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“Advancing Biblical Unity and Spiritual Transformation in Utah”

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MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS:

- 5th annual *Pastor's Prayer Summit* held in Park City in Jan. 24 pastors attended & over 200 hours of prayer offered over this 3 day event.
- ST and area SL churches sponsor 2nd *Unite in Prayer for Our City* gathering held at SL Christian Center in Feb. Some 300 people attended.
- ST hosts former PLO terrorist Kamal Saleem at 5 area SL churches in late Feb. where he shared his testimony, “From Islam to Jesus.”
- 47th presentation of *An Evangelical and A Mormon in Conversation* since 2001 held at USC campus in early March.
- Greg taught a 3 day course on Mormonism for the Apologetics Masters Program at Biola University.
- Greg attended LA Angel Spring Training in Phoenix as SL Bees Chaplain.
- Greg and ST Board Chairman, Pastor Bill Young, attended prayer meeting at the Brooklyn Tabernacle Church in New York. A formal invitation was extended to their famous choir to come and minister in Utah.

4th STANDING FIRM CONFERENCE BEST EVER!

On March 22nd, at Valley Assembly of God in West Valley, our ministry team hosted our fourth annual *Standing Firm One Day Ministry Conference: A Conference for Those who Minister in Utah from Those who Minister in Utah*. Six different area pastors shared their passions for ministry, with the hope that their hearts might inspire other pastors and ministry leaders to refine their own passions for Kingdom service along the Wasatch Front. We were honored to have Pastors Mike Gray from S.E. Baptist, Rod Gordon from Christian Life Assembly of God, Phil Hughes from Mt. Olympus Presbyterian, Mike Menning from Mountain Springs Community Church, Tom Koehler from Christ Community, and Dave Nelson from K2 the Church. Can you imagine such a gathering of local church leaders meeting together to preach before their own peers, happening anywhere in the country, and of all places it is happening here in Utah? The only word that comes to mind is, “AMAZING!” Just think about it, 53 pastors and ministry leaders gathered for a full day to hear six pastoral colleagues share their unique visions for ministry in Utah. Incredible biblical unity was evidenced at this conference as we intentionally brought together such a diverse set of pastors as a Southern Baptist, an Assembly of God, a Presbyterian USA, an Evangelical Free, a Reformed Church, and a Non-Denominational Church. Each pastor shared insightfully on such topics as understanding Mormonism, evangelistic zeal, pastor soul care, a time of favor for Utah ministry, caring for the handicapped, and motivation for ministry endurance. **We would like to share the excitement of our recent conference by sending you a copy of Pastor Tom Koehler's timely message on “A Time of Favor in Utah,” from Ps. 102:12-13. Just e-mail our offices at info@standingtogether.org and request Pastor Tom's message and we'll send it out to you free of charge right away.** We are confident that after listening to this word of exhortation from Pastor Tom your prayer effort on behalf of Utah will certainly increase, and that is why we want to send it to you!

CHRISTIAN COLLEGE STUDENTS DIALOGUE

We have just completed another exciting season of ministry hosting evangelical college teams that come to Utah every Spring. Six years ago our ministry arranged with BYU to openly invite evangelical college students to visit their campus for dialogue and short interactions. Over the last six years this opportunity has grown and now there is a specific team of Mormon students at BYU who spend the year planning discussions with visiting evangelical students throughout their Spring semester. Originally, the evangelical students would spend around two hours on campus, but now they have been invited to spend the whole day at BYU, with Mormon and evangelical students meeting with professors, sitting in on classes, discussing doctrinal differences and other items of interest that they might have with each other.

It is so exciting to watch these students engage with each other and talk about important issues of doctrine and how a person can be saved. The students we work with, from Wheaton College, Colorado Christian University, Azusa Pacific University, and Biola University, are excellent ambassadors of Jesus Christ. They maintain mature composure as they listen to their LDS peers, and then they have opportunities to share their own faith perspectives with graciousness, and without compromise.

As a result of these interactions between evangelical and Mormon students, we have heard some exciting things. One LDS student shared, “I've never worshiped God like this before.” The Mormon students love to sing contemporary Christian music, and the highlight of these campus interaction for them is when the evangelical schools lead out in musical worship.

This coming October, we will be hosting our first ever *National Student Dialogue Conference* in SLC. Currently, we are introducing the student dialogue model at BYU, at many of the LDS Institutes of Religion in Utah, and at BYU Idaho up in