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Encouragement, Events and More!



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I was blessed to attend the Church Multiplication Network conference this week in Red Oak, Texas. It was a tremendous blessing where we heard challenging messages from a terrific lineup of speakers. There is much to come away with from such a venue, but let me briefly share what stood out to me and what greatly influenced my thinking.

“Go ·Fight · Win!” was the title of a message by a young woman named Destiny Deas. Everyone knows when we answer the call to ‘GO’ we find ourselves in the throws of a fight at times to keep our attitude right, to remember who sent us and who is leading us. We plant seeds and water that seed with the Word of God and prayer and sometimes still don’t see the results we were looking for. It’s in those times that you must remember that the Lord not only called you to Go and to Fight, but he called you to WIN!

Don’t shrug your shoulders and say in doubt, “Well... I did my best!” You may not be seeing the results you dreamed of. . .but you’re not a failure. You’re a winner. God wants you to think as a winner. The seed will bear fruit in God’s time, the mentoring of others will result in them reaching their destiny. You have won and you are winning. The Savior didn’t say, “Go, Fight, Hope you Win!” It even reads ridiculous. He sees us as winners. So talk like one. Act like one. Be encouraged. Go! Fight! Win!

Around the Network

In recent weeks, we have been privileged to celebrate with two congregations in officially welcoming their pastors. **Pastor Ray Hantz, his wife, Carol** and their children are serving **Compel Church** in Glendale. It’s rewarding to feel the Spirit of the Lord in a congregation, strong support for their pastor, and know that the church is moving in the right direction. We appreciate the Hantz family and grateful to have them serving Compel Church.



We visited **Tucson Praise Center** and celebrated with the congregation there in welcoming new pastors, **Greg Ramey, his wife, Kimberly,** and their four children. Again, there was overwhelming support for the pastor and a freedom in the place that felt so right. Marjorie and I drive away from these services with a heart of gratitude in sending pastors that are faithfully following the call of God.



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Galen and Rodella Nesham are two of my heroes of the faith. They have served **Hillside Bible Church** for 45 years. Fortitude and faith characterize these precious servants of God. They tend their own ranch and pastor a congregation of ranchers, cowboys, and country folk that just adore them and gladly follow their leadership.

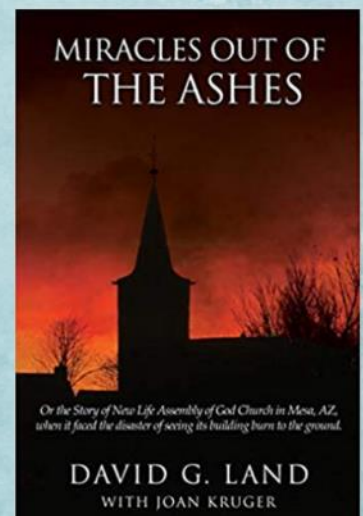


It is one of the highlights each year for Marjorie and me to minister in the Sunday morning service of this weekend of Anniversary Celebration for Hillside Bible Church. The impact they have had and are having cannot be calculated or adequately put into words. We love them dearly and their family, and are so grateful for their loving, dedicated ministry to the folks that live and work around Hillside.

"Thanks, Galen and Rodella for the honor of coming and celebrating with you!"

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Lastly, I am delighted to share the news that **Pastor David Land's book** is published. The book, *Miracles Out of the Ashes* tells the story of **New Life Church** in Mesa following the tragedy of the fire that burned the church building to the ground. We are excited to say that the book is available through Amazon or Barnes & Noble bookstores, but will also be available at our Network Conference where Pastor David Land will have a booth. We are grateful for God's faithfulness to this pastor and his congregation.



We are a great big family here in the Arizona Ministry Network and we love being together and sharing in fellowship, strengthening one another. We have the supreme opportunity to enjoy this fellowship and to be inspired by great speakers in just 43 days, as of this writing. Do not miss Arizona Ministry Network Conference 2020. We are celebrating 80 Remarkable Years of ministry on April 15 & 16 @ Radiant Church in Surprise, Arizona.



