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IN THIS ISSUE

We hope you enjoy this special edition of the *Pentecostal Messenger*, which features the call to *One Mission—One Movement* by Dr. Wayman Ming Jr., our new general bishop. Since January is often a vision-casting month for pastors and churches, this edition seeks to create a connection point from the PCG to every local congregation. Without mission, we perish.

Our prayer is that *One Mission—One Movement* will resonate in every heart and catalyze the Pentecostal Church of God to become a “unified movement of people who live the mission of Christ in their world by the power of the Spirit.”

In this issue, each ministry director provides a unique expression of *One Mission—One Movement* in his/her sphere of influence. We pray that you sense the “unity of the Spirit” as this amazing ministry team purposes to blend their voices as one.

With the name of the “General Office” changing to “International Mission Center” and a commitment to equip new ministers and missionaries, church planters and multicultural leaders, and our existing pastors, we hope 2018 will be a year of accelerated movement toward the mission of Christ for our time and church.

Planning is now in real time for our Centennial celebration in 2019. The time is set—June 25-28—and the place is already scheduled—Dallas-Fort Worth. Stay tuned as specific information comes your way for a divinely providential moment of “celebrating our history” while “clarifying our destiny.”

Down through the years, all members from all churches were encouraged to attend our PCG conventions. The Centennial is a “once-in-a-lifetime” moment. If you want to know where we have been, where we are, and where we are going, this moment is for you. Join the movement by attending “Centennial 2019.”

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UPCOMING EVENTS

January

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JANUARY 1-31, 2018

Women's Ministries
 Connection Registration

January

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JANUARY 5-6, 2018

WEST Encounter: Concord, CA
New Hope Church

January

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JANUARY 7, 2018

Empowered Women's
 Ministries Day

January

12-13

JANUARY 12-13, 2018

CENTRAL Encounter: Galena, KS
Christpoint Church

January

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JANUARY 19-20, 2018

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ONE MISSION ONE MOVEMENT



BY DR. WAYMAN MING JR.

Loved ones, in less than two years, our PCG family from across the country and around the globe will gather together in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex to “celebrate our past” and “seize our destiny.” A new chapter will be written—the “First Chapter of a 2nd-CENTURY PCG.”

The night before Kimberly and I were elected to serve the PCG in the general bishop’s office, our Heavenly Father began downloading an overwhelming call to four words: *One Mission—One Movement*. With clarity, He began to say, *“Become a voice for One Mission—One Movement and express the prophetic utterance that the PCG started as a missional movement in 1919, and must live again as a missional movement in 2019.”*

Down through the years, I have studied our PCG history. When I served in the general secretary’s office, I notated the highlights of every convention written in the archives from 1919 to the present. In fact, when I studied the notes of our

founding meeting held December 29-30 on Halstead Street in Chicago, Illinois, I noticed our undeniable and unwavering commitment to move toward God’s mission on earth.

THE NOTES – 1919 FOUNDING MEETING IN CHICAGO, IL

- (1) The name became “The Pentecostal Assemblies of the USA”
- (2) *The Pentecostal Herald* was recognized as the official paper with a circulation of perhaps three times that of any other Pentecostal paper and was especially committed to **“taking the gospel to those outside of Pentecost.”**
- (3) Delegates were seated with a voice and vote as representatives of their local assemblies.
- (4) Ida Tribett was the first person ordained.
- (5) Right hand of fellowship was extended to “The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada.”
- (6) Went on record to disapprove of any issues that divide and confuse God’s people to no profit and decided that **“aggressive evangelism”** be our motto.
- (7) Resolved that “we shall not be confined...to those who are affiliated

with us, and that we shall not discriminate against any member of the Body of Christ..."

- (8) Resolved that we create a fund, which shall be known as the Home Missionary Fund, for the purpose of **opening up works in new districts in the United States** and supporting them until such time as the work can be put on a self-supporting basis and that this fund shall be distributed at the discretion of the Executive Committee.
- (9) Resolved that due attention be given to the **foreign missionary work**, and that by every available means through the General Assembly and the Local Assemblies, we encourage and assist the Foreign Missionary enterprise.
- (10) The primary Scripture emphasized was "endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (Ephesians 4:3).

(Reference: PCG Archives & Our Story, Aaron Wilson, pp. 75-82)

When we reflect on this first gathering, phrases such as "taking the gospel to those outside of Pentecost" and "aggressive evangelism" affirm our passion to live as an inclusive, grassroots movement of people committed to the mission of Christ. The statements of resolve that specified we would "open up works in new districts in the United States" and pursue "foreign missionary work," clearly and specifically affirm our commitment to planting churches and reaching the world with the gospel.

WHAT IS "ONE MISSION?"

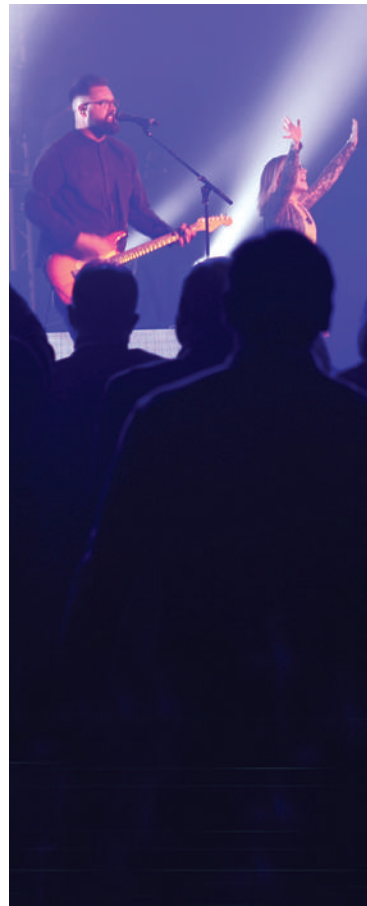
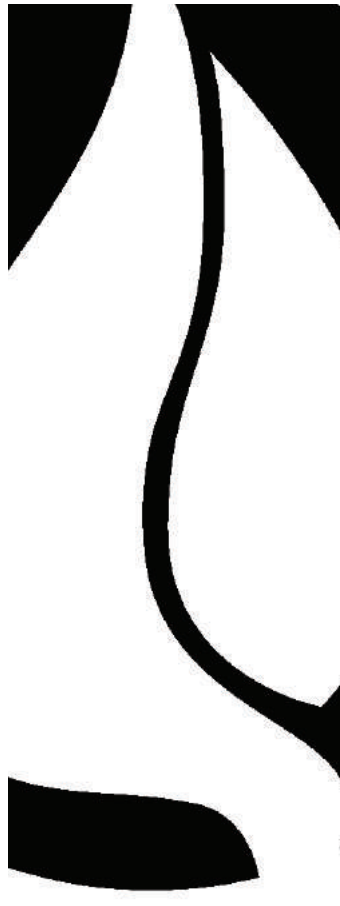
The phrase "One Mission" is not novel or new because our PCG mission's emphasis has been One Mission for the last few years. In essence, One Mission is not too complex and could be defined as...

- To win the lost and equip and send the found; to embody the mission of Christ in our world.

We simply engage our neighborhoods, communities, and world as Jesus did in the first century. We literally become salt and light (Matthew 5:14-16). Spiritually speaking, we live God's mission statement to our world.

Many churches and organizations have developed mission statements and rightly so, but what I am suggesting is that we're not seeking to write a mission statement but rather *live* a mission statement. What would the PCG look like if every person, every church, every district, and every nation would embody the mission of Christ in their world?

When Kimberly and I were in Dallas, Texas, for the 2011 General Convention six years ago, our Father spoke ten words to us that forever changed our lives: "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." So I resigned from the general secretary's office and followed God to figure out what those words really meant. Candidly, I didn't really understand those words! I had pastored for years, traveled to over 40 nations of the world, and served in denominational leadership, but I didn't really have a missional heart. I was "oiling the machinery" more than "moving in the mission" of Christ.



So God began to do such a work in my heart that I couldn't help but share my faith. I would drive through my neighborhood and pray that every house would be baptized with the fire of God. I started teaching a Higher Living class that challenged people to move from their "head knowledge OF Christ" to a "heart passion IN Christ." I was enthralled with challenging people to transition from seeing Jesus as their Savior to knowing Jesus as their Lord. I started closing just about every message I preached with a call to salvation.

Through a commitment to personal evangelism, I introduced my next-door neighbor to Christ. Here was a man who grew up in the Church of the Latter Day Saints as a child and hadn't donned the door of a church for over 40 years. He often chided, "If I ever attend a church, the church will be flattened by an earthquake." Thankfully, my good friend accepted Christ five years ago and is still attending church to this day.

Over the past few months, I have been asking the question, "Do we have an organizational machine or a missional movement?" If the former is true, how do we change it?

Personally, I continue to be grieved when I come to our biennial conventions and hear reports that we have lost constituents, ministers, and churches from the previous biennium. If we truly look at the numbers, we haven't gained ground over the past 50 years; we have lost ground.

How does each church and district relate over the last 5-10 years? Are we growing or declining? What is the high-water mark for the past five years? Is it right now or in the past? So again I must ask, "Are we living as an organizational machine or a missional movement?" Whatever the answer is, we must engage in a reformatory process to become and live as a missional movement.

In the month of November, I encouraged our denominational leaders and boards to begin with the following:

(1) We must seek God for a missional heart.

Can we engage in some spiritual heart surgery until Christ awakens us with a missional heart? As the people of God, we must make a decision that anything less than sharing our faith and engaging in the mission of Christ is unacceptable. Consequently, all decisions and processes must begin filtering through the grid of winning the lost and equipping and sending the found. The solution that we seek in the Spirit must remain tethered to a missional heart.

(2) We must implement a strategic plan to multiply ministers and churches.

Allow me to affirm the notion that "accidental church growth doesn't work." We must act intentionally to multiply our ministers and missionaries, plant new churches, and grow our existing churches.

(3) We must engage in every church's and district's growth.

We must actively commit to not only seeing OUR churches and districts grow, but seeing ALL the churches and districts growing. We must move past the "me mindset" to the "we mindset." The PCG will not experience reformation if we continue down a path of "my church, my district, and my movement."

Several years ago, I made a conscious decision to get rid of the pronoun "my" and "mine" when talking about the mission of Christ. I stopped saying "my church" because it really wasn't mine; it was His. I stopped saying, "my district" because it's really wasn't mine; it was His. I stopped saying, "my movement" because it really wasn't mine; it was His. Fortunately, I realized that when I stopped saying "my" or "mine," I removed the implication that others needed to come through me to be a part of "my" church, "my" district, or "my" movement. Most people truly desire to be a part of "our church," "our district," and "our movement" that ultimately belongs to Him.

WHAT IS "ONE MOVEMENT?"

From the government's perspective, we are a denomination. From a business perspective, we are an organization. From a church perspective, we are an affiliation. Yet, many of our leaders and pastors refer to the PCG as a "movement." Ultimately, when the word "movement" is used, people get bright-eyed and sit forward in their chairs. The excitement of living as a grassroots movement of people who embody the mission of God in our world becomes palpable. Movement speaks to movement—moving toward God, moving in His mission, and moving with His Spirit.

Our history punctuates the notion that the PCG existed as a movement because of two essential characteristics—the unity and power of the Spirit. Earlier the theme verse of the 1919 founding meeting in Chicago was written: "Endeavoring to keep the

unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (Ephesians 4:3).

If we unveil the Greek meaning of this verse, the word "endeavor" (*Gr. spoudazo*) refers to a passionate pursuit or an accelerated pace. In other words, the Apostle Paul was challenging the Ephesian church to an all-out pursuit or purposeful expediency in keeping or preserving the unity of the Spirit.

Furthermore, the word "unity" relates to our English word "unison." Those who sing a verse and chorus of music in unison sing the same song on the same notes. Is it possible that we can sing the same song with the same notes? Is it possible that we can be so unified that we are living the mission of Christ in unison? Our PCG forefathers thought so because they emphasized the importance of accelerating our pace toward the unity of the Spirit.

The other primary component included the "power of the Spirit." The PCG wasn't birthed as any kind of movement, but as a "Pentecostal movement." A theological rubric was formed that placed the power of the Holy Spirit at the epicenter of faith and practice. In other words, mission did not move without power—His power! The proclamation of the gospel was confirmed through signs and wonders.

So the definition of "One Mission—One Movement" is not really complex. It refers to a "unified movement of people who live the mission of Christ in our world through the power of the Spirit." Or allow me to state it this way:

• **The PCG must live as a unified movement of people who live the mission of Christ in our world through the power of the Spirit.**

For the last few years, we have said, "We are PCG." This is a wonderful statement that speaks to our identity, but not to our destiny. As a 2nd-Century PCG, we must return to our roots and live as a missional movement. Each person is a mission. Every church is a mission, and every PCG district or nation is a mission. So today...

Join with me as we: (1) Seek God for a missional heart; (2) implement a strategic plan to multiply ministers and missionaries; and (3) engage in every church's and district's growth.

Join with me as we pursue "aggressive evangelism," taking the gospel to those outside of Pentecost, opening up works in new districts in the United States, and "foreign missionary work."

Join with me as we become "a unified movement of people who live the mission of Christ in our world through the power of the Spirit." Or, live as *One Mission—One Movement*.

ONE MISSION. ONE MOVEMENT.





Pentecostal Church of God

**VISION
FOR
2018**



ONE MISSION ONE MOVEMENT

One Mission—One Movement speaks to a unified movement of people who live the mission of Christ in our world through the power of the Spirit.

As we position ourselves to write the first chapter of a 2nd-Century PCG, we must do more than vision-cast a God-given message; we must visioneer a missional movement. Vision-casting speaks to communicating vision, but visioneering speaks to “spiritually engineering a strategic plan in sacred cooperation with God.” We are in the process of developing a “One Mission—One Movement Global Initiative.” In the meantime, please note the U.S. Initiative on the next page.



PENTECOSTAL CHURCH OF GOD

IMPERATIVE #1

WHAT: Introduce *One Mission—One Movement* to our PCG family.

