL HEALTH MOMENTUM

First Responders, along with other justice system and social service providers, meet monthly for a “Mental Health Summit” to discuss the crisis & collaborative solutions. First responders praise God for the growing momentum. Participation has grown, and so have relationships. The increased communication is leading participants to “say the same things” and see with greater perspective. There is growing consensus that there is need for a Mental Health Crisis Center that would care for individuals when a jail or hospital is not the best option.

CHURCH ANSWERS



ATHEIST YOUTH TO SPORTS EVANGELIST

A single mom finally convinced her self-professed atheist son to attend their church youth group. He felt so accepted and loved, he wanted to keep going. Soon after, he gave his life to Christ!

When he chose to go to church camp instead of a sporting event, his teammates criticized him. Instead of changing his plans, he took the opportunity to tell his team how much his life had changed because of Jesus!

THE POWER OF CONFESSION

A church committed a year to focusing on prayer. During the year, they realized how little we practice confession. They began to teach and give appropriate space to practice James 5. The emphasis changed a man’s life, along with his family.

The man came to his pastor, and it took nearly 20 minutes to bring his confession into the open. He’d struggled with uncontrollable rage for years, and his wife was the only one who’d witnessed it. By confessing, he broke free from his pride and came into the light. His pastor prayed with him, agreeing for his freedom. Since then, he hasn’t struggled with anger! It’s been a year of peace and freedom!

“UNCHURCHED” KIDS LEARN BIBLE

An older congregation prayed for more kids to come to their church. They started a Bible Release Program through Child Evangelism where kids leave school for an hour every week to learn about the Bible. Now 43 kids attend the program! Primarily unchurched kids get to learn about the Bible every week, and the church is building relationship with them. Some of the ladies hosted a Valentine’s night for the girls, and a boy came in one afternoon saying, “I love Jesus!”