Register by clicking [HERE](#)

2020 NETWORK CONFERENCE

APRIL 15 & 16

RADIANT CHURCH

Surprise, Arizona

Guest Speakers

Doug Clay • David Hall
Crystal Martin • Ryan Horn

Worship by SEU Worship



ARIZONA
MINISTRY NETWORK

Dear Network Family,

Sue and I cannot thank you enough for your faithfulness to our Arizona missionaries. When you invite them for services, pray with them and place them on monthly support it makes all the difference in the world. THANK YOU!

May the Lord bless you and your ministry as you continue to keep the heart of missions before your church family.



Love and prayers, Ron & Sue

A RECORD YEAR!

It is with great joy that I write this newsletter this month because 2019 was a record year of giving in our Assembly of God World Missions Department.

Total giving was \$203.8 million dollars. PTL!

As you will see in this report on the next page, we now have 2,689 missionaries and associates serving around the world to bring the good news of Jesus love to every tribe, nation and tongue. God has been good to our movement and we give Him all the glory, honor and praise.

See the World Mission's statistics on the next page.

AGWM

Vital Stats

NOW

2019, Issue 2

www.agwm.org—Resources—Vital Stats
Statistics as of Dec. 31, 2018

Missionaries: 1,837

Associates: 852

Total: 2,689

MAPS: 338

Short-Term Personnel: 15,269

Personnel statistics above as of Dec. 31, 2019

57.3 Million Constituents
of AGWM Overseas Partners



69.2 Million
Worldwide AG
Constituents

Worldwide AG Includes 256 Countries,
Territories, and Provinces
(190 Countries)

Total World Missions Giving:
\$203.8 Million



Establishing the Church



Unreached People Groups AGWM
Engages/Will Engage: 321

Growth

52 seconds:
1 new believer
added to the
church

108 minutes:
1 new minister
enlisted

180 minutes:
1 new church
planted



375,310 AG Churches
409,500 AG Ministers

AZMN FEATURED CHURCH

Summit Church Celebrates Five Years



Recently, Summit Church in Anthem celebrated their five year anniversary as a church! Pastors Jeremy and Catie Naranjo have been in awe of God's faithfulness over the years.

Catie shares, "Church planting can feel very similar to having children and as you watch them grow, it's important to step back every once in a while and remember just how far they've come."

The sermon Jeremy shared on their Vision Sunday emphasized remembering how far they had come, but also talked about focusing on where they are going. To help the church remember back, they collected pictures for a photo display and gathered written stories for an online "memory wall." In the end, everyone left with giveaways and dessert, but the most important thing they took with them was faith for the years ahead.

Summit Church has seen the value of faith and perseverance. For their first three years they met in an elementary school and are now renting two units within an industrial warehouse space. There is still much to be renovated in the building, many people to reach in their community and more ministry to be done, but they rejoice in the growth they have seen. The next steps for Summit Church are still being written, but God has given them a heart to support and plant churches, to raise up and train leaders, and to reach the hurting families in their community.

Summit Church praises God for the incredible team of leaders who serve on staff as bi-vocational ministers and the gifted volunteers He continues to send. Thank you for praying and believing with Summit Church that God will continue using them to build His kingdom in North Phoenix!





NOTE TO SELF... *MIND THE MIND!*

"The mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace." - Romans 8:6b

"The mind is a terrible thing to waste," the UNCF radio commercial said. One would think no pastor ever needs such a reminder, and yet, I recall a message by David Wilkerson years ago in which he confessed a season of just that in his own life. He felt God convict him of not stewarding his mind as he should.

Our minds are such an incredible gift from God. Can you imagine trying to "discharge all the duties" of a pastor (2 Tim 4:5) without a good mind; for that matter, without a clear mind, a creative mind, a guilt-free mind, a peaceful mind? Our minds are at the heart of everything we do in ministry. Yes, like the rest of the P.I.E.S.S. (physical, intellectual, emotional, social, & spiritual) view of our design, our intellect/minds must be stewarded so that we are our best for the Lord.

Four years of my time in Springfield were spent on the second floor of AGTS. I had always wanted to earn a Master's degree, but just never made the time. It was hard to juggle along with pastoring Central Assembly, but the rewards were much beyond what I had imagined! The reading, cohort discussions, and week-long tutelage by phenomenal professors stimulated thoughts I would never have experienced otherwise. I'm sure you have felt the same in your academic pursuits, or even just in experiencing a thought-provoking conference or seminar.

