



"But truly God has listened; he has attended to the voice of my prayer." Psalm 66:19

"What a Difference a Day Makes!"

TURN AROUND IN SPRINGFIELD PROTEST

We've been praying for the peace of our community for five years through One Church - One Day, but in light of current events and unrest, we've increased that prayer focus over our community:

In late July, a protest became violent in the Thurston Hills, when protesters, counter-protesters and police clashed. Many of us saw violence and hate on live streams and news reports.

The next day, another protest was planned in Springfield, and everything predicted violence would escalate. Leaders sensed the importance to call people to pray for Springfield.

At 4 PM that day, One Hope posted on social media, calling people to "Pray for Springfield" with prayer points.

By 9 PM the post had 7,100 views, 1,000 engagements, and more than 100 shares. God mobilized people to pray, and thousands saw that the Church was praying.

But it's get better: The next morning, Friday, July 30th, KEZI reported this about the second night of protests:

"What a difference a day makes!

There was another night of protests, but there was a completely different outcome this evening.

Last night there was violence, and tonight there was peace. There was no chaos tonight.

There were no issues the whole night."

The Springfield Police Chief also gave glory to God, saying, "Our prayers were answered, as it was a very uneventful protest. There were no issues at all."



RIOT IN EUGENE FIZZLED + RECONCILING CONVERSATIONS

Two riots planned in Eugene (with the intention of violence; not peaceful protests) fizzled after focused prayer.

The week after the Springfield escalation, the Sheriff received credible information that violence would target the federal court house in Eugene. He sent out the call for prayer. The threat came to nothing.

There was also a protest planned to tear down the cross at New Hope Christian College. The college planned a worship and prayer time around the cross in response. During that time, a Jesus-follower ministered to a counter-protester sporting an offensive shirt and a large gun. They had a discussion about love and hate, and soon the counter-protester repented for his hate, and said he wanted to love people and pursue change like the Jesus-follower did. The counter-protester then crossed the street to have a conversation with a protester. He offered him water and asked to have a conversation, after apologizing to him.

100 NEW FAMILY-WAGE JOBS COMING TO EUGENE NEXT YEAR

The Eugene business community and families received good news early August – a new manufacturing business is coming to the former Hynix building. It's expected to bring **100 new jobs to the city next year** with several hundred more in the years after.

In a Register Guard article on August 5th, Matt Sayre, director of the local economic development nonprofit Onward Eugene, said he believes Stratacache will help Eugene reinvigorate high-skill manufacturing here, provide family wage, which will be a "sorely needed local win" since the pandemic.



Prayer for Superintendents + Childcare Solutions

Multiple school leaders have asked the Church for prayer, solutions and help surrounding childcare. The Junction City ministerial association even had the opportunity to pray for the Junction City superintendent, a fellow Jesus-follower, at their last meeting.

Throughout the summer, school leaders were in regular communication with One Hope and church leaders. This led to discussions addressing the childcare crisis. Two superintendents and the YMCA approached One Hope with the questions, "In the fall when students don't go back to school buildings, could church buildings be used for YMCA childcare?" A number of churches are in dialogue with the YMCA, and this fall we will see some churches open their facilities to childcare programs!