

"Not to us, Lord, not to us but to your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness."

Psalms 115:1

THE ARTS + DHS COLLIDE

We've prayed for artists to use their gifts for the glory of God, along with specific prayer for the Pacific Rim Art Guild (a group of Christian artists) to have vision and new places of influence. We also consistently pray for Every Child and the foster care system:

A unique partnership is developing. It all started with an Every Child DHS makeover. Six churches painted + refreshed DHS waiting rooms at the West 11th office, and the PAC Rim donated two art pieces for one of the rooms. Families and staff enjoyed the pieces so much, that they asked the artists for more paintings on loan. The Jesus-followers then created new paintings to fill the walls of the office, and the employees love them!

Further collaboration is happening too: DHS asked the PAC Rim artists to provide painting classes for children in foster care over Spring Break. It's in the works!

GOD ON THE MOVE AT UO



College student & young adults packed the EMU Ballroom in February – 680 people! Francis Chan + Andrew Palau **shared the Gospel in the heart of the University of Oregon + 35 students responded to the message!** We're rejoicing with heaven over their new life in Christ. Beyond "the numbers," here are reasons to give thanks:

- The morning of the outreach, a young woman stood up in front of her lecture class, inviting 500 students to **Come and See**, while her friends cheered her on. An answer to prayer for boldness.
- A girl, recently returning to faith herself, brought her roommates to the event, and they all made commitments to Christ too!
- Two different young women recommitted their lives to Jesus, one whom her friends had prayed for years, and another began to tremble as the Gospel was shared!
- Multiple international students responded to the Gospel.
- NCU and UO students were excited about prayer walking on campus weeks before the outreach.

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COME + SEE *continued*

- Hundreds of Christian students had the opportunity to see how many believers are on campus.

- One young man said, "it was so good just to hear the simple Gospel again," and we're trusting students left focused and activated to share their faith with their friends and classmates beyond the event.

We believe this is only the beginning, and the first fruits of our prayers for hundreds of college students to come to saving faith in Jesus and for God to move in mighty ways on all of our local college campuses.

GOD'S PEOPLE ACCESSIBLE AFFORDABLE HOUSING



This request on the prayer guide stirred a married couple:

Pray for more affordable housing units for our community, for God to use His people to be part of the solution, and for God to remove barriers for everyone in need of housing.

They contacted their pastor about their soon-to-be-vacant rental home. After learning more about the needs of others within their own church family, they decided to offer the house **at well below market value** in order to **provide a safe affordable home for a local family.**

During a street ministry outreach of another church, a group met a young mother who was homeless and at risk of losing her child. A man on the team asked her, "Do you believe God can do it in 30 days?" She said yes, and the man prayed for housing in the next 30 days. Within a month she moved into an apartment + was able to retain custody of her baby.

Another church walked alongside a man who lived in his car with his daughter for years. Through the process he found an apartment, loves his Christian employer + his daughter invited friends over for a sleepover for the *first time!*

These are some examples of how God is using His people to be part of the solution to the affordable housing crisis, even as a larger group of church leaders collaborate more on broader solutions. More stories to come!

A DOCTOR'S PRAYER AT WORK

A member of a church in Springfield discovered this answer to prayer at a local hospital:

"I experienced firsthand how our prayers impact our communities: I was at a local hospital as my neighbor was dying. As life support was about to be removed, the ER doctor gently asked her daughter if she was religious. She said "No, but I believe." He then asked if he could pray. He prayed, "Dear Jesus, help us usher this sweet lady into Your Presence." I know it was a comfort to her daughter, as well as to me, as she soon passed on to heaven."

"I remember we prayed with *One Church-One Day* last year that healthcare professionals would have boldness for the Lord [and pray with patients] . . . Our prayers do matter!"

PASTORS' PRAYER SUMMIT



This January, 70 pastors and leaders pursued God together at Cannon Beach! The Prayer Summit provided time for leaders to be refreshed, receive from God, be real with one another, and focused time to pray for our region. The way leaders were unified and refreshed at the Summit will influence the rest of the year; refreshed and unified leaders lead to healthy churches and a clear witness of Jesus!



A PEOPLE RE:NEW-ED

Nearly 2,500 believers attend Re:New in February. God's people worshipped together in unity, and prayed for God to move in our community, drawing specific people to Himself during this season of "CityFest." At the gathering, we "turned a corner" in CityFest: Now much of the focus will be for people to pray and share with their friends and families who don't know the Lord yet, as well as equipping for believers to share their faith.

Francis Chan encouraged believers that "*God could do anything*," so we can live boldly because the Holy Spirit is alive inside of us. Andrew Palau called us to be people who "carry our friends to Jesus," just like the friends in Mark 4 lowered their paralytic friend to Jesus. In prayer for the lost and sharing with those around us, we have the same opportunity to lead people to the One who has power to heal them and forgive their sins. We trust the Lord is preparing His people for a great season of harvest!

COMMUNITY LEADERS TESTIFY TO ANSWERED PRAYER

First Responder leadership continue to be "super pleased" with the results of their hiring, for which we are praying. Positions are being filled, and many with believers! They encourage us to continue to pray, as positions are still open due to retirement. We'll keep praying for "charactered" men and women to be hired in every department, as God is actively answering our request.

The fire department sent multiple teams to the California wildfires this fall. **None of the teams reported any injuries, which is highly unusual.** Department leaders consider this an answer to our prayers!

Thanks to the high-speed internet infrastructure, **more tech companies are moving to downtown Eugene and prospering here!** Government and business leaders insist this is a result of prayers for our economy.

FOSTER IN THE NEWS



KVAL featured six stories of foster families during February's Foster Family Awareness and Appreciation Month. They highlighted what fostering is like & invited community members to be involved! As we've prayed for Media to highlight stories to help "neighbors love neighbors," and for more foster families, this series is certainly spreading awareness & empowering people to care for vulnerable kids.

A UNIFIED + OUTWARD CHURCH

Churches are being stirred to pray and do outreach more: A church in West Eugene is getting excited as they see answers to prayer. They are seeing the power of prayer afresh, and they're responding by praying and believing more! People at another church are going outside of the four walls of their building, joining in outreaches and prayer walks – and they are excited about it! The number of life groups & people praying through One Church – One Day is growing too!

The senior pastor of a church in downtown Eugene recently retired. The transition of leadership within the church happened without a stutter, in fact they are being propelled with great momentum further in their mission and vision. The buzz of conversation around the last Sunday's message fills mid-week gatherings, and people are excited about the future of their church family. The team attributes the smooth transition to prayers for unity and for their leaders, and being led by the Spirit in their transition. Praise the Lord!