Let me just give you a few suggestions for your mind's sake:

Memorize Scripture – I mean, why not? Why wouldn't we as pastors discipline ourselves to keep memorizing the word through intentional meditation? I memorized the Sermon on the Mount years ago and quoted it to launch my sermon series. Last year, I committed to memory the lengthy St. Patrick's Breastplate Prayer and pray it every day. It's chuck-full of theology and truth, while asking for God's protection, wisdom, and guidance. Why not? Memorization is great work for the mind.

Do some metacognition – Slow down enough to think about what you are thinking about. It might surprise you where your mind spends most of its time. It is in this practice that we obey the commands we know so well, to: "take every thought captive" "be transformed by the renewing of your mind" & "as a man thinketh in his heart..."

Allow nothingness – Literally, provide your mind moments like when as a child you laid in the grass and watched the clouds move in the sky. Allow your mind to rest. Enjoy the desert or other aspects of Arizona creation. Take hikes or car rides, just to hike or ride. And when you do, let your mind go into neutral.

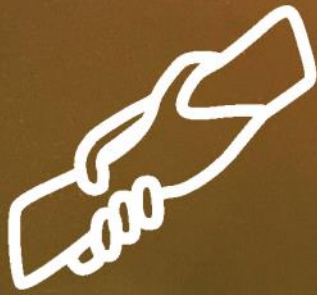
Read an array of books – Make a list of books you want to read. Make sure there is a variety—like foods, it's easy to get 'stuck' with a certain genre of reading. Delve into theology, catch the latest leadership release, invest in your marriage or parenting, read biographies of great people, and air out your brain with no-thought novels or mysteries.



As I stated on our network tour, each of those 5 areas of the P.I.E.S.S. naturally drain in ministry. It takes intentionality for us to refill them all for the good of God's Kingdom and those closest to us.

Stay healthy in ministry,
Pastor Jeff





ELDER MINISTRY

**ARE YOU EVER IN NEED OF
"A SAFE PLACE" TO SHARE
YOUR HEART?**

Times of personal crisis

Seasons of ministry strain

Just needing someone to talk to

Looking for ministry advice

Seeking confidential prayer and counsel

Our Elders are here for you!

- Over 50 AZ Pastors met confidentially with an elder in 2018
- Easily accessible through our AZMN website or smartphone app
- Thoroughly confidential and discreet in connecting with you
- Ladies! - 3 female elders are available to you

You are not alone!

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Men's Conference

Radiant Church is hosting its very first Men's Conference on **Friday night, May 1, 2020**. The **Legendary Men's Conference** exists to empower and strengthen men to live their lives as Godly husbands, fathers, and men. To help them pastor and make an impact with those in their community.

We will be joined by speaker Galen Davis, lead pastor from Cornerstone Nashville, Willie Mays Aikens, former Kansas City Royals player who has a powerful testimony and some amazing stories to share about life on and off the diamond. As well as your conference host, Greg Marquart, lead pastor of Radiant Church.

The conference will take place at Radiant Church at the Surprise campus and is in partnership with the Arizona Men's Ministry.

You don't want to miss out on world class communicators, powerful worship, and awesome entertainment.

Are you ready to be a LEGENDARY man of God?

Register online

radiantchurch.com/legendary

Pre-party 5pm
Doors open 7pm
After party 9pm



623-975-2662
legendary@radiantchurch.com

15522 W Paradise Ln
Surprise, AZ 85374



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FAITHFUL

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COMPASSIONATE

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OBEDIENT

COMMITTED

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**The Imagine Women's Conference was a life-changing night!
We saw God show up in a powerful way.**



Nearly 900 women gathered to connect, worship and grow at the Imagine Women's Conference

5 women gave their hearts to Jesus for the very first time

26 women rededicated their lives to Christ

Over 50 women served on the Dream Team

Many women stood in response to a call of ministry on their life



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FINE ARTS

DISCOVER. DEVELOP. DEPLOY.

