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AG's George Wood Issues Urgent Prayer Call

After the brutal murder of New York City police officers Wenjian Liu and Rafael Ramos, I issued a statement asking for

prayer for our nation's law enforcement officers.

Earlier, I and other Pentecostal leaders had asked for prayer for the black community in the United States, as well as our brothers and sisters in the Church of God in Christ, the National Black Fellowship of the Assemblies of God, other black believers, and law enforcement officers.

Recently, Bishop Charles E. Blake Sr., presiding bishop of the Church of God in Christ, a classical Pentecostal Fellowship with long ties to the Assemblies of God, issued the following statement:

"The brutal execution-style ambush and killing of two New York police officers Wenjian Liu and Rafael Ramos is a horrifying tragedy ... As Christians we are called to seek peace and pursue justice and to stand in compassion with the grieving families of these brave men who have made the ultimate sacrifice while protecting the community." (Click here for the full statement.)

Would you join me wholeheartedly in standing with Bishop Blake in his condemnation of violence against police officers? This is a time in our history when the body of Christ has a unique opportunity to intercede for our nation and live as agents of reconciliation. As Sunday School children we sang this song:

Jesus loves the little children,

All the children of the world.

Red and yellow, Black and white,

They are precious in His sight.

Jesus loves the little children of the world.

Let's continue to live out the spirit of the song we sang as children. Let's believe for a great spiritual awakening in 2015 in America and fervently intercede in prayer. The first

week of January has been set aside as a week of prayer. So, let's pray!

George O. Wood is general superintendent of the Assemblies of God.

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Healing Rooms Movement Spreading Rapidly in Israel

It started with the words, "I believe, I believe." Now, it's an international healing movement with prayer rooms opening most recently in Israel.

"We're excited with what the Lord is doing in His nation," says Healing Room Ministries Co-Director Dottie Kane. She and her husband, Richard, are the International Association of Healing Rooms national advisers for Israel.

"We believe through healing miracles, signs and wonders, Jewish people will return to their Messiah," Kane says. "It's a fresh revelation to them, and we believe God is going to bring many Jewish people into his kingdom."

The healing is a direct result of Kane's victory over kidney cancer in the early 1990s. Prophet James Goll told Kane, "what I won personal victory in, I would have the authority to give away to others, and now hundreds have been healed from cancer!"

When a healing room opens in a new Israeli city, word of mouth will spread and Jews will pour in, asking for prayer in

everything from finances to marriages to physical ailments and leave with baptism of the Holy Spirit.

The Kanes initially made contact with Israeli partners in September 2012, and took their first trip to Israel February 2013.

“When we met with key leaders in Israel, the Lord gave to us 1 Corinthians 1:22,” Kane says. “The Jews demand, or require, a sign.” And to Kane, that sign is the miracle of healing.

Now, they have healing rooms in Jerusalem, Rishon Letzion, Galilee, Ashkelon and one opening soon in Haifa.

The rooms are operated by both Israelis and noncitizens, including a medical doctor and Russian Jews. The goal, Kane says, is to raise up Israelis to run the prayer rooms themselves, imparting prayer and gifts of ministry.

“The more different we are from one another that unity becomes a supernatural act,” according to one of the Israeli healing room websites. “We are being built into a building of living stones. Each stone is different in make-up, form and content, yet the ‘cement’ that keeps us together is the love of God poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.”

“It’s exciting to see what God is doing—using ordinary people. We are nobody special,” Kane says. Yet these nobodies are pursuing God’s chosen people with abandon, praying for breakthrough, revival and miracles among the Jewish population.

To read more about the Kanes and how God is working through healing rooms in Israel, go to .

Jeremy Lin Needs Your Prayers as God Stretches Him

NBA star Jeremy Lin remains bold about his faith—even his struggles. After launching a prayer group in October, the Asian pro baller has continued sharing his heart with fans.

“Spiritually, I’ve really been challenged to seek humility even more each day. When life is tough, it forces me to re-evaluate everything and learn to depend on God more than I initially think I need to,” Lin writes on his blog.

“God continually stretches me and challenges me through basketball, and I’m just trying to live each day pleasing Him. One verse that has really spoke to me recently is John 3:30—He must increase but I must decrease. This is counterintuitive to everything society preaches, but more of God and less of me is always the best formula!”

With that, Lin once again opened the lines of prayer.

“The journey I’ve been on has had its ups and downs and I appreciate all of your support throughout. Some of you have asked how to pray for me, so I decided to start a prayer group where I can send out requests for those that want to pray and support!!” Lin writes. “So much of what happens is out of our control, but prayer has been a place I have consistently found peace with God.”

WATCH: Is This 10-Year-Old

the Next Kari Jobe?

Ten-year-old Kaitlin Maher is ready to find God here and now.

“I hope this song inspires you the way it inspires me,” Kaitlin says. “Because the message is simple, that whenever you’re having a hard day or whenever things seem to be going wrong, you can always count on God to be there for you.”

Watch the video to see her rendition of Kari Jobe’s “Find You on my Knees.”

WATCH: Tim Tebow Shocks Wal-Mart Shoppers

Christmas is next week, and excited shoppers are returning to stores to collect their gifts from layaway.

In stores such as KMart and Wal-Mart, shoppers meet with a pleasant surprise. In this case, Tim Tebow ... but why is he there?

Watch the video to see!