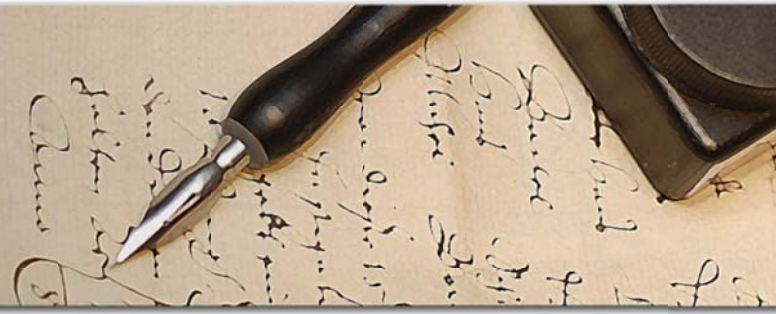




# From the President's Desk...



July 28, 2011

Dear Pastors,

Early after electronic mail began to fly through millions of computers, Bill Gates had an internet address just like everyone else. Then the New Yorker magazine published it – anyone could send the computer guru a letter!

And they did – thousands a day!

That was when he went to work and created software to filter out his mail. Only important messages could get through – the rest ended up as junk mail in cyberspace.

Thank God, there are no filters on our communications with God. Billions of prayers are mouthed every day around the world; and God hears every one of them!

I, as a pastor, am so thankful for the praying people of our Foursquare family. Every one of our churches has some of them. And when the issues are bigger than we can pray for ourselves, there are others who will hold up our hands, like Aaron and Hur did for Moses.

Thank God for our dear Joanne Wolf, who has given leadership to our pastors' prayer requests over the past many years. Joanne has been my pastor (with her husband, Art) for years, my Bible College teacher and my friend for almost 50 years. I have deeply valued her faithful, loving, undergirding prayer support since I was a teenager.

This week, Joanne and I, and another friend, Pat Bryan, had lunch to talk about the prayer ministry of the Canadian Foursquare Church. I'd like to share with you what I suggested to them.

1. We all have personal needs, as well as a circle of family and friends who have important issues about which we should pray. Those are part of our everyday prayer life – we all are privileged to have personal access to God, to pray about these daily needs.
2. When the needs are too much for us to emotionally or spiritually carry – these prayer requests require 2 or 3 believers to pray together in agreement. Thus all of our churches have intercessors, prayer chains, and prayer meetings to help share the weight of our concerns.

3. In cases where pastors; missionaries and leaders have either personal issues, or need a spiritual prayer covering above their own church circle, I've asked our Unit Supervisors to have spiritual elders available to uphold their fellow leaders in intercession. Any pastor should feel free to ask his or her Unit Leader or designated Prayer Leader for prayer support. It's always best to know the person or situation for which we are praying.
4. I'm not sure that it is necessary to have hundreds or thousands of people praying for any one issue (unless we're praying for a nation, school system, national crisis or such). God said, "Two believing people in agreement are necessary for miracles to occur." But there are times when pastors or churches need the under girding of other spiritual leaders.

It's those types of requests that I've asked Joanne and Pat to pray for, and to elicit the prayer support of elders across Canada. Feel free to email Joanne ([bjwolf@shaw.ca](mailto:bjwolf@shaw.ca)) with such requests.

Pat Bryan has been a friend of mine for some time now. She has been an intercessor and prayer teacher for many years – especially for pastors. I'm so appreciative of her love, empathy and prophetic gifting over my own life and ministry.

I've asked Pat to work beside Joanne in this vital prayer ministry and to use her own writings to help us pray even more effectively. You'll be receiving regular communications from Joanne and Pat about our prayer ministry in the Foursquare Church of Canada.

*Prayer changes things.*

*Prayer changes us.*

*God answers prayer.*

*The effective prayer of a righteous person can accomplish much!*

Thank-you pastors for praying. Thank-you Unit Supervisors for standing with our pastors and leaders, and thank-you Joanne and Pat for holding up our sometimes faltering arms. We, in turn, bless you and pray for wisdom, insight and strength!

Love and Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barry Buzza", written in a cursive style.

Pastor Barry Buzza