HOW:

- o Develop a Communications Team to utilize the full extent of social media, website, *The Pentecostal Messenger*, and videography.
 - Communicate *One Mission—One Movement*
 - Communicate our PCG story at the Centennial
- o Develop a PCG APP that connects with our PCG family and shares...
 - *One Mission—One Movement*
 - Missional Success Stories
 - Missional Training Opportunities
 - Missional Giving Opportunities
- o Utilize videoconferencing to connect with our district leaders.
- o Connect with our ministers and leaders through the ILDs and district meetings.
- o Promote a grassroots participation at our Centennial to really experience *One Mission—One Movement*.

WHEN: 2018–2019

IMPERATIVE #2

WHAT: Create an Easy-Access Entry Level for the Credential Process for Young Leaders

HOW:

- o Create a Young Leader's Task Force to develop a creative experience for group involvement, personal coaching, and resource incentives.
- o Develop a timeline with a launch date for each district to take a group of new ministers through this leadership experience.
- o Develop a lower entry-level cost that will be user-friendly for new exhorters and also encourage local churches and/or districts to support them if so desired.

WHEN: 2018–2019

IMPERATIVE #3

WHAT: Reform the national office into an International Mission Center (IMC)

HOW:

- o Create a leadership team to develop three tracks of training for...
 - New Leadership Coaching: New ministers and missionaries
 - Church Plant Coaching: New church planters and multicultural ministers
 - Church Health Coaching: Existing pastors and leaders
 (Launch the training on-site and online through weekly intensives)
- o Develop a *One Mission—One Movement* on-ramp for every church that...
 - Resources their mission: *How can we help you magnify your voice?*
 - Trains their leaders: *How can we help you train your leaders?*
 - Multiplies their giving: *How can we help you multiply your giving?*
- o Move Messenger College to the International Mission Center (IMC)

WHEN: 2018–2019

AMERICAN INDIAN MISSIONS

VISION FOR 2018

January starts a new year, and I am looking forward to what is in the future—not looking back at what is behind. Our focus is to bring cohesiveness to our mission departments and our International Mission Center so that our purpose and goals are the same. *And if a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand (Mark 3:25).* When we declare “We Are PCG,” that means we are *One Mission—One Movement*, reaching the lost for Christ and moving forward for the Kingdom of God. *Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! (Psalms 133:1).*

Building more buildings will not cause the American Indian Missions Department to grow. Rather, raising up young leaders to mentor and train will provide the spiritual help they need to be the ministers with a vision and a faith; this will, in turn, cause churches to grow. We need men and women who have a vision for the area in which they serve. We may project a vision or a statement, but it will never produce until it reaches the hearts of men and women. I would love to see every minister with a heart for the people they serve. The greater the vision, the greater the yearning in one’s heart to see lives changed.

Among the Native Americans, many struggle with numerous problems compounded by bad living conditions, and they have no hope. If we can help them out of drugs, alcohol, and addictions, then we will be able to change their lives. Our goal is to reach a world that needs Jesus. We aim to change their hearts so they may go forward to preach the gospel to others who need a Savior. We are responsible for giving them hope through Jesus Christ our Lord.

It has been on my heart for some time to be able to start a drug and alcohol rehab ministry in some of our churches on and around the reservations. This will require men and women with a burden for those who are addicted and need deliverance from these substances. We will need churches that are willing to open their doors and take this challenge; they will need training for this ministry. Finances will be needed to operate this type of ministry. I have considered trying to partner with faith-based ministries to help with this endeavor. On reservations, alcoholism mortality rates are 514% higher than the general population rates. In a recent article, 50% of youth surveyed had used drugs or alcohol. Suicide among Native Americans is five times higher than the national average. We need Christ-centered rehabilitation centers on the reservations. The challenge is before us. Can we rise to the challenge and meet this critical need?

One of the other challenges is that most of the buildings are old and in need of repairs, yet there are limited funds. As I have stated before, the department can’t supply and meet all the needs that exist. We do our best to repair facilities and address needs as they are presented. *But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:19).* When we become one mission, then we will see all the needs that are around us. Our vision can’t be a tunnel vision. It has to be a wide-lens vision, for then, and only then, can we see with the fullness that God has placed before us. When our eyes are open, we can see clearly the



needs that exist. Then God will give us direction and ways to meet all the needs on the reservations and villages in native lands. *Where there is no vision, the people perish (Proverbs 29:18a).*

God has never failed when we put our faith and trust in Him. As Jesus said, “For ye have the poor always with you; but me ye have not always” (Matthew 26:11). If you choose to have a poor mentality, you will always be poor. It is limited thinking that limits our ability to reach beyond what we have and see what God has in store for those who believe. When we open our eyes and focus on *His resources*, as opposed to our own limited resources, all things will become possible. God is not limited by our abilities. On the contrary, when we are weak He becomes strong on our behalf. *Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ’s sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong (2 Corinthians 12:10).*

My vision for the AIM department is for our churches to prosper and grow so they become strong in Christ and promote the gospel to those whom they serve. Truly, if we are going to change the hearts of the people, we must let Christ shine through us on a daily basis. We have become too complacent with the world and have let down our standard. If we are to see changes in our missions, there has to be a change in us as well. It is *lunacy* to keep doing the same thing over and over again expecting different results. To obtain a different outcome, we must change what we are doing. It takes faith in God to make the changes that are needed within our lives. *But without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him (Hebrews 11:6).*

I would like to express my thanks to all the volunteers who have come to the work projects and given of themselves through their time, finances, and energies. It is very helpful; the work couldn’t have been done without them. We need all who are willing to be a part of this valuable ministry. Joining a work crew provides a unique opportunity to meet many of the tribal members, become acquainted with their daily lives, and gain a better understanding of the conditions in which they live. In order to understand, we must first sit where they sit so we may see, hear, and feel

what they are going through. If we don’t understand people, how can we help them or even show them the way to Christ? *Then I came to them of the captivity at Tel-abib, that dwelt by the river of Chebar, and I sat, where they sat, and remained there astonished among them seven days (Ezekiel 3:15).*

One of AIM’s greatest needs is for monthly support for the missionaries/pastors that are in the field working to bring souls to Christ. Many of the areas are very remote with little to no work available for them. On the average reservation, the unemployment rate is 60-95%.

The churches are small in number, but people are drawn in when they feel the moving of the Holy Spirit and the power of Christ. Our goal is to win every Native American to Jesus and to mentor them to be the leaders of the churches where they live. On the reservations, every day brings a new challenge to those who are laboring in the field, including counseling and praying with late-night visitors who seek help and are in need of prayer and loving support. *And how shall they preach, except they be sent? As it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! (Romans 10:15).*

We must be willing to come out of our comfort zones if we are going to be able to touch those who have never heard of Christ. Only 5% of the current Native American population in North America knows Christ. *Therefore said He unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers into His harvest (Luke 10:2).*

Our Mission: To 5.1 million American Indians the Holy Spirit has commissioned us to take the Name of Jesus and make it great. To evangelize First Americans, the hidden natives of the USA, training and sending them to win others to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Looking back to the beginning of this article, I mentioned the need to reach the youth—to train, equip, mentor, and support them spiritually so we may send them out to win the lost for Christ. Many are called but few are chosen. It becomes our job to find the ones who are chosen to carry this gospel to the tribes we serve. We need to expand the areas where we are already, plus reach out to reservations where we are not currently ministering. With God helping and leading us, surely we will be able to expand to areas that are not currently being reached with this great gospel of Jesus Christ.

