



Serving Our Neighbors

August 20, 2020

After 20+ years of collaboration, we are moving into the next level of city-wide transformation, **Reformation!** As believers around the world, across our nation and throughout our local communities are being **Awaken to the Kingdom** (living in Abundant Life), God is now moving us into our Assignments, so that every facet of our society & culture can begin to reflect His Glory and Fullness. We're continuing to cry out for Revival, that **America Shall Be Saved**, so that every person in our nation would be set free from the lies of the enemy & come into a personal relationship with their Creator, but that doesn't change the core values of our society & culture, nor does it make our communities livable again. New believers, as well as older ones, must be disciplined in how to love like Jesus did, how to be Ministers of Reconciliation, **Kingdom Influencers** & as His Ambassadors, reform the systemic foundational structures of our society & culture.

In April of last year, we received a small capacity grant from the Murdock Charitable Trust in order to solidify our Board of Directors and completely refocus and redefine the Vision & Mission of Serving Our Neighbors, as well as clarify and develop a Vision & Mission for the new Marketplace Catalyst. In the greater community work of Serving Our Neighbors (with Faith, Business & Government Leaders), **our Vision is to see a movement of leaders advancing the peace & prosperity of our communities** & our **Mission is to connect & equip leaders to achieve a greater community impact through strategic partnerships!** In the focused work of The Marketplace Catalyst (for Believers only), **our Vision is to see every community experiencing the goodness of God through the influence of Kingdom-minded leaders** & our **Mission is to engage marketplace leaders to influence culture and society for the good of their communities.**

Our plan was to perhaps launch **The Marketplace Catalyst** (TMC) in March, but as we realized that God was facilitating a global **RESET** and now a global **RECOVERY**, we believe that we will be able to establish the first **Influence Builder Groups** (IBG's within TMC) throughout our region (after the General Election & Holidays), as we move into the global **ROAR** of His Kingdom. In addition, we have recently met with 2 foundations that really support what we are doing & are considering funding (perhaps by the end of this year or the beginning of next year) the creation of our **15 SON Strategic Councils** (for the Majors Spheres of Influence & Those Who Have No Voice) & the purchase/remodel/build out of our **8 SON Strategic Reformation Training Centers** (SRTCs) in locations throughout the greater Portland metro area, all of which will be connected virtually, so that any training taking place at one location can be available at all the other locations, as well to our growing global audience & partners.

In the most recent assaults of Fear (Covid-19), Hatred (Riots) and Greed (Elections), God has used us to help facilitate His Love, His Forgiveness and His Abundance! We have been essential in facilitating, in partnership with the **More Prayer** team (prayer coverage for our Pastors & Community Leaders), an **8 Day Prayer Vigil** in June, a **24 Hour Prayer Vigil** in July and a **Pray on MLK** event in August, as well as preparing and healing our land with forgiveness from the daughter of the last Chief of the Chinook tribe (Portland was built on their land) before the **"Let Us Worship"** event with Sean Feucht, which drew several thousand to Portland's waterfront for Worship, Salvations and Baptisms in the Willamette River. We have also been actively engaged with **Helping Hands Reentry Outreach Centers** in securing, remodeling and opening up their new **Bybee Lakes Hope Center** (the 16 year old - never opened - Multnomah County – Wapato Jail) next month for emergency shelters & their full homeless transition into community program, later this Fall with at least 220 beds (men's, women's & family dorms). We also helped to facilitate 2 virtual **Business Expos** with **BESThq** in Beaverton & the launch of a new radio broadcast, **MercyToday** in support of **Mercy, inc** (a global compassion ministry) via a new monthly Business Development Group Forum in Salem, with plans to expand the broadcast and the forums to cities throughout our region and nation.

Can you help sustain us, by investing in our work on a monthly basis (\$1K, \$500, \$250, \$100 or \$50) **or with a one-time donation.** You can setup a one-time or monthly donation at www.paypal.me/servingourneighbors (wherein we pay a small service charge) or mail a check to PO Box 90784, Portland, OR 97290. You can also [Venmo](#) funds (at no charge) & our account is servingourneighbors.

