

AZUSA NOW

I have to apologize that it has taken me so long to share with you all about my time at Azusa Now. The powerful way that God moved through that time has consumed me with seeking after His plans and will for our region. First of all, thank you to my Godparents, who without knowing made this trip possible through their support and obedience to God. Thank you to everyone who has continued to support and pray for my family.

I will start my retelling of Azusa with the amazing testimony on how God provided for me to attend. A fellow brother in Christ and I were praying at Dayton SHOP back in March. During our prayer time I told the Lord that if He was going to move at Azusa Now that I wanted to be there. I proceeded to ask Him to provide a way for me to be there by the end of the day. If he didn't by the end of that day I wouldn't ask again. Low and behold, that very day a 'surprise' support check came in the mail. Three days later a similar situation happened with my brother-in-law allowing him to join me in going to Azusa Now.

At Azusa Now, there were over 65,000 people in attendance from all around the world. Thousands of believers had been fasting and praying over this event and hundreds had spent two weeks prior to the event in evangelical activities throughout the city. Lou Engle, founder of The CALL, hosted the event and incited incredible passion into God's people to giving themselves in prayer and fasting and wholeheartedness for the Gospel. The event started with a group of Korean pastors praying for America to see revival. They thanked the Church in the United States for the missionaries they sent to Korea, both North and South. Then a time of prayer broke out where the entire stadium was crying out for the salvation of North Korea—an amazing start to this amazing event.

As the day progressed, more and more prayer continued. Leaders from around the nation and the world would take turns sharing their hearts for what God was doing in a specific region, cultural area, or movement. Then they would lead into a time of prayer and worship for that given topic. Billy Graham, who was unable to attend the conference because of his age, even wrote to the conference and released his mantle for sharing the Gospel and asked—not that God would pass on just the anointing that was on his life for revival—that the anointing of Jesus would fall on everyone present and willing to receive across the world.

One of the main reasons for the meeting was to bring unity to the Church in prayer. This was accomplished not just by the many people that were there representing different nations, denominations, and people groups, but by pairing our meeting with The Cry, which was a prayer meeting of pastors happening at the same time in Washington D.C. They streamed the prayer meeting from D.C. to Los Angeles and vice versa so that both could pray over the other! That is unity from sea to sea!

Some of the most profound moments for me were when Todd White and Jack Hayford shared their hearts. Jack Hayford has been a spiritual father to many and has been ministering to the greater Los Angeles community for decades. His heart to see a nation swept up in the Spirit of God in unity unto God's glory was so confirming to my spirit. Todd White felt that God was leading him to release the mantle of what he would call 'normal Christianity' meaning that loving people with God's love isn't abnormal but should be our normal. He had us raise our shoes and declare that we would go forth with God's love towards everyone and give ourselves to representing Him and the Gospel in all that we do. To be honest this was probably one of the most profound moments for me because it felt like God was pouring out a supernatural strength and boldness that would fill us to live set apart and fully in view of His grace and His Kingdom.

Lastly, I have to tell you the most amazing part of all. Every single time someone would share their heart or release something over the crowd or nation it would start to rain. Every time. Not once did someone pray and it not start raining it was like it was God's way of confirming that He was releasing His anointing as we aligned our hearts with His. Jack Hayford even shared that in the weeks leading up to the event he prayed asking that God would have it rain as confirmation.

If you want to see video of the conference an archive of the whole thing is available at the link below or if you have Roku it is available on the God TV app.



LOVE DAYTON

Upon my return my brother-in-law, Eric, and I felt that God was calling us—and Dayton—into a season of fasting for revival in our very own city. We contacted a few pastor friends and shared what God was putting on our hearts and then sent out a call to the Church in Dayton to pray and fast for 30 days from April 13th through May 12th.



On May 11th, an initiative in Dayton would be starting called Love Dayton. Love Dayton was an event that has been in the works for a few years with local churches and Randy Clark's ministry Global Awakening. Randy has been a part of God working through revival across the world for the last few decades and he felt that God was leading him to Dayton, of all places, to see His power and love sweep the city. I have been involved in planning meetings for this event and had great expectation for what God would do through the mission.

Unfortunately, I was not able to participate in the Love Dayton activities due to my brother-in-law's wedding that was the same weekend. Even so, I do feel that our continuous prayers and time of fasting broke through the spiritual walls which allowed for the ministry to move with ease through the city.

I have to share a pretty cool testimony with you in relation to this event. In my time of prayer and fasting for thirty days it was at times very challenging to stick with it. I found that fasting for breakthrough in the city was more challenging than other times where I have fasted for personal breakthrough, mainly because I didn't see the breakthrough. Whereas when I have fasted for personal breakthrough I see that breakthrough. However, on the 29th day I saw some breakthrough. The mayor of Dayton, Nan Whaley, released an official document declaring May 11th Love Dayton Day and recognized it as a day where Christians would go into the streets with the love of God giving the office of the cities approval and permission to the event. Amazing, God does mysterious things and I continue to pray that the mayor of Dayton gives her life to Jesus in all things!

MAY 2016 UPDATES

Towards the last week of April and into the first week of May I was introduced to the director of His Hope Teen Challenge, Rusty Toadvine. Rusty is an amazing man of the Lord who has been called to help men and women who are struggling with addiction find freedom in Christ. I will be connecting with him more in the future to see how our family can strategically partner with him as we transition in to the East Dayton area.

I also attended a prayer meeting after our weekly PrayDayton meeting at Linden Ave. Baptist Church in East Dayton. Another great man of the Lord, Dan—who I will probably talk more about next month because God is doing some amazing things through this man as well, invited me! At this prayer meeting we saw two people completely healed of back and neck pain. Then watched God heal the hearts of two women. One woman was a mother whose daughter had not spoken to her in twenty years and the other woman was in her early thirties and had lost her mother 7 years ago. She was carrying a great deal of heartbreak and guilt. I had never met these women before but God knew them and God wanted to heal their broken hearts. So God gave me a word of knowledge about them and allowed me to speak His truth into their lives. They were undone before the Lord and received His peace as they tossed aside their baggage and guilt to the Cross and walked out of the church lighter than ever having received a full portion of His love and joy! I love being part of His plan!

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