Rev. David Petty
American Indian Missions Director

NATIONAL MISSIONS

VISION FOR 2018

The National Missions Department is pleased to be a part of the *One Mission—One Movement* vision at the International Mission Center of the Pentecostal Church of God. These are exciting times as we begin to turn the corner into a new century for PCG ministry. There is an atmosphere here at the International Mission Center of expectancy, believing that the 2nd-Century PCG has the potential to yield a great harvest of souls into the kingdom. Certainly, the Lord's return is imminent, so we must not only strategize but we must also mobilize the mission and vision of Bishop Ming into one movement—one concerted missional effort which will produce an optimal end-time harvest.

Our mission in National Missions is to be Jesus in skin—to touch hurting people, care for the orphans and widows, help those bound by addictions to be set free, meet the needs of the poor, and see devastated lives transformed through the love and power of a loving church. As Jesus was moved with compassion for the crowds, we will also be moved with compassion for

humanity, believing that we have been destined for this moment to be *One Mission—One Movement* in all we do.

The vision for National Missions' ministries consists of the following important pieces, which will challenge the church and map out our strategy for the future.

- **Utilize the International Mission Center as a training ground** for the equipping and training of the church for ministry. This involves leadership and ministry training for disaster relief workers, chaplains, street evangelism, addiction recovery workers, benevolence ministries and shelters, and various compassion ministries. It is our desire to train God's people not only to be aware of the needs of people but also to have the know-how to meet the needs.
- **Create a network of ministries** throughout the United States, which will enable us to respond to needs across the country by rapidly optimizing resources and volunteers so that we may maximize our ministry efforts. Our vision is to be able to respond to every need possible, whether that be an orphan in New York City in search of a home, a widow in Little Rock dealing with loneliness, or numerous people in Los Angeles affected by a natural disaster. Many of our local churches are already effectively engaged in ministries like these, but I believe it's time we come together as *One Mission—One Movement* and work together to make a difference in our towns and cities.
- **Promote an orphan-awareness initiative** throughout our movement. *Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world (James 1:27).* How will we stand before God one day when





He asks us, *"What did you do for the orphans and the widows?"* What will we answer him? What will happen if our answer is nothing? The PCG must directly address the needs of 140 million orphans worldwide. Our vision for these children will be brought to the front of the line and will become part of our vision to touch those who are hurting. As a movement, we must work closely alongside the foster care system; address aging out of foster care, which forces young men and women onto the streets only to be swept into a life of drugs, prostitution, and sex trafficking; and be proactive in foster care and adoption initiatives. Remember, it is God that sets the lonely in families!

The vision of National Missions is designed to serve the PCG and the United States of America. One Mission—One Movement has direction and possesses momentum. With the grace of God, it will move us into one of the greatest hours of ministry ever seen. Join with us as a movement to go forward with the vision that has been cast. We cannot afford to succumb to the status quo of stagnant ministries and empty pews, so let's go into the highways and byways and compel those in need to come in. For the scripture is so true when it says, *"The night is far spent, the day is at hand. . ."* (Romans 13:12). We can no longer just think about what we want to do for God. It's time we begin doing what we know we ought to—being moved with compassion, resulting in being moved to action. May God order the steps we are all about to take together!

Rev. Andy Hunt
National Missions Director

WORLD MISSIONS

VISION FOR 2018

George W. Peters in his book, *A Biblical Theology of Missions*, says, "It is my impression that the Bible is not a book about theology as such, but rather, a record of theology in mission—God in action in behalf of the salvation of mankind." The first promise of a coming redeemer is found in Genesis 3:15: "From now on, you and the woman will be enemies, and your offspring and her offspring will be enemies. He will crush your head, and you will strike his heel." At a time when it looked the darkest for mankind, hope was born for a savior. The mission of God, the heart of God, is that mankind will come to be reconciled with the eternal God. Ezekiel records in chapter 18, verse 23: "Do you think, asks the Sovereign LORD, that I like to see wicked people die? Of course not! I only want them to turn from their wicked ways and live."

The Apostle Paul writes to Timothy in 1 Timothy 2:1-4: "I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. As you make your requests, plead for God's mercy upon them, and give thanks. Pray this way for kings and all others who are in authority, so that we can live in peace and

quietness, in godliness and dignity. This is good and pleases God our Savior, **for he wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth.**" Jesus says, "Yes, I am the gate. Those who come in through me will be saved. Wherever they go, they will find green pastures" (John 10:9), and, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. God did not send his Son into the world to condemn it, but to save it" (John 3:16, 17). The Apostle Peter records in 2 Peter 3:9, "The Lord isn't really being slow about his promise, as some people think. No, He is being patient for your sake. **He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent.**" In the words of Georg F. Vicedom, "The Bible in its totality ascribes only one intention to God: to save mankind." God's goal, God's purpose, God's mission is that men and women everywhere should not be eternally lost, but come into a right relationship with him through Jesus Christ.

To this end, God calls us to be participants: "But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are a kingdom of priests, God's holy nation, his very own possession. This is so you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light" (1 Peter 2:9). Jesus declares in Mark 13:10, "And the Good News must first be preached to every nation." George W. Peters writes: "World evangelism is the imperative of the New Testament." If it is the imperative of the New Testament, it is the imperative of the church. It is the imperative for every Christian, every born-again believer. Before his departure from earth, Jesus shares with the disciples, "... I have been given complete authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:18-20).

We, the church, are thrust into missions by the mission of God. Again, I quote George W. Peters: "Missions is the sending forth of authorized persons beyond the borders of the New Testament church and her immediate gospel influence to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ in gospel-destitute areas, to win converts from other faiths or non-faiths to Jesus Christ, and to establish functioning, multiplying local congregations who will bear the fruit of Christianity in the community and to that country." In part, 2 Peter 3:9 says: "He does not want

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anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent." As active Christians in the work of the Lord we win, we disciple, we send!

The Pentecostal Church of God is now embarking upon a new and fresh commitment to present God's heart and God's message to the world around us: ONE MISSION—ONE MOVEMENT!

Many of you will remember that in early spring 2013, David Petty, Andy Hunt, and I were in my office preparing for the upcoming General Convention in June. We had concluded our discussion for the day and were preparing to return to our separate offices when I said, "It is really great that our three departments can work together." Andy then responded, "Yes, it is; after all we are just ONE MISSION." Something stirred in my heart at that very moment and I sensed that God was behind it.

Since coming into the World Missions office in 2011, I have signed most emails and letters with the phrase, "Committed to the Harvest **UNTIL THE WHOLE WORLD HEARS!**" I have always believed that the world is our harvest field—from coast to coast and border to border here in the U.S. to the ends of the earth and everywhere in between. I have employed Acts 1:8 as my personal mission scripture since my early days of ministry. My first mission journey to Africa simply solidified that in my heart and spirit. Yes, the world is indeed what we are commanded to reach with the message of salvation in Christ Jesus. For the past four years, our three missions departments have attempted to portray by example unity in the mission while at the same time understanding that the entire mission of the church is not limited to just missions endeavors, but encompasses all the ministries of the church.

