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BIG NEWS FOR THE PSP TEAM!



From left to right: Pam Russell, Marsha Williamson, and Trisha Voorhis

Two new members have joined our women's ministry team! Marsha Williamson will be apprenticing with Pam for future chaplaincy and Trisha Voorhis will be volunteering one day a week to help Pam with administration tasks. Please join us in praising the Lord for two new team members!



MATTHEW BARNES

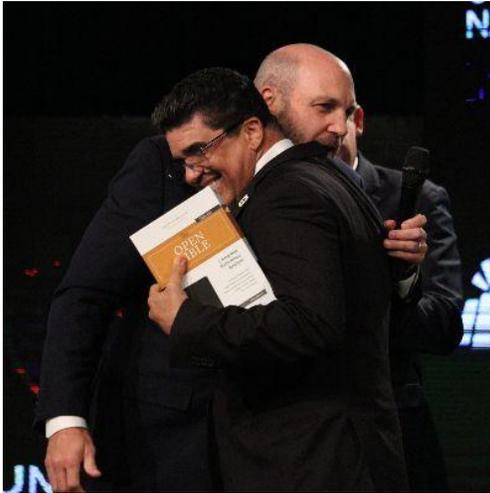
Indiana Statehouse Chaplain

Our summer and fall months have been packed full of ministry activity! A highlight for me was our mission trip to the capital of the Dominican Republic, Santo Domingo. Our team was joined by State Representative Tim Wesco, his wife Katie, and former State Senator John Crane. We taught at a Parliament and Faith conference that was well received by the hundreds who attended.



Tim Lindsey, former State Senator John Crane, Matthew Barnes, Mayor Dio Astacio, State Representative Tim Wesco and his wife Katie, and Pam Russell

While there, we had the special opportunity to get to know the mayor of Santo Domingo Este and give him a Bible personalized with the Indiana state seal and his name on it. He was delighted to receive it.



Rep. Wesco and I were also honored to have a private meeting with Vice President of the Dominican Republic, Raquel Peña. We were able to pray with her and give her a personalized Bible as well. May the Lord grow the seeds of ministry to political leaders across the Caribbean!

This trip is just a small glimpse of the unbelievable doors the Lord is opening for PSP across the globe. The fields are truly ripe for harvest but our time, resources, and strength are limited. Please pray for our team as we expand and grow. Pray specifically for:

- 1.) Wisdom in knowing how to use our finite resources
- 2.) Spiritual, mental, and physical health for our team and their families
- 3.) Traveling mercies for the upcoming mission trips in the next few months.

We deeply appreciate your vital prayers and support!



PAMELA RUSSELL

Indiana Statehouse Women's Chaplain

The “interim” time is usually much less hectic than the legislative session, but I haven’t known a fall so busy since pre-COVID days. My suitcase has been hard at work and my passport has a few more stamps in it. I just finished my fourth conference in five weeks, two of which were out of the country. At one, I was a teaching instructor; at another, I spoke on ministry to elected leaders; at the third, I was a learner; and at the last, I shared the PSP ministry vision.

We continue with our normal weekly Bible studies during the interim as well. Last week we wrapped up the online Bible study with pastors’ wives in India, completing the book of Joshua. A byproduct of the study has been them learning to pray for their political leaders. At the Statehouse, we launched our latest Statehouse Ladies’ Bible Study, “Thy Kingdom Come,” in September.

The interim time of year is also when I visit women legislators in their districts to encourage them and pray with them whenever possible. Thank you for praying especially for our women’s ministry and for traveling mercies!



A shared moment with State Comptroller Elise Nieshalla



TIM LINDSEY

City-County Building Chaplain

October brought our 6th Annual Indianapolis Prayer Service. It was well-attended with a large television audience. It is amazing to know that Indianapolis government television both broadcasts and archives these prayer services each year! Only God can orchestrate such a work in the heart of our capital city.

From the first worship song led by Pastor Jon Owens, to the closing prayer by Dr. Charles Ware, there was a real sense of God's presence and peace. We were encouraged by many who commented that the space felt like a safe harbor and the spirit was one of "great faith". For us, it is an important reminder of the need to pray for our public servants; some of their struggles are public while others are much more personal.

Normally, the service ends and we all scatter. Yet this time, everyone hung around like a close-knit church congregation. One of the most unifying actions we do is pray together; one of the greatest catalysts towards action and change is prayer. Our communities carry heavy burdens and worries, yet the Lord's church was welcomed into a public gathering inside a government building...only God!





- 1) Tim Lindsey
 - 2) Pastor Thomas Shepherd praying for Mayor of Indianapolis Joe Hogsett
 - 3) Indianapolis City County Councilor Maggie Louis
 - 4) Dr. Charles Ware
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ANITA LUCKHAUPT

Executive Assistant

Greetings from Southeast Indiana! This fall has brought about many changes in my role with PSP. I have recently assumed the responsibility of Matthew's part-time Executive Assistant. (As a side note, I am also Matthew's aunt, which makes this working relationship easier to navigate.) This is a welcome change but comes with many technology challenges as I have been out of the workforce for many years. With God's help and the help of other PSP team members, I hope to provide the support Matthew needs in this rapidly growing ministry. I'm excited to see how God is working in and through PSP ministry, not only in the United States, but in other countries also.

As I continue to learn more about our ministry and my role as Matthew's assistant, I will hopefully have the opportunity to meet many of you. God has given me a love for people and I count it a privilege to pray for our leaders as well as others in need of prayer.



SARAH KNOERZER

Director of Technology and Graphic Design

Going with the PSP team to the Dominican Republic was incredible. I'm still in awe of how God is lifting up bold Christian leaders who unashamedly proclaim their faith and demonstrate Christ's love to those around them. Despite language and cultural barriers, it was powerful to see that He is the same God we all serve. Witnessing His hand in the political sphere on a global scale was truly a blessing! I'm thrilled to be a part of it!

Please Pray for our PSP Team and Families

1. Matthew & Miriam Barnes
2. Pam Russell
3. Tim Lindsey
4. Rita & Darrel Bowman
5. Anita & Eric Luckhaupt
6. Sarah & Trey Knoerzer
7. Nathan Amick
8. Marsha & Tracy Williamson
9. Trisha Voorhis

By His Grace Alone,

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