\$40

FIRST CATEGORY

\$10

EACH ADDITIONAL CATEGORY

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VOCAL

Choir / Christian Band
Rap Solo/Group / Songwriting
Vocal Ens. Small/Large/Spanish
Vocal Solo Classical Sr.
Vocal Solo Female Jr/Sr
Vocal Solo Male Jr/Sr
Vocal Solo Spanish Male/Female
Worship Leading Solo Jr/Sr/Spanish
Worship Team Small/Large

WRITING

Book Chapter / Children's Literature
First Person Essay / Mini Saga
Flash Fiction / Poetry Jr/Sr

ART

Graphic Design
T-Shirt Design
Photography Digital/Film/Mobile
Visual Art 2D/3D Painting/Drawing

COMMUNICATION

ASL Solo / Group
Children's Lesson Solo/Group
Puppetry Solo/Group
Short Film / Spoken Word
Short Sermon Jr/Sr/Spanish

DANCE

Step Troupe
Urban Solo/Troupe
Worship Dance Solo/Troupe

DRAMA

Drama Solo/Small/Large
Dramatized Quoting
Human Video Solo/Small/Large
Human Video Spanish
Musical Theater Solo/Ensemble
Readers Theater
Stand-up Comedy

EXHIBITION

Instrumental Folk Solo/Ensemble
Mini Saga / Stand-Up Comedy
Piano Classical / Promo Video

INSTRUMENTAL

Bass Solo / Brass Solo / Guitar Solo
Instrumental Ens. Contemp./Trad.
Percussion Solo/Ensemble/Trad.
Percussion Unconventional
Piano Solo / String Solo
Woodwind Solo



AZ YOUTH CAMP

ENCOUNTERING GOD TOGETHER
W/ SEU WORSHIP



ALLEN GRIFFIN

EVANGELIST, DAYTONA BEACH
MAY 27- MAY 30



RYAN ALLEN

DESTINY CHURCH, ROCKLIN
MAY 31 - JUNE 3



LUKE CHAFIN

HILLSONG CHURCH, NYC
JUNE 3 - 6



MEESH FOMENKO

THE CITY CHURCH, VENTURA
JUNE 7 - 10



ALEXA PINEDA

VIDA CHURCH, AMARILLO
JUNE 10 - 13



SHADDY MELU

CHURCHOME, KIRKLAND
JUNE 14 - 17

AZAGYOUTH.ORG

ADDITIONAL 2020 EVENT DATES

NETWORK CONFERENCE
April 15-16

YOUTH ALIVE ONE DAY
August 22

NATIONAL STL DAY
October 18

YOUTH CONVENTION
October 23-24

GAME CHANGER

MARCH 6th & 7th

Location

Without Walls Church

Early Bird Rate

\$35

per child

KIDCON20

KidCon is a weekend created just for kids! From kindergarten to 6th grade, kids come from all over the state to participate in an outrageously fun, life-changing weekend! For kids, KidCon is all about experiencing powerful worship and encountering God on their level. For parents and pastors, KidCon is an opportunity to invest in the spiritual development of their child.

**Thank you for praying for this event.
For info on other events, please visit azagkids.org.**

Amy Visconti, Kid's Director
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School of Ministry

We hope you'll take classes with ASOM!

Here are some things you may not know about us:

- There are classes offered one Saturday a month at the Network Office and offered on a Monday night at Radiant Church in Surprise.
- Spanish classes are currently being offered in two separate locations in Phoenix.
 - High school juniors and seniors are able to qualify for free tuition.
- Students outside of Maricopa County are able to join classes remotely.

April Classes:

Intro to Pentecostal Doctrine, Church Planting, Church Administration

Register in March at azasom.com or by clicking [HERE](#).

Jeremy Naranjo, ASOM Director

www.azasom.org



TEEN CHALLENGE OF ARIZONA

Swing Back

Matt 10:8



Featuring our Teen Challenge Choir and many stories of how, with grateful hearts, we are giving back!

SPRING BANQUETS 2020

please join us

Flagstaff

Friday, April 24

Reception 6PM | Banquet 7PM

High Country Conference Center

201 W Butler Avenue

Tickets \$34 | Table \$272

Contact: 623-465-7810

Prescott Valley

Friday, May 15

Reception 6PM | Banquet 7PM

Lifepointe Church

10100 E State Route 69

Tickets \$34 | Table \$272

Contact: 623-465-7810

Easter
SUNRISE SERVICE
 Sunday, April 12, 2020 | 7:00am
CATALINA STATE PARK
 11570 N ORACLE RD | TUCSON AZ

HOSTED BY:
TUCSON TEEN CHALLENGE

TESTIMONIES & SPECIAL MUSIC
 GUEST SPEAKER: **MRS. ELISA MEDINA**
 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HANDS OF HOPE TUCSON