More than ever before we remain, "Committed to the Harvest **UNTIL THE WHOLE WORLD HEARS!**" There is not a multiplicity of missions, but ONE MISSION! It is entrusted to us from His heart to ours.

As God has allowed me to travel well beyond our own borders, it is crystal clear that the Pentecostal

Church of God is much more than meets the eye. It is not just a loose conglomeration of churches, districts, and foreign endeavors. It is not a cold, unwelcoming, unfeeling, and unemotional denominational machine. It is not us and them. It is *US*, a living, vital, integral, and passionate member of the body of Christ. Wherever we have gone, the congregation will gather at some point for a photo and short video. In that video you will hear voices in English, Spanish, Portuguese, Romanian, Russian, Chinese, Haitian Creole, Cambodian, and numerous other languages shout in unison, "WE ARE PCG!" We are ONE MISSION—ONE MOVEMENT!

It is the Passion Week. The meal is nearly over. It will not be long until Jesus is apprehended. He is sharing principles with his disciples and, in conclusion, he prays for them.

"I am praying not only for these disciples but also for all who will ever believe in me because of their testimony. My prayer for all of them is that they will be one, just as you and I are one, Father—that just as you are in me and I am in you, so they will be in us, and the world will believe you sent me. I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are—I in them and you in me, all being perfected into one. Then the world will know that you sent me and will understand that you love them as much as you love me" (John 17:20-23).

They are everywhere and waiting. They are in cities, towns, villages, and hamlets. They are down every paved highway and street. They are down every dusty road. They are rich, poor, educated, uneducated, employed, and unemployed. They speak languages that you do not understand, dress in clothing that is unfamiliar to you, and eat food that is sometimes uncomfortable to you. But they are there, waiting. They are waiting for you and me to come and share Christ. It could be next door. It could be down the street or across town. And, yes, it could be halfway around the world. However far or near, we are called to go, win them, train them, and send them. We are ONE MISSION—ONE MOVEMENT! We are PCG!

Rev. Virgil Kincaid
World Missions Director

YOUTH MINISTRY

VISION FOR 2018

I woke up on Wednesday, October 1, 2014, at a very odd time. I had been trying for some time to transition myself from a “night owl” into an early morning person. However, nowhere on my agenda did I have the time of 3:30 a.m.! Sure, I had a big day ahead—as this would actually be my first day on the job serving in my new role as the national youth director for the PCG—but sleep was something that I have NEVER had difficulty with! Lying in bed on this early morning, I could not get back to sleep for the life of me. Then, a familiar but yet peculiar melody started rolling through my head, one I hadn’t heard since my childhood years. After a few minutes of hearing this melody flow through my mind, the lyrics eventually caught up with the notes and I began to sing the following words: “Jesus Christ is calling out the youth of the land.”

Now this might disappoint many readers, but that was the only part of the first verse I could remember. Or, at least it was the only part coming to mind at 4 a.m.! So as I lay there tossing and turning, that line just kept rolling—over and over and over again in my mind.

“Jesus Christ is calling out the youth of the land.”

After about 15-20 minutes of this, I couldn’t help but start laughing as I thought about God’s wonderful sense of humor. Here I am on my first day as national youth director and I’m awake before 4 a.m. singing the words to the PYPA revelry. As I lay there with a smile—basking in the humor of the moment—my feelings slowly began to shift as I began to sense the Holy Spirit of God starting to speak to me. I realized this line running through my head (penned by Leshie Traylor in 1939) was not a result of something I had eaten the night before, nor was it a funny joke the Lord was playing on me.

I suddenly became aware of the overwhelming presence of God in my room as the Holy Spirit clearly spoke to me: *“It is time to re-emphasize the calling of God on young people’s lives, because I am still calling out the youth of this land.”*

I lay in bed for the next hour or so, allowing the Holy Spirit to speak to me while typing on my phone as fast as my fingers could move at that time of the morning. Finally, after taking it all in, it was time to start my day. Off I went to the YMCA for a morning workout, which was followed by a quick trip to our neighborhood’s brand new Krispy Kreme. (I know this sounds contradictory, but I was so hyped up I couldn’t stop myself. They say confession is good for the soul, so there—I said it!) As long as I live, this was a morning I will never forget—not because of the doughnuts (although they were unbelievable)—because of what the Holy Spirit had deposited in my heart earlier that morning. I knew what my assignment was and still is to this day.

Today, in 2018, Jesus Christ is STILL calling out the youth of our land; and we as a body of believers are strategically positioned in what I consider a historic time in our movement to engage the next generation in their divine call. As we *as a movement* begin to prepare our hearts and minds for what a 2nd-Century PCG looks like, please allow me to share some focal points on behalf of our students as we settle into this new year.

One Mission. One Movement. Our general bishop has clearly set the course and direction for our future. The vision is strong, compelling, and simple. It is one in which we can all rally behind, and this is how that vision will unfold in the area of student ministries.

IMPACT
PCG STUDENT MINISTRIES

#1 – ONE MISSION.

We are together on one mission—the mission of the Church—and we must not only emphasize this but also ensure this mission trickles down to students of all ages. Here are a few ways we are doing this for our students.

MENTORING INITIATIVES

Each summer, we run an intern program (6-7 weeks), which is designed to help students discover and develop their talents and gifts, as well as be mentored by key leaders in our movement. This summer will mark our sixth year of internships, and we continue to see the program grow and develop. If we are going to place a renewed emphasis on the call of God on the lives of young people, mentoring initiatives stand at the forefront of this endeavor. Many of our districts have also developed similar mentoring programs, and these must continue to move to the forefront of everything we do.

MISSION TRIPS

Is there a better way to catch the mission of the Church than to go on a mission trip? It is a proven fact that one of the greatest places for teens to experience/discover their calling is on such a trip. 2018 marks our 11th season of Impact Missions Adventures and we are excited for the journey ahead. I can't think of anything more impactful than taking youth who are exploring their calling out onto the field to rub shoulders with our PCG missionaries. The Holy Spirit has a unique way of working on these trips as we simply provide opportunities for students to go to a mission field.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Each young person who comes through the doors of your church has a divine call on his/her life—not a divine *suggestion*. As leaders, we must be good stewards of helping our young people discover and cultivate that divine call. There are a number of ways we are assisting in the process of developing our young leaders, notably through the creation of resources. In 2016, we launched our IMPACT APP. This app is home to all things student-related in the PCG and contains many helpful devotions and resources. At the core of this is our "After Youth Camp" devotional series—a 21-day devotional journey designed to walk a student from the camp experience to everyday life in Christ. This free series is a terrific resource and can be used by students any time during the calendar year. Additionally, we have many great books for students to read, as well as leadership-development curriculum designed solely for students. Our talent expo and Bible quiz programs are also incredible. These established programs continue to be a vital part of developing young leaders in our movement.

#2 – ONE MOVEMENT.

We are one movement. One body, working together—students included! Here are a few ways we are emphasizing this in the area of student ministries.

