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# National Conference Women's Prayer Spa

By Host Pastor Dr. Rick VanHoose

**"BE STILL, AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD:" PSALM 46:10**

A special afternoon is being planned in your honor before the evening service, Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, the opening day of the conference beginning at 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.

The Ladies of the Cathedral will be hosting a Prayer Spa and Soaking Room as a great big "thank you" for all you do throughout the year. We want to extend to you a day of memorable experiences with the Lord and offer new friendships that will last you a lifetime.



You may be asking...What is prayer spa, and what is soaking all about? Have you ever been to a spa or had massage therapy where prayer was the main course of action? This will be a treat that you won't want to miss. The Ladies Of The Cathedral have prepared unique anointing oils for use during this time of rest, relaxation and meditation. Come to have your aches and pains massaged away as we pray and, gently massage shoulders, hands, and feet.

A special surprise awaits you after your massage prior to entering the Soaking Room. And now you're asking...What is soaking? How many of you actually apply Psalm 46:10 to your monthly or weekly (let alone daily) lives? Being still requires a deliberate attempt to shut out the world and our regular routines. Why? So that we can feel His gentle touch and hear His still small voice.

Women are so busy multi-tasking and getting things done for our family, meeting deadlines, completing projects, working full-time jobs and still making time to minister to others in need. We are always in "Martha" mode when God is actually calling us to be in "Mary" mode.

Soaking is quieting our soul and lingering in the manifest presence of Jesus by the Holy Spirit as we expectantly wait on the Lord to receive from Him as we focus on Him. What can happen when we soak? By the gifts of the Holy Spirit we can receive revelations of the truth, we can experience the fruit of the Holy Spirit, we can be comforted by it as well. We can be caught up into heaven and be continually baptized with the Holy Spirit in order to minister and pray with the power and boldness.

How do you know if you need to soak? If you are spiritually dry, if you long to move more powerfully in the gifts of the Spirit, if you are looking for fresh vision and direction, if you are hurting inside, if you are about to start something new, if you are searching for an answer to a problem/situation, if you carry an overload of responsibilities, and if you simply want to have more intimacy in your love for your Heavenly Father: all of these things can be eased by soaking and can take you deeper in your walk with Jesus. Is soaking in the Bible? Yes, the following scriptures are just a few that call us to lie down, rest, wait, listen and be quiet in order to focus and meditate on God. Psalm 4:4, 4:8, 23:1-3, 27:8, 27:14, 62:5, 63:6, Exodus 33:14; Isaiah 40:31 and Matthew 11:28-30.

We encourage you to study these Scriptures and be ready to capture the encounter that the Lord has in store for you during the conference. Plan to separate yourselves to enjoy this special quiet time with the Lord. Walk-ins will be welcome, but for your convenience, you may want to call the Church Office at 812-423-8000 the first week of September to schedule your very own personal appointment for the Prayer Spa.



Additional information will be available on the day of soaking. Come comfortable bring your Bible, notebook and your pillow! As well, the Soaking Room will be available for everyone throughout the Conference.



**"Providing today's ministers the freedom they want and the fellowship they need."**



Dr. Tim Warner

# Chairman's Corner

## Divine Direction for the IMA; Part 3



### Mobilize the next Generation!

***And the LORD answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it.*** (Hab. 2:2)

Two months ago we considered the “Write the vision” as it pertained to God commissioning us to (1) Move Forward. Last month our subject was (2) Make the vision Clear; taking vision from our name - **International:** showing the aspects of being global, mobile, and noble; **Ministerial:** that we are building ministry, ministers, and ministries; **Association:** revealing that we are a relational alliance of trust, structure, and networking together! This month we turn our attention toward reaching the coming generation.

1. Move forward

2. Make the vision clear

3. **Mobilize the next generation**

The prophet Habakkuk saw a vision that would far outlast his generation and reach into the next. Verse 3 goes on to say, **“For the vision is yet for an appointed time; but at the end it will speak, and it will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry”** (Hab 2:3). Vision of the godly sort must outlive us and touch (at minimum) the youth of the coming age. IMA ministers need to grasp this final point of our vision. Please prayerfully read the following points and ask the Holy Spirit as how you can personally respond.

#### **God is still calling; parents/students vie for prosperity**

God has, is presently, and will always be calling people into the service of the Lord. Please carefully hear me out on this point. Having just spoken to an academic dean at a USA based Bible College on the subject at hand; here’s a true scenario which he described: *A young man receives a call to the ministry. He contacts a bible college. Upon further contact, the dean speaks with the parents. The father says: “My son is not going to Bible College; he’s going into engineering. The job market is much more secure there!”* This story is not uncommon. In fact, most Christian parents now look for job security on top of the will of God; it’s career above calling; secular degree over sacred destiny; and money over mantle.

I inquired of youth in our area regarding God’s call to ministry and why their generation is seemingly not responding. Here’s what I found. One young man told me that the [Christian] university he attends tells them, *there’s enough pastors, churches, and ministries; you need to find a [secular] vocation and shine as a light there, reaching out to those in your sphere of influence.* Another comment was, *it’s too scary to become a minister; if I’ll be judged for my thoughts and actions in my [secular] vocation, why would I want to get in the realm where God and people will judge me on an even higher scale?* Still another (girl) stated *that the consensus amongst most (college age) youth is that there is so much uncertainty in the world that they are better off to get a degree and stay in a career that is less stressful and more secure.* Wow; I was taken back! How about you?

