

Ministry Embarks on National 'Root 52' Prayer Campaign

✖ A yearlong prayer campaign is traveling across the United States to reclaim the nation's Christian roots.

Dubbed Root 52, the 52-week prayer strategy will move from state to state in the order they entered the union, as local intercessors fast and pray for government leaders and for the state to return to its prophetic "covenant roots."

"If we will take our place in repentance, bowing low before God in humility with fervent prayer and fasting, seeking God's face and his heart towards our nation, we believe that united with God and one another, a nation can be shifted," wrote Root 52 organizers Mike and Cindy Jacobs, founders of Generational International and the Reformation Prayer Network.

The campaign began Jan. 1 with two weeks of prayer for national political leaders. The tour then moved to Delaware, the first state to enter the union, and is in Pennsylvania this week. Intercessors there are leading prayers outlined on the Root 52 Web site, which includes links to teachings by Chuck Pierce and Dutch Sheets about covenant roots and spiritual mapping.

"In Hebrew, the United States is translated *Artzot Ha-Brit*, which means 'lands of covenant,'" Mike and Cindy Jacobs wrote on the campaign Web site. "If we will covenant together as the body of Christ, we have an opportunity to turn this battle at the gates. ... We believe that as the call goes out and the praying church arises, uniting in heart and purpose, that we will stand strong. As a result, we will see the walls of deception, seduction, lies and rhetoric come down like those of Jericho."

The campaign is part of a year of "humiliation, fasting and prayer" Cindy Jacobs called in December to "turn the nation back to God."