ENCOUNTER CONFERENCES

Our regional Encounter Conferences provide an exciting venue in which our next-gen leaders are being engaged in our movement. Through these "leadership" events, we are providing an atmosphere where generations of leaders can merge and unite as ONE. These conferences bring together our leaders of all ages for a corporate time of worship, inspiration, and connection. Find out more at www.encounterconference.com.

CONTINENTAL YOUTH CONFERENCE (ONE)

An important event in the PCG debuts this spring in Lagoa Santa, Brazil. Students from Central and South America will convene May 31-June 3 for the first continental youth conference in the history of our movement. Our theme? *ONE*. We are ONE MOVEMENT, and we will rally together as a global family behind this banner. Please pray for this historic event and, if you would like to attend, don't hesitate to contact our offices. More info can be found at www.cnjdpb.com.

SUMMERFEST

Gatlinburg, Tennessee, is the site of this year's annual youth event in the PCG. I can't think of a better way to engage our students in ONE MOVEMENT than by providing an opportunity for them to connect with students from across the USA at this four-day program. Summerfest is more than just the National Talent Expo and National Bible Quiz finals. It is a strategic gathering of our young people for a time of connection, development, and Spirit-empowered inspiration. Your students will have a blast *and* enjoy a unique experience with many other students from all parts of the country as we continue to emphasize becoming ONE MOVEMENT.

What will a 2nd-Century PCG look like? We all have an important role in answering that question. On behalf of our students, I look forward to walking alongside you as we work together on becoming "ONE MISSION—ONE MOVEMENT."

Rev. Randy Lawrence
Director of IMPACT PCG Student Ministries

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

VISION FOR 2018

As we begin a new year, I would like to encourage all of our PCG women around the world to connect with our general bishop's call to *One Mission—One Movement*. **Our mission is simple and God-directed. It is scripturally based and looks straight into the heart. It is individual and yet collective. Our mission is to simply "win the lost and equip and send the found." Everything we do in Empowered Women's Ministries must enhance the MOVE toward ONE MISSION.**

Allow me to share a bit of my personal testimony. When I was a young pastor's wife, my husband and I established a mission statement for our lives. My husband set his first: "To be a godly man who makes a worldwide difference." I liked his so much, and because we were called to be one, I wanted mine to be similar. So I established my mission statement as: "To be a godly woman who makes a worldwide difference."

However, after a few years into our marriage, our first pastorate, and two children later, I found myself home

alone with two small sons. My husband was traveling extensively. Even in those early days of pastoral ministry, he was speaking at several churches and visiting several mission fields around the world. At this particular time he was in China, and I was standing at my sink in Joplin, Missouri, washing mac-n-cheese off my china. I was genuinely happy for my husband but, at the same time, a bit jealous because I wasn't afforded the same opportunity.

My mission statement "to be a godly woman who makes a worldwide difference" seemed too broad of a mission statement for a simple mom. So I began to complain and question God concerning how I could ever make a worldwide difference when I spent my existence in my little house, with my little children, supporting my husband in pastoring a little church in a little town. I'm sure you've never had a pity party, but I was having one all by myself that day.

Yet I'm thankful for the nudging of the Holy Spirit in our lives because He quickly nudged my heart and let me know that I wasn't standing at my sink alone. For a quick minute I decided I should change my mission statement to something like being "a godly woman who supports her husband and trains her children to make a worldwide difference." I assumed that would be more attainable.

Thankfully, the Spirit of the Lord prompted me to repeat my original mission statement "to be a godly woman who makes a worldwide difference." Then He lovingly asked me, "Where is your world?" After reflecting on the question, it was as if the Lord opened up my eyes and gave me a new revelation. When asked again, "Where is your world?" I began to realize that my world and my mission were the people I influenced every day. My world was my husband; it was my mission to pray for him and lift him up and love on him. My world was my children—to train them up in the admonition of the Lord. My world was to love on and teach the women of our church.

As the Holy Spirit pressed, the "eyes of my understanding were enlightened" as I began to really see that my world was the postwoman I talked to every week. It was the woman who checked my groceries at the store. It was the parents of my son's little league team who sat with me on the sidelines two or three times a week. My mission was to make a

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difference in the world that God had placed me in. My new world became transformational. I could see the calling of God to share the Light of His glory wherever He would take me.

"...the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him. The eyes of your understanding being enlightened that ye may know what is the hope of his calling."
—Ephesians 1:17-18

When our spiritual eyes are opened by the Lord, we see as He sees. Our eyes are enlightened to see the mission of God that is right in front of us and all around us. Our mission is to make a worldwide difference in the world we live in. It is to be a light in a dark world. It is to bring hope to the hopeless and be a source of strength to the weak. The purpose and plan of God is not for us to have great influence over large crowds (though that can be His purpose for some), but it is for His sons and daughters to simply live as vessels of light to those in their world. God can then take that light, magnify its illumination, and set it on a hill for the world to see.

Each of us has a different story. We are in different seasons of our lives. Some are young and some are old. Some are experiencing the mountaintop, while others are experiencing the valley below. No matter the season, God is the same. He is with you and never

leaves you. He is writing your story, which is your testimony of His amazing grace and love. He is empowering you to magnify your voice to reach a lost and dying world.

When I think of Empowered Women's Ministries I think of the single mom who is working two jobs to try to keep her house together or the woman who just lost her husband in a divorce or to cancer. I think about the woman who sits in the back of the church and feels all alone, like she does not fit in. I think about the woman who volunteers faithfully every Sunday, but inside she is hurting and broken because of her wayward children.

Empowered Women's Ministries will only truly be "empowered" if we intensify our light to our next-door neighbor, help the orphan in need, or love on hurting women in a credible way. Empowered Women's Ministries will only truly be "empowered" if we supply the need of a struggling student or help bring release to a trapped daughter.

So, what is *One Mission—One Movement* for Empowered Women's Ministries? EVERYTHING! It is individually and collectively MOVING toward the MISSION of God—TO WIN THE LOST AND EQUIP AND SEND THE FOUND. It is a passionate commitment to live as ONE light and ONE voice in OUR world until we all become "godly people who make a worldwide difference."

Rev. Kimberly Ming
Empowered Women's Ministries Director

Connection 2018

EACH YEAR WOMEN FROM ACROSS THE PENTECOSTAL CHURCH OF GOD ARE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN THE NETWORK OF EMPOWERED WOMEN'S MINISTRIES THROUGH I-CONNECT.

Each year women from across the Pentecostal Church of God are given the opportunity to join the network of Empowered Women's Ministries. Through I-CONNECT, women of all ages are able to connect with one another and the PCG. Personally, I believe that I-Connect is more than just a group of women from across the country signing up for another membership; it is the opportunity to join hearts and hands to build and advance the kingdom. Together we can stand for a mission that is so much greater collectively than individually.

RIGHT NOW, Empowered Women's Ministries is working toward providing some "common cause" ministry opportunities that will unify our efforts and allow us to become one voice, testifying to the world that God can use women to leave a lasting legacy for generations to come.