FREE COFFEE & PASTRIES AVAILABLE
 520.730.4265 | State Park Vehicle Entrance Fee is \$7.00

RICK RYAN
Intercultural Ministries
Arizona Ministry Network



PRAY 
for **IM**

that none should perish...
2 Peter 3:9

A R I Z O N A



NETWORK OF WOMEN MINISTERS



Denise Ryan
FACILITATOR

NETWORK OF WOMEN MINISTERS LUNCHEON

**RADIANT CHURCH
APRIL 15, 2020
12 NOON
\$15**

National Director
Network of Women Ministers
CRYSTAL MARTIN

Crystal is a fourth-generation minister in the Assemblies of God. Ordained in 2013 from the Arizona Ministry Network, she serves as the National Director to the Network of Women Ministers. Throughout her ministry career, Crystal has worked to create big footprints for the next generation of women and to advocate for women at all levels of church leadership.



General Superintendent
Assemblies of God
DOUG CLAY

Doug Clay is the chief executive officer of the General Council of the Assemblies of God. As general superintendent of the Assemblies of God, he is part of the largest Pentecostal denomination in the world.



DEADLINE to PreRegister March 30th

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NETWORK OF WOMEN MINISTERS

ARIZONA NETWORK OF WOMEN MINISTERS

SISTERSTRONG LEADERS SUMMIT

A ONE-DAY EVENT
THREE LOCATIONS

BECOMING THE BEST LEADER HE'S CALLED YOU TO BE!

- ARIZONA CENTRAL | MAY 7 | DINNER 6:00PM-8:30PM
AVONDALE | CORNERSTONE
- ARIZONA SOUTH | MAY 16 | LUNCH 10:00AM-1:00PM
TUCSON | HOPE CHURCH
- ARIZONA NORTH | MAY 23 | LUNCH 10:00AM-1:00PM
FLAGSTAFF | NORTHLAND

We sense God is stirring something in us for 2020. Being united, connected and together is key to an effective future for His kingdom.

We haven't begun to understand the depth of what SISTERSTRONG means for Arizona. We are more than certain, linking arms and doing amazing things for God in our ministries, our churches, and our world will be BETTER TOGETHER.

Let us talk together, walk together, work together, weep together, and sing together as we discover: New Strength, Deeper Joy, Greater Effectiveness, Increased Confidence, Clarified Calling and Resilient Living.

Discover what it looks like and what it feels like to become SISTERSTRONG!



Lavon has been called to awaken and inspire women leaders into their mission destiny for Christ! She travels globally, inviting women to wholeness and to intentionally access their Holy Spirit giftings. She is part of the Arizona Ministry Network.

LAVON REEP
GUEST SPEAKER



DENISE RYAN
NWM HOST

Register on-line www.azag.org/network-women-ministers

\$15 Includes your meal.

21 Deadlines for registration is one-week prior to your summit.

ARIZONA



NETWORK OF WOMEN MINISTERS

Pictures from the Network of Women Minister's Retreat



Cabin for Sale

Cute, cozy cabin set among boulders, pine and live-oak, here in the Assembly of God camp grounds. Purchaser must be a member in good standing of any Assemblies of God church.

2025 W Iron Springs Road - #133

Call Gil at 928-671-0085 to view.

Note: New elect. range and refrigerator; new live-edge cabinetry. Forced-air gas furnace. Plumbing and elect upgrades (all copper plumbing). Stacked washer and dryer. Garbage disposal. Carport. Newer shingles on roof. New windows, siding and paint. Security doors front and back. Storage area under house plus small storage unit. A few steps from Mail boxes and dumpster.



Network Information

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Statistics for February 2020

OPEN CHURCHES

Fountain Hills Christian Center

Glendale, Hope City Church

Holbrook, Faith A/G

Houck, Bethel Navajo A/G

New River, First A/G

Rainbow Mtn., Navajo Mtn.

Shonto, Victory A/G

FILLED CHURCHES

Holbrook A/G - Pastor Thomas Garza

Golden Valley A/G

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Chp. Robert Stephens

Susan J. Parks from New Mexico

DECEASED:

Rev. C Jerry Frawley

Rev. Robert Bennin

**Thank you for
being a part of the
Arizona Ministry
Network!**