Shalom (As It Should Be, Nothing Missing, Nothing Lost, Completeness, Fullness & Peace)!

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** In the emailed version of this letter, all the underlined words are hyperlinks to our website so that you can understand more of what we are doing in our region.



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Since 1999, Serving Our Neighbors has brought hope & transformation to thousands of believers throughout the greater Portland/Vancouver metro area via these four major strategic objectives. Here are our 2019-2020 Highlights:

Revival Prayer

- Continued with our weekly Saturday morning **SWAT (See What Agreement Transforms) Prayerwalks** in downtown Portland (started in Sept 2015), wherein it has not rained on us once in almost 5 years
- Supported the annual [Prayer ConneXion](#) (presented by Mission ConneXion), the [Oregon Prayer Summit](#) (presented by PrayOregon) & the [Northwest Prayer Summit](#) (presented by Hearts of Fire Int'l Ministries)
- Coordinated the annual [Clark County Prayer Breakfast](#) (in partnership with the YMCA & FGBMFA) as well as promoted other special Days of Prayer ([Clark County – Weekend of Prayer](#), [Collegiate Day of Prayer](#), [National Day of Prayer](#)) and Strategic Gatherings, [Worship In The Square](#) & [Power & Love](#)
- Helped to launch the [MorePrayer](#) initiative (in partnership with the [Luis Palau Association](#) & [24/7 Prayer](#)) with a [Pastors & Prayer Leaders Luncheon](#) & the [Portland Prayer Vigil](#) (in light of the race protests & riots)

Reformational Collaboration

- Supported the annual [Mission ConneXion](#) conference, the [Portland Good Friday Breakfast](#) (presented by YMCA), the [Portland Kingdom Leaders Gathering](#) & the [Kingdom Leadership Summit](#) (presented by Father's House City Ministries)
- Supported & coordinated volunteers for [Conquest 2019](#), the biggest Christian Bi-lingual Multi-Cultural Event in the NW (presented by Father's House International) and the annual [In-City Worship Gathering](#)
- Supported the BESThq community, their annual [BESThq Business Expo West](#) and help to launch the [BESThq Business Expo East with the John C. Maxwell's LIVE2LEAD](#) & the [Red Truck Outdoor Experience](#)
- Supported gatherings for faith leaders coordinated by [City Gospel Movements](#): the [Northwest Evangelists Gathering](#), [ConnectPDX](#), [Show & Tell](#), [Come & See](#) & [Race, Justice & the Kingdom of God](#)
- Helped to launch [Worship 24/7](#), a new radio station format that is now being listened to in 136 nations

Transformational Influence

- Encouraged leaders to learn from the ["Identity Project"](#) with George La Du, ["Transformational Leadership"](#) with Ford Taylor, ["Biblical Entrepreneurship"](#) with Patrice Tsague, in addition to many other Prayer & Service workshops, seminars, conferences & trainings, like ["How Should We Reach Millennials?"](#)
- Supported the annual [Northwest Marriage Conference](#) (presented by WAY-FM), the [Work As Worship Retreat](#) (presented by RightNow Media@Work & NPIM), [Leadercast LIVE](#), [DateNightPDX](#), the [Hub Nation Summit](#) in Bend, Oregon and the first [International Culture Shapers Summit](#) in Washington, DC
- Helped to launch Lynn Hare's [Spiritual Quotient Workshops](#) & NPIM's [Kingdom Business Coffee Chats](#)
- Coordinated strategic conversations with [Dr John Seel at Murdock, Multnomah University & BESThq](#)
- Helped to launch a new radio broadcast, [MercyToday](#) (presented by Mercy, inc.)

Strategic Generosity

- Utilized your support to fund our Executive Director at \$6,000 per month.
- Maintained our minimum Operations Budget at \$1,500 per month.