This year Empowered Women's Ministries is working to provide more online resources and teachings to help you in everyday life. By signing up for I-Connect, you will have a direct link to the practical tools that will help you move forward in your spiritual journey. Also, you will immediately join with the thousands of women who are supporting outreach ministries nationally and internationally and enable Empowered Women's Ministries to help support the needs of hurting women and children through such ministries as the Ahikam Orphanage in Guatemala, the Hosea Project in Brazil, or the Rescue Her Outreach in Dallas, Texas, to name a few.

For more information, visit www.pcg.org/women

**So what are you waiting for? It won't be the same without YOU!
Please contact your local church or district office and give your gift of \$5 and become a part of
EMPOWERED WOMEN'S MINISTRIES through I-Connect today.
Let's amplify the sound of Heaven together.**

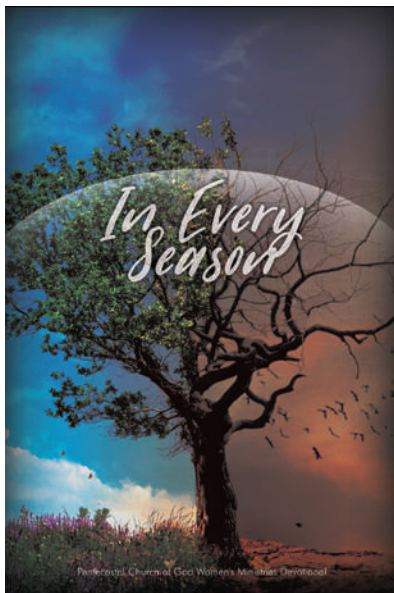
WOMEN'S MINISTRY SUNDAY

THANK YOU to all of the incredible women who give of their time, talent, and resources to minister and support women in the local church and around the globe in the Pentecostal Church of God. You are amazing and you are making a worldwide difference!



The month of January provides a wonderful moment to affirm Women's Ministries among the women of the Pentecostal Church of God. Women comprise the majority of our congregational members and consistently serve in all areas of the church with heart and soul. Because of this, **each local church is encouraged to observe a special day in January to express appreciation to the women of the church and highlight women's ministries.**

Please share your testimonies concerning your Women's Ministry Sunday by emailing the Empowered Women's Ministries Office at wminasst@pcg.org or share pictures by posting on instagram and hashtag #EMPOWEREDWOMENSMINISTRIES.



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JANUARY

- 1-31 Empowered Women's Ministries Connection Registration
- 5-6 WEST Encounter Conference • Concord, CA
- 7 Empowered Women's Ministries Day
- 12-13 CENTRAL Encounter Conference • Galena, KS
- 19-20 EAST Encounter Conference • Indianapolis, IN

FEBRUARY

- 4 Promote Alabaster Box Giving
- 5-6 General Council
- 11 Have a Heart for America

APRIL

- 30-May 20 21 Days of Prayer for One Mission—One Movement

MAY

- 1-31 Empowered Women's Alabaster Box Ourpouring
- 20 Pentecost Sunday
- 31-June 3 Continental Youth Conference Lagoa Santa, Brazil

JUNE

- 1 General Missions Board
- 12-15 AIM Camp Meeting Carnegie, OK
- 16-17 General Council
- 17 National Men's Registration Sunday
- 18-19 General Board
- 18-19 Empowered Women's Ministries Leadership Meeting
- 18-21 Summerfest XVIII Gatlinburg, TN
- 27 National Missions' Golf Tournament Pigeon Forge TN

JULY

- 3-8 AIM Camp Meeting Broken Bow, OK
- 15-22 AIM Camp Meeting Crow Agency, MT
- 16-20 AIM Camp Meeting Iyanbito, NM
- 25-27 All Asia Continental Conference Manado, Indonesia

AUGUST

- 14-16 Americas Continental Conference San Pedro Sula, Honduras

OCTOBER

- 1-31 Empowered Women's Ministries Light Another Candle
- 7 Bicycles for Appalachia Sunday

NOVEMBER

- 4 Orphan Sunday
- 9 General Missions Board
- 9-11 General Council
- 11 Orphan Sunday
- 12-13 General Board
- 12-13 Empowered Women's Ministries Leadership Meeting

DECEMBER

- 6-8 Impact Appalachia

21 DAYS OF PRAYER

JOIN US IN PRAYER.

We would like to call you to 21 Days of Prayer. We would like to blend our faith together that every person and every church will be inspired to move toward the mission of Christ.

Starting on April 30th, we will begin 21 Days of Prayer leading up to Pentecost Sunday on May 20th. For these 21 days, we will provide a 21 Day Prayer Guide that will inspire you and the church you serve to become part of *One Mission—One Movement*.

Beginning April 1st, visit pcg.org/prayer to download the 21 Day Prayer Guide. Print as many copies as you desire to share with your congregation, small groups, prayer intercessors, and family.

**PRAYER BEGINS
APRIL 30TH AND CONTINUES
THROUGH MAY 20TH
PENTECOST SUNDAY**

LOST AND FOUND

**GUIDING THE LOST & BAPTIZING THE FOUND
BY REV. PAT LOCKWOOD**

When I was asked to write an article about a recent baptismal service, I struggled to find the right words. It's easy to say this service was conducted by the Calvary Pentecostal Church of God in Winchester, Virginia, and provide a few details. What's more difficult is to convey the feeling and impact of that service, as well as the series of events that led up to it. Among my thoughts: *How could I possibly describe what the Holy Spirit is birthing?* After all, God's work is not a formula to be explained. Nor is it about what any of us are doing. It's really all about the person of Jesus Christ who is being revealed through our lives to a lost and dying world.

THE BACKSTORY

I have always had a burden for the lost, but key experiences over the past few years have guided me to another remarkable path of ministry. In May 2014, a deep, heart-rending passion for souls gripped my heart when God let me experience the emotional feeling of a soul being hopelessly and eternally lost in Hell. Then, in September 2015, God opened the door for me to minister one-on-one to the ladies at the local jail.

A young woman (now in her 20s), who had attended Sunday school as a child, was drawn back to our church and received Christ as her Savior. Unfortunately, she found herself in trouble with the law—a probation violation due to a drug addiction—and was incarcerated again. During my visits with this young woman, God began to do a work in her heart, which was evidenced by her cellmates. Soon, she began giving me names of others who also wanted to talk with me. As I shared the love of God with them, and the plan that Jesus had for their lives, many of them accepted Him as their Savior.

Never lacking for anyone to share with, I have ministered personally to more than 50 inmates during the last two years. Oftentimes, I would feel very low as I pressed through demonic forces to make my visits every Friday. But when a soul was born into the Kingdom of God, I would go home flying high as a kite!

Many who lived in the Winchester area told me they were going to attend our church once released, yet they were drawn back into their sinful lifestyles. Satan tried to discourage me with reports that people were only receiving "jailhouse religion" while incarcerated. However, I knew that God had given me a burden for souls, and my only responsibility was to tell them about Jesus. What they did with Jesus was *their choice*.

Then, a few months ago, the Holy Spirit penetrated the darkness and two ladies who had been released from jail began attending our church. They are so excited about Jesus and what He is doing in their lives. The mother to one of them even started accompanying her to church. This 72-year-old mother, who had never been born again, received Christ into her heart. The Holy Spirit is infusing new life into our congregation and others are being born again!