#### **Seasoned ministers must spot those with potential**

Be it as it may with parents, students, and youth in today’s culture. Let’s face it; our worldview is warped and we must break a worldly and dangerous mentality. We’ve bought into the beast system and it’s time we do something about it. Ministers who are called by God and functioning in the ministry have a vantage point, however, to see those



(young people) with potential. Moses saw Joshua; Elijah spotted Elisha; and Paul recognized the potential in Timothy. Each of these mentors both valued and invested into the succeeding generation. God will place young men and women in our churches, missions, or communities of faith who are called, but won’t necessarily know what to do with their calling. That’s where you come in minister of God! He wants you to be a mentor and find a protégé. Mostly, it takes a minister of maturity to spot a minister-in-the-making. Ask the Lord to help you see an arising servant “Samuel” or talented “Timothy” today.



#### **Ministers have got to see themselves as recruiters**

Not only must we see potential, we must go the next step, be mentors, and make disciples [of Christ]. This is where ministers are made! Somebody saw you; then helped to get you where you are today. Fathers of the faith are needed; mothers in Israel must arise and sow seed to the next generation. Here’s where the IMA can help. Part of our vision is to reach our youth, raise up “Timothys” and equip younger ministers to effectively serve Christ in the coming generation. National and District gatherings are designed to encourage the calling and development of our younger ministers to reach their potential. Remember, “The vision is for an appointed time” and now is that time!



## FROM THE PHILIPPINES

Rev. Sheldon & Elaine Dwyer



## FROM DURANGO, MEXICO

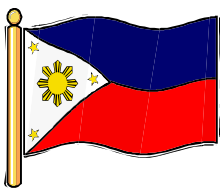
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### DISCIPLESHIP BIBLE SCHOOL

We have had some great meetings which began with a seminar during Holy Week in Binangonan, Rizal, and then a visit from our kids and spouses, who visited two churches, and then we ran a discipleship Bible school in April in Taytay, Rizal. In between, we spoke in several church services, conducted a wedding, and spoke at the funeral of Adong Feliciano. I visited Pastor Iniego Francisco who is in critical condition with kidney failure. These two brethren I have known since our first term in the Philippines, and we had influence over their coming to Christ. Both of them attended our Bible school.

### HOLY SPIRIT BAPTISM

While Elaine and I were conducting a Discipleship School in Taytay, Rizal, Philippines, one of the classes was on the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Elaine gave her testimony, and, at the conclusion, we had the students stand. As we were praying, the Holy Spirit began to sweep over them and I believe every one of them was speaking in tongues.



Later, at a service in Binangonan, Rizal, Philippines, I spoke at a packed church revival meeting. Again the Holy Spirit began to move. We had several pastors praying for the people throughout the congregation and many were speaking with other tongues as the Holy Spirit gave the utterance. The experience of the Holy Spirit baptism must be kept alive in the churches.

### BOOK PUBLISHING

We just submitted a Tagalog translation of "Building on the Rock, Part Three, Principles of Christian Leadership" to the publisher in Manila. What a victory this is! Praise the Lord!

### PASTORAL POSITION WANTED

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### SWINE FLU REPORT

The sign on the front door of the church read: *By order of the Department of Health we are asking everyone to refrain from greeting each other by shaking hands or kissing on the cheek. Also we have been asked to use face masks during the service.*

What was going on? No doubt everyone has heard about the problem with the swine flu that has held Mexico semi-paralyzed for the past couple of months. Schools were closed for two weeks, all government offices were closed and everyone was asked to avoid any gathering of more than 100 people in one place. They were also asked to not shake hands in greeting, and especially not to kiss (here in Mexico many people greet each other with a kiss on the cheek—especially among the Christians) therefore the sign on the door of the church!



Some states in Mexico are still under those directions from the Health Department, but the state of Durango where we live has been released from the order, the schools are open again, etc. Although there were numerous cases and numerous deaths throughout the country, in the state of Durango there were only 10 cases and no deaths. Praise God!

### BIBLE SCHOOL GRADUATION

It was a night of great excitement, one we had all been working toward for more than six months. It was preceded by an entire week of one exam after the other, with projects and research papers due and ready to be turned into the teachers. What was the occasion? **It was graduation night for the Bible School.** More than 20 students were given certificates for the work they had been doing during this time, and another six students actually received their diplomas showing that they had finished the entire course and could now look toward the ministry God had for them. The graduation service was part concert, part entertainment, but complete rejoicing in the Lord for what He had accomplished in everyone's life.

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**Bro. Tim H. Popoff**, Terre Haute, Indiana, the husband of, IMA member, Pastor Karol Popoff, Sugar Grove Community Chapel, Farmersburg, Indiana, went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, May 20 2009. We send our deepest condolences to Pastor Karol, the family and the church.

**Sis. Karen "Susie" Boyd**, Salem, Illinois, went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, June 6, 2009, at St. Luke's Hospital, St. Louis, Missouri. "Susie" is the wife of IMA member Pastor James Boyd, Celebration of Life Church. We send our deepest condolences to Pastor Boyd and the Boyd family. Her passing was sudden and unexpected. Pastor Boyd and the family need the prayers and support of friends and IMA members.



# NEW MEMBERS

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