

# Answers to Prayer!

## **God's Hand on Our Police & Fire Departments**

"I have to tell you about Civic..." The impact of hundreds of people praying for our police and fire departments is being realized, and the fire at Civic Stadium provided an opportunity to see God's help and intervention. As he reflected on his 30 years in the fire department and the recent fire at Civic Stadium, a strategic team member said, "I have never seen an incident of that scale handled so well or efficiently. Exactly the right people made exactly the right calls. There were no injuries reported, not even a minor injury recorded in the logbook, and that never happens. That is highly un-natural ... that is supernatural!"

## **Partnerships in the Arts**

A greater number of artists are seeking to partner with the Pacific Rim Art Guild (our community's collaboration of Christian artists), after we prayed for "the Lord to join together artists in creative partnerships to express the beauty and wonder of God."

## **Health Care: Back to the Mission**

In May, we prayed "for the mission of Peacehealth to be fully engaged by hospital leaders, doctors, nurses and staff" and for the local health care community to partner with the Christian community. A member of our Health Care strategic team reported the following direct answer.

"Recent changes in Peacehealth senior leadership have created a renewed commitment to the Peacehealth Mission:

**"We carry on the healing mission of Jesus Christ by promoting personal and community health, relieving pain and suffering, and treating each person in a loving and caring way"**

Over the past few years the focus on delivering on our mission promise had diminished. In a system-wide gathering, the new leadership emphasized the return to our Mission, the embodiment of Christ, reaching out to the vulnerable, and empowering our communities to live healthy lives. The Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace prayed over the leadership, dedicating them to the work of the Mission. Caregivers were truly encouraged by this renewal, and have already begun to increase the visible presence of this commitment, posting the Mission statement, including it in communications, and reengaging the faith community leaders in a collective vision for health of body, mind and spirit. This is an answer to prayer."

## **Answers within Churches:**

Multiple churches are experiencing greater levels of unity within their staffs and people.

People are finding their One Church – One Day prayer day to be a joyful time and an opportunity to love their church family through prayer.

A men's prayer group tripled in size over the last few months at a smaller Eugene church.

For several months, a church prayed for a worship leader for their second campus. A new worship leader was hired this month!

During a prayer gathering, a church prayed for lost family members whom they have been praying for a long time to be saved. That week, a woman who did not attend that prayer meeting, reported 3 generations of her family coming to a church gathering for the first time. She's been praying for them for 42 years.

During July we prayed "that parents would engage relationally with their kids and become students of who they are." One parent reviewed the prayer request at the end of the month and was brought to tears when she realized this is what God worked in her life this month and that she and her daughter benefited from the prayers of the saints.