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“Advancing Biblical Unity and Spiritual Transformation in Utah”

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## MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS:

- 5 different ministries stand together for 8th annual Utah County Good Friday Service held at Adventure Church in AF, Utah.
- Greg and Bob Millet of BYU attend annual Wheaton Theology Conference. Focus of conference was a study of the early Christian Church and orthodox Christian doctrine.
- ST hosts Biola University for two days of student dialogue.
- 8 events held across the Wasatch Front to honor *National Day of Prayer on May 3rd*.
- 3 “A Mormon and an Evangelical in Conversation” events held in May. 2 in Boise, ID (at Albertson’s College and at a local Methodist Church) and a major event held at Mariners Church in Newport Beach, CA. Some 1,600 attended.
- Truth Project Conference held in early June, 641 attended.
- 14th Evangelical and Mormon Theological Dialogue event held at Fuller Seminary in late June. Our topic was, “Can Man become God?”

## TRUTH PROJECT EXCEEDS ALL EXPECTATIONS

In the days leading up to our much anticipated Truth Project Conference, our registration numbers were disappointingly low. Our hope was that by June 8th we might have at least 400 people in attendance. Well, when the conference began on Friday night, we were amazed to welcome exactly 641 individuals to The Fellowship Church in Sandy, Utah to experience Focus on the Family’s Truth Project Training Conference. Even more exciting for us, **was that 57 different evangelical churches from around Utah** were represented in that number. Additionally, there were people from 19 different states who traveled to Salt Lake City to attend our event.

Being privileged to host the Truth Project was an incredible blessing for our ministry, and it really was a landmark time of unity for the evangelical church in Utah. Over the next two months it will be our prayer that many who attended, particularly from Utah, will seek the Lord themselves in prayer as they prepare to host Truth Project Small Groups in their homes and local churches. Each of those who attended the Truth Project learned the importance of possessing a biblical worldview, and are now equipped with 12 hours of DVD material from Dr. Del Tackett of Focus on the Family. We are trusting that a strong response to the Truth Project from those who attended will lead to a multiplied influence upon Utah, and will not only strengthen the Body of Christ but open the door of the Gospel to those who are now being called by God to discover His amazing love for them.

In addition to hosting the conference, we were also able to arrange a meeting with Dr. Tackett and Utah’s Lt. Gov., Gary Herbert. On Friday we worked with a college ministry from New Life Church in Colorado Springs. This group was here to engage the Utah culture, participate in the Truth Project, and to dialogue with an LDS leader, which they did in a question and answer session over lunch. We thank God for the many ways He used The Truth Project to bless Utah!

## NDP: A TIME TO PRAY FOR USA AND UTAH

On the first Thursday in May, our nation stopped to pray in honor of the *National Day of Prayer*, a day set aside by Congress and signed into law by **President Ronald Reagan in 1988**. Once again, the evangelical Christian community of Utah joined this national observance of united prayer. This year 8 different NDP Task Force events were held to petition the Lord to “hear from heaven and to heal our land.” A small prayer circle gathered up in Logan at Utah State University, there was a well attended prayer breakfast in Park City, pastors led others in public prayer in Ogden, a group of believers gathered in Layton Park, as did others in the cities of Provo and Orem.

We were thrilled to welcome Utah’s Lt. Gov., Gary Herbert, to a clergy NDP breakfast where Pastor Corey Hodges of New Pilgrim Baptist Church preached a message on the role of prayer in the American story. About 100 people joined us at our state wide event in SLC, where 12 different evangelical pastors led out in public prayer for our nation. We were blessed to have special music from the Mountain View Christian Assembly of God Choir and the Adventure Foursquare Church.



This year, as in years past, a few local Utah pastors joined us in our meeting with our Governor, Jon Huntsman, who signed our NDP State Proclamation. My son Reagan, age 7, was off school, and it was so fun to have him join our group. As you can see, Gov. Huntsman made sure Reagan made the official photo! Let us resolve to pray daily for our nation and our leaders, and not just on one day of the year!