**HEAL OUR LAND: BURY THE HATCHET INITIATIVE**

 **Southern Maryland Report by Sandy and Vance Dippold**

**Prayer Assignment # 3: St. Mary’s County - Hollywood, MD**

Our 3rd prayer assignment took place on the property of one of our intercessors, Carol Tolodziecki, in St. Mary’s County, MD. This property was a part of the original land grant of 4000 acres given in 1650 to Thomas Cornwallis, who sailed with Lord Leonard Calvert from England, landing in what is now St. Mary’s County. This 4000-acre land parcel, and the home which was built on it, were known as “Resurrection Manor.” We believed this name was significant, being representative of the dunamis power over all of Maryland through Christ’s Resurrection. Upon Cornwallis’ return to England, a portion of the land became Sotterly plantation. This plantation, an historical landmark today, had dealt with the buying and selling of slaves, and was not far from where we prayed.

St. Mary’s County is where the first Catholics landed in Maryland, which was established as a colony offering religious freedom for Catholics, yet also welcoming Protestants. Even so, there were battles fought between Catholics and Puritans in Maryland in the early years of the colony.

In addition to this, as a border state during the Civil War, Maryland’s allegiance was divided between the Union and the Confederacy. St. Mary’s County was the home of Camp Hoffman, a POW camp for Confederate soldiers and sympathizers captured during the Civil War. Many atrocities were committed against these prisoners who were men, women, and children. In 1870, the federal government attempted to transfer the remains of Confederate prisoners to a new site just north of Camp Hoffman. Since the remains of the prisoners could not be identified, mass graves were created at the new site. The Lord revealed to us that He considered this desecrating the dead, and that this desecration continues with the bodies of aborted babies today.

On April 28, 2021, a group of 8 intercessors met in St. Mary’s County, MD., on Carol’s property, connecting via conference call with Kathy Black’s group who were on Federal Hill in Baltimore. Our purpose was to complete our 3rd prayer assignment for Burying the Hatchett. This date was chosen because on April 28th, 1788, Maryland ratified the U.S. Constitution and became the 7th state of the Union. As our Maryland forefathers took a step of faith toward righteousness and unity on April 28, 1788, we, too, by faith, took a physical step forward - a prophetic act of solidarity with their intent, and we repented for our past sins against our brothers and sisters and against God. We repented for all bloodline, current sin and offenses associated with idolatry, dead and false religion and tradition, atrocities committed during the Civil war, killing of First Nations peoples, suppression of religious freedom, pride of life, lust of the flesh, and lust of the eyes. We declared that Maryland’s sins and offenses were forgiven because of the shed Blood of Jesus Christ. *We declared that Jesus was imparting healing to Maryland for all traumas of Slavery, the Civil War, the land and the people*. Because two of our intercessors were of American Indian ancestry, they prayed a “Prayer of Forgiveness” for every atrocity and broken covenant against the First Nations Peoples of Maryland.

We declared, that by the Blood of King Jesus, Maryland was acquitted of all bloodguilts: from the bloodshed committed by the first inhabitants who sacrificed to other gods, to the bloodshed of illegitimate cultural or occultic altars of today; bloodshed caused by conflict and tribal wars; bloodshed during the colonial and civil war years; bloodshed caused by the resistance movements against ruling regimes; bloodshed caused by murders, killings, accidents, abortions, suicides, poverty, lynchings, and injustices.

We declared that the land of Maryland was cleansed from all ancient and modern wickedness, bloodshed, and trauma.

We declared, “Maryland is healed! Let the people rejoice!”

We celebrated communion to heal and cleanse the land and offered the communion elements to the land as we partook of Jesus’ Body and Blood. By the authority of Is. 22:22, we declared blessings over the land of Maryland using the following scriptures:

Lk. 2:35, Gen1:1-2, Ps. 85:10-13; Is. 66:8-9; Ezek. 37:15-28; Is. 54:1-3; Is. 55:11; Jer.23:29; Deut. 7:13.

*We decreed the womb of Maryland is no longer hostile to the seed of awakening.*

*We decreed that Maryland is one with the seed of awakening, the Word of God.*

*We decreed that the dunamis power of resurrection life is restoring the land of Maryland to fruitfulness.*

We had prepared 3 pairs of small toy hatchets by labeling them individually.

The 1st pair of hatchets had the word **“North”** on one and **“South”** on the other – representing the healing of divisions and atrocities of the Civil War and Slavery.

The 2nd pair of hatchets had the word **“Church**” on one and **“State”** on the other – representing the healing of trauma caused by religious persecution.

The 3rd set of hatchets had the word **“Maryland”** on one and **“The Purposes of God**” on the other – representing Maryland’s submission to God’s purposes, bringing our state into alignment with the Covenant of Life.

We declared that *Burying the Hatchets* was a symbolic act given to us by our Native American Christian brothers, symbolizing peace and unity. We then buried the hatchets under a large evergreen Leyland Cypress tree on Carol’s property. We also buried a set of 27 craft sticks: one stick for each of the 23 counties of Md, one for Baltimore City, Washington, D.C. (whose land came from Maryland), as well as Judah and Ephraim. Each of the 27 sticks had one county or city name written on it. They were bound together with jute rope according to the scripture in Ezekiel 37:15-26. *We declared: As Judah and Ephraim were joined as one stick in God’s hand, so will all of Maryland be as one stick, one state – united in God’s hand.* (We included Washington, D.C. not because we feel it should be a part of Maryland, but because it *had* been a part of our land, and Maryland’s covenant with God would extend to it.) We anointed the ground with oil, and then sprinkled salt on it. As we are the salt of the earth, the living word of God, being declared by us, was bringing healing and cleansing to the land, just as the salt of Elisha purified the waters in 2 Kings 2:21. We continued making declarations over the land of Maryland using the following scriptures:

Eph 2:14-15; Ps. 139:13-14; Hag. 1:5; Rom 12:16, Eph 2:14; Is. 53:5; Eph 4:1-3; Esther 5:1; Is. 61:3; Is. 61:4; Jer.33:6; Rev. 2:2; Prov. 15:1; Ps. 1:1-3, Rev. 22:2; Matt. 5:1-12; Phil. 3:14.

*We decreed that the seed of awakening will stir up the spirit of worship in Maryland and in St. Mary’s County. All peoples will hunger for the one true living God, and hunger to worship Him and Him only.*

*We decreed that the seed of awakening will cause Maryland to walk by “strong deeds and gentle words” for whatever Maryland does in word and in deed, will be done in the Name of the Lord Jesus.*

*We decreed that the seed of awakening will cause the people of Maryland to embrace complete union and communion with God.*

We declared, *“This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!” (Ps. 118:24)*

We closed the prayers by the blowing of the shofars in Baltimore and St. Mary’s County simultaneously.

**One of the intercessors from Baltimore, Ed Ducote, shared this word as we concluded our prayer assignment:**

*“During the prayer, I felt to look at the line between St. Mary’s County (Hollywood, MD), Baltimore City at Federal Hill, and Harford County (Norrisville) at the Mason Dixon Line. As I looked at the map it seemed to be in a relatively straight line North to South. This occurred during our declarations, decrees, and prayers. Then I remembered that we placed a plumb line in the ground at the Mason Dixon line (when there earlier this year).* ***“Alignment!”*** *Then I felt led to decree the Plumb line using Zech. 4:8-10.*

*“Then the word of the Lord came to me: ‘The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this temple; his hands will also complete it. Then you will know that the Lord Almighty has sent me to you. Who dares despise the day of small things, since the seven eyes of the Lord that range throughout the earth will rejoice when they see the chosen capstone in the hand of Zerubbabel?’” (Zech. 4: 8-10)*

*Then we decreed Is. 55:11*

*“So is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.”*

***All that we declared and decreed would come forth for this Awakening for Reformation***

***Birthed Out of the Womb of Maryland for our Nation.***