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JUNE 4, 2017

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Quotable Quotes

from Saturday's events



"It is not duty that compels us to serve... It is love."

—an international worker serving in Africa



"Prodigals will never return to control; they will only return to compassion and love."

—Ron Walborn



"In [God's] Kingdom, disciples of Jesus live like disciples, and they make more disciples."

—Tim Crouch, vice president for International Ministries



"When we have corrected vision, there is changed action."

—an international worker serving in Europe

"I realized I didn't have to live out my promises to God; I could live out His promises to me." —a North African church statesman



PRAISE, PRAYER, AND PRODIGALS



The parable of the prodigal son was read in English, Spanish, Korean, and American Sign Language, and participants of Take-a-Break, the disability ministry at Grace Church, danced on stage while playing instruments.

After much rejoicing, Ty King led a responsive prayer of thanksgiving, saying, "We will lift up our hands in worship for Your faithful love endures forever!"

Ron and Wanda Walborn led in prayer for the prodigals in our lives, inviting us to "call forth what is not as though it were." The audience wrote names on cards as the worship team sang "Come Alive."

Johnathan asked us to pray for the prodigals, as mothers and fathers, brothers and sisters lifted their papers in the air. "God knows where they are, and He sees them," he said.

A group read a list of who we are in Christ: chosen, forgiven, redeemed, complete.

Johnathan concluded with a benediction: "May you go with great hope, confidence, and faith."

Still electrified from the afternoon Missions Rally, the Alliance family continued the celebration with a vibrant Saturday evening worship service. The room was filled with the presence of God as we entered into a time of praise to Jesus.

Johnathan Schaeffer, pastor of Grace Church in Middleburg Heights, Ohio, reminded us that we can rest in God: "We are going to trust Him to do great things!"

The Grace Worship Team invited us into exaltation, shouting "Hosanna" and praising God for setting us free.

Former C&MA president Gary Benedict prayed over John Stumbo and his newly elected Board of Directors, asking God to continue the work He started. Gary prayed that the Board would live in unity with each other because "where God's people dwell in unity, He pours out His blessing."



ANNOUNCEMENTS



GREAT COMMISSION DAY

Yesterday's Great Commission Day Offering totaled more than \$150,000! When added to what was already given, we now have more than \$350,000 to help several of our international worker teams move closer to a critical mass "tipping point" that will enable more people to hear about Jesus for the first time. Keep it coming, Alliance family!



KEEP OUR NEW MISSIONARY APPOINTEES IN YOUR PRAYERS

- Ana** North and Central Asia
- Daniel and Victoria Greenfield** Uruguay
- Timothy and Yia** Southeast Asia
- Joshua and Hannah** Middle East Kurdish Ministries
- Brian and Jessica** North Africa
- Philip and Chelsea** Mali
- Joel and Joann** Middle East Kurdish Ministries
- William and Kaitlin** Indonesia
- Rachel Sherer** Russia
- Sarah** Africa
- Mark and Reatha Searing** Ecuador

ALLIANCETRIVIA

Saturday's Trivia answer: In 1865, the same year William Booth founded the Salvation Army, A. B. Simpson: (1) was ordained in the Presbyterian Church; (2) married Margaret; and (3) started pastoring his first church, Knox Presbyterian Church in Hamilton, Ontario.

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