PRAYER MINISTRY

We have all heard the sermons on prayer: on why we should pray, on why we should pray more, on how we should pray, etc. There is personal prayer and corporate prayer and both are certainly wonderful in the Body of Christ. Today, I want to share a thought about IMPACTFUL PRAYER taking a lesson I learned while in Korea.

In South Korea there are prayer mountains throughout the nation. People go to the mountain to pray. Usually at these prayer mountains you have a place to eat (although people are encouraged to fast), a worship area for teaching and services, rooms to stay in, and trails & walking paths to walk around to meditate &pray. It is a chance to "retreat" from the world and to "enter into battle" for the Kingdom of God. You also see small rooms called "PRAYER ROOMS". Some are small "cement bunkers" or rooms side by side where people will take water and their Bible into and spend time with God. What is also interesting is some of the local churches have these rooms inside of them where people can go to pray. In these prayer rooms people:

- a) intercede for family, individuals, nations, and the local & worldwide church.
- b) worship & praise God
- c) spend time in repentance
- d) read God's Word in meditation & prayer on what God is showing them.

It has been said that the only reason North Korea hasn't attacked South Korea is because devoted elderly women are praying daily for those two nations. Wow!!!

As I was thinking about this the other day I was wondering how we are going to truly initiate revival in individuals and the Body of Christ in general. Of course, it begins with prayer but what if:

- the churches were opened up once a week for an hour to 2 hours of prayer time.
- The leader would start by asking the Holy Spirit to come in line with Romans 8:26, etc.
- People would go to four distinct designated areas which each area having a specific purpose:
- 1) **INTERCESSION**: for family, individuals, nations, and the local & worldwide church.
- 2) **WORSHIP**: worship & praise God
- 3) **REPENTANCE**: spend time in repentance
- 4) **THE WORD**: read God's Word in meditatively & prayerfully.
- a bell could be rung every 20-30 minutes for people to move to another area if they wish.
- individuals could chose to go through 1-4 different areas depending on how they are led.
- the time would end with a closing prayer.
 - Small rules could be followed:
- no food or drink only water keeping the focus on prayer only prayer!!
- a bulletin board could be set up for prayer requests & answered prayer.

This time could be done in the afternoon after the Sunday Worship, in the morning, afternoon, or evening. For example: start with an after service time leading to a Monday 7am time, leading to a Wednesday afternoon time, and finally adding a Friday evening time. It could be expanded further. It can also be done at homes throughout the week or the larger church setting. This comes in line with Home Groups themes (sometimes leading to church plants).

Let us sincerely seek our Lord in these times in order to see that:

"He performs wonders that cannot be fathomed, miracles that cannot be counted." (Job 9:10)

May God lead you and guide you in what He is showing the church in these times!!

RESOURCES:

Devotional Prayer