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Your support is needed to allow us to continue *“Raising Leaders and Building Bridges to Better our World”*, wherein we are working towards the following in 2020 & beyond:

Revival Prayer

- Publish *“For the Peace of our City” (Jeremiah 29:7) - A Strategic Leaders Prayer Guide* that will help local believers in churches, prayer groups & strategic prayer ministries to pray specifically for key leaders in our communities’ major spheres of influence & those serving major areas of need. This prayer guide will list specific Scriptures & Prayer Points for transformation in these spheres & areas (see example below).
- Use this Strategic Leaders Prayer Guide as a key tool to launch *“1 Church - 1 Day”* Prayer Initiatives in Multnomah, Clackamas & Washington Counties (like the [Clark County Prayer Connect](#) currently has with 15 churches committed to praying for 1 day each month).
- **Outcome** – Thousands of more believers engaged in prayer for our cities, our state & our nation **so that** God can bring the transformation & make our communities livable again (Isaiah 58:12).

Reformational Collaboration

- Launch *“Emergency Preparedness Leadership Forums”* with local business, government and faith leaders in Nashville, Baton Rouge (& Portland again) and feature [The Marketplace Catalyst](#), so that leaders can fulfill their Kingdom Assignments to impact their spheres of influence or those who have no voice.
- **Outcome** – Thousands of leaders working together to prepare our communities for any local disaster (terrorist attack/regional earthquakes/national crisis) so that citizens can be prepared to care for their own families & businesses and always be active in serving our neighbors.

Transformational Influence

- Launch our **Serving Our Neighbors Institute (SONi)**, an online interactive platform that will feature our educational partners and support [The Marketplace Catalyst](#) with our Core Discipleship Trainings.
- **Outcome** – Thousands of leaders will be able to create new businesses and jobs, so that they can raise their community’s standard of living well above the poverty level.

Strategic Generosity

- Raise monthly support for the full-time work of James Autry (Executive Director) at \$10K per month, an Executive Assistant at \$6K per month, operations at \$2,350K per month and ongoing strategic prayer & service projects at \$1,650K per month (Budget upon request).
- **Outcome** – Thousands of believers & non-believers will have the ability to connect, educate & engage with what God is doing in our region & raising up the greater Portland Metro Area to be a city of refuge, a standard & a model, so that the nations will see what a Kingdom City really looks like.

"For the Peace of our City" – Jeremiah 29:7

A Strategic Leaders Prayer Guide

Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Family	Faith	Business	Gov't	Education	Media	Arts
Unborn	Orphans & Widows	Jobless & Homeless	Elderly & Disabled	Imprisoned	Ethnic Groups	Addicted & Trafficked

Leaders to Pray for Each Day of the Week

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Scriptures to Agree with for Each Day of the Week

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Prayer Points to Agree with for Each Day of the Week

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God Stories to Rejoice with for Each Day of the Week

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"For the Peace of our City," the Serving Our Neighbors – Strategic Leaders Prayer Guide will be published **each month** to allow believers to pray **each day** for one leader in a major sphere of influence & one leader working in an area of tremendous need, as well as to agree with a specific scripture & prayer point (what God wants to see in that sphere of influence & that area of tremendous need) and to rejoice in testimonies of what God has been doing in our community.

For example, on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, believers would pray for:

- **A Government Leader** (*Ted Wheeler, Portland's Mayor*)
 - **A Leader that works with the Elderly & Disabled** (*Barbara Bernstein, Exec Director with Elders in Action*)
- **Scriptures about Government** ("Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God." Romans 13:1)
 - **Scriptures about the Elderly & Disabled** ("Stand up in the presence of the aged, show respect for the elderly and revere your God. I am the LORD." Lev. 19:32)
- **Prayer Point for Government** (*We agree for Wisdom & Righteous Judgements be given to Ted Wheeler*)
 - **Prayer Point for the Elderly & Disabled** (*We agree for grace & mercy to be given to Barbara Bernstein, as Elders in Action honors those they work with*)
- **God Story about Government** (*On Sept 17, 2016, God gave us favor with Michael Cox, Ted Wheeler's Campaign Manager & future Staffer, who is also interested in starting a Sister City Association with Hanoi, Vietnam*)
 - **God Story about the Elderly & Disabled** (*On July 20, 2016 Elders in Action hosted a critical discussion group at PSU's Urban Center focused on Accessibility for People with Disabilities & Older Adults*)

"For the Peace of our City" will be available in a printed booklet format, on a website and via a mobile app.