A SPECIAL BAPTISM

When several people expressed a desire to be baptized in water, I contacted Rev. Randall Lawrence, our district bishop, for some welcomed assistance. Eleven people presented themselves for baptism. Five were new converts, while the others had previously been baptized but wanted a spiritual refreshing. No words can justly describe the anointing on that service as the new converts shared how Jesus had changed their lives.

One lady disclosed that she had been molested as a child. At the age of 12, she experienced a change in her heart, but in the ensuing years she strayed from the Lord. During her incarceration, she made a commitment to follow the Lord with all her heart, and she is now living a beautiful, Christian life.

Another lady told how Jesus had manifested Himself to her through a bright light while she was lying in her cell bed. This light of Jesus Christ drove all the darkness out of her soul and filled her with joy, peace, and love.

One gentleman shared how Jesus had delivered him from alcohol and cigarettes. Additionally, a 10-year-old boy was slain in the Spirit and received a genuine conversion as he wept his way through to old-time repentance. He now feels that God has something GREAT for him to accomplish. The blood of Jesus has never lost its power!

The dynamic, powerful anointing that energized Brother Lawrence as he delivered God's Word penetrated the hard hearts of many of the candidates' family members in attendance. No doubt the seed of God's Word was planted that day. It will be watered with our tears and prayers, and God will give the increase.

I have no idea where the Holy Spirit is leading the Calvary Pentecostal Church of God, but I know that God has been preparing and developing this body of believers for a great harvest of souls. I believe God is going to use us to help plunder Hell! TO GOD BE ALL THE PRAISE, GLORY, AND HONOR!

Rev. Pat Lockwood is the current pastor of Calvary Pentecostal Church of God in Winchester, Virginia. Her diverse ministry experience spans more than 60 years and includes service as a worship leader, church secretary, evangelist's wife, Sunday school teacher, VBS director, and pastor's spouse. From tent revivals to van ministry and, more recently, jail ministry, Rev. Lockwood has traveled countless miles to many unique locations to spread the gospel. A PCG-credentialed minister, she was ordained in 2015.

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WEARING GOD'S LOVE



People never forget love in action, especially in a time of need. In fact, your kindness will live longer than you will, and people today are desperate for it. A word. A prayer. A call. A touch. The need for the ministry of apologetics (a rational defense of the gospel) cannot be overstated. But the ultimate apologetic for the gospel is the love of God flowing out of us.

The Apostle Paul laid out the clear standard for our conduct as believers. "Therefore, as *the* elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also *must* do" (Colossians 3:12-13). We're to wear God's love like a garment. It is the "finishing touch" of our conduct and character.

We wear God's love when we put the interest of Christ and the interest of others above our own. In Sunday school, we were taught a wonderful way to spell joy: Jesus-**O**thers-and **Y**ou. How simple, and how simply vital, to get the order right. Loving God and loving others, according to Jesus, boils down to this: "And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. This *is* the first commandment. And the second, like *it*, is this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these" (Mark 12:30-31).

We wear God's love when we forgive. Life sees to it that we have plenty of opportunities to forgive others. Because of deep wounds and severe injustices, many people are filled with bitterness. There's no denying the legitimacy of their reasons for pain.

At the same time, we all have our stories of injustice to tell. It's part of living in a fallen world. But refusing to forgive carries consequences. *Unforgiveness* is extremely costly. In fact, one might say it is a "luxury item." Perhaps that is why some people seem to delight in it, not stopping to realize that they will pay for it in long, expensive installments. Part of that payment is that unforgiveness forces one's point of reference for life to always be in the past. It's like a ball and chain that prevents you from running toward the future.

God doesn't want your life to literally be eaten away by unforgiveness. Forgiveness is not always easy, but it is liberating. We're able to forgive because we've been forgiven. God's grace, which forgave our offenses against Him, now becomes the grace we draw on to forgive those who've offended us.

We wear God's love when we share the gospel. The best way to wear God's love is to share the gospel with those who need its life-giving message. Bill Bright who founded Campus Crusade for Christ

wrote, "The love of Jesus Christ for us, and our love for Him, compel us to tell others about Him."

Fanny Crosby was an American mission worker, poet, and composer who died in 1915. What is unique about her accomplishments is that Fanny was blind from early childhood. Yet she refused to let her blindness define her. She became one of the most prolific writers of hymns and gospel songs in church history, writing more than 8,000 songs with more than 100 million copies printed, despite being blind from shortly after birth. Her songs include "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior," "Blessed Assurance," and "To God Be the Glory," to name just a few. Often this blind little lady would stand on the street corner handing out gospel tracts to anyone who would take them. Who knows how many people we will meet in Heaven because of her faithful witness for Christ? Fanny modeled God's love, tying kindness to the sharing of the gospel. Fanny's call to urgent gospel witness spoke through her song, "Rescue the Perishing." Once she was asked which of her thousands of verses of songs she considered her best. Pausing to reflect, this small giant of a saint replied, "I think it's this one":

*Down in the human heart, crushed by the Tempter,
Feelings lie buried that grace can restore.
Touched by a loving heart, wakened by kindness,
Chords that were broken will vibrate once more.
Rescue the perishing; care for the dying.
Jesus is merciful; Jesus will save.*

God has gone to the very limits of boundless love to prevent humankind from perishing. The cross of Christ is the roadblock thrown down by a loving God as we race toward eternal ruin. We are on a rescue mission with eternal consequences. If people are lost without Christ (and they are), and if faith in Christ is the only avenue of salvation (and it is), what could possibly be a higher priority than getting the gospel message out?

As those who know Jesus Christ, we're invited to draw on His love and park our lives there. "As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love" (John 15:9).

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For 30 years, Messenger College has been dedicated to the task of developing ministers to spread the gospel. Our graduates have crossed the globe to carry the good news of the gospel in Pentecostal power!

Today, we live in a completely different world, BUT our mission is still the same. We exist to develop world-changing Pentecostal leaders for the 21st century. We want to raise leaders who will penetrate the darkness of this hour with the bright light of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

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For our school, we are at both an **exciting** and **crucial** time in our history.

It's an **exciting** time because... we ARE training and developing our next Pentecostal Church of God ministers and leaders! *Please allow me to introduce you to a few of our future leaders:*

- Meet **Chelsea Terry**. Chelsea is not only an MC student, but she also represents the next-gen of PCG missionaries. While she's already spent extended time on the missionary fields of Chile and Guatemala, upon graduation Chelsea plans on being a full-time foreign missionary with the PCG.
- Meet **Anna Herring**. Anna is studying Intercultural Ministries at MC and has a passion for missions. Her compassion and tender heart for the lost and hurting people of the world is absolutely contagious.

- Meet **Ira Lopez**. Ira is currently pursuing his Bachelor of Arts in Christian Ministry with an emphasis in Pastoral Ministry. Upon graduation, Ira desires to be an ordained minister and serve as a pastor in the Pentecostal Church of God.

It's a **crucial** time because...


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It is because of your faithful support that we are able to continue developing world-changing Pentecostal leaders for the 21st century. 

Rev. Randy Lawrence is the president of Messenger College and the director of IMPACT PCG Student Ministries.



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