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

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**Prayer Assignment # 2 - Final Report – Rt. 6 and Rt. 5 Intersection, Charlotte Hall, MD**

**Southern MD PRAYER ASSIGNMENT 2: “Preparing the Womb for the Seed”**

On March 4, 2004, Chuck Pierce and Dutch Sheets came to Maryland on their 50 State Tour. One of the many prophetic words released over Maryland through them was: ***“Maryland is a place for the seed to be awakened and for the womb to be opened for this nation.”*** In recent months, the Lord reminded me of this word and showed me that the womb of Maryland was hostile to the seed of awakening. A little later He showed me that MD Route 6 was a place to “Bury the Hatchets,” specifically at its intersection with MD Route 5. He told me that Isaiah 6 was the scripture related to Route 6, and then He told me to read *The Beatitudes*(Matthew 5), for Route 5. I sensed the Lord was saying that Route 6 was a type and shadow of man, made on the sixth day, and the pride of man’s flesh was represented by King Uzziah in Isaiah 6:1. It is the year in which King Uzziah died, symbolic of the pride of man’s flesh surrendering to God. Similarly, I saw Route 5 as symbolic of God’s grace extended to us - intersecting with us - as we humbly seek the Lord, to be in complete union with Him. It is in this place of blessing (The Beatitudes) that the fruit of this intimate relationship comes into maturity as we abide in the fulness of His presence. The seed of awakening in Maryland needed to become one with Maryland’s womb in order for this prophetic word to bring forth the mature fruit of awakening to the people.

As I continued to reflect on Isaiah 6 there was more that the Lord showed me related to the prophetic words for Maryland, but it was through verse 13 that I realized what the Lord wanted us to pray about on this assignment. In this final verse of Isaiah 6, he is told that even if all of the people are exiled and cut off from the Lord, a **remnant will remain – the “holy seed.”** That led us to the purpose of our prayer assignment: We were to bring healing to traumatized land of Maryland, which as the womb of the nation was hostile to the “seed of awakening.” Even so, the seed of awakening was still here just as the “holy seed” of Isaiah 6 had remained. Though therehas been much prayer about this prophetic word since it was first released 17 years ago, the Lord was saying that *this is the time of fulfillment*. Just as Rt. 6 and Rt. 5 intersect in Charlotte Hall, the time had come for the prophetic words, declarations, and decrees spoken over Maryland to intersect their moment in time, to bring forth the lasting fruit of transformation and awakening in our state.

When I shared this with Kathy Black, an intercessor from Baltimore who we had connected with on our first Prayer Assignment, and told her when we were going to pray there - April 22nd - she felt this related to the mandate of our authority in Is. 22:22. As Kathy and I were talking, we were discussing the paths of Routes 6 and 5 and realized that Route 5 actually passed through St. Mary’s, Charles, and Prince George’s Counties in Maryland. Kathy did some research and found that Route 5 actually entered Washington, D.C. for a few miles as “Branch Avenue” before stopping. She also confirmed that the land given for Washington, D.C. came from Maryland; thus, we could extend our declarations to include Washington D.C. as well.

On Thursday, April 22nd, Vance and I met Pat Barbino at the Charlotte Hall Library parking lot at the intersection of Route 6 and Route 5. The Lord showed us a place where several evergreen trees stood, secluded from all of the traffic. After connecting by phone with Kathy Black and Annette Stagmer, we listened to the worship song, “For Your Name Is Holy.” We sensed the presence of the Lord immediately. We declared the power of His Blood over us and then declared several of the prophetic words spoken over Maryland by Chuck Pierce and Dutch Sheets in March of 2004.

**“Maryland is a place for the seed to be awakened and for the womb to be opened for this nation.”**

**“And the Lord would say to Maryland, ‘The Captain of the Hosts will stay in the midst of your state…I have come,’ saith the Lord, and I would say this to you, ‘What has not been opened, I will open.’”**

**“God is saying this to you, ‘Wait a minute, I am going to remain with you with my sword drawn in Maryland. I am going to have it drawn over your life; I am going to have it drawn over your cities of this state. I am going to have it drawn over the state because I am ready to conceive a thing and the seed must begin to prosper here.’”**

We declared that we reclaimed the womb of Maryland from the defilement that ultimately caused it to be hostile to the seed of awakening. We declared Is. 6:1-5, and then according to Is. 6:10-12, we declared that the time of “hearing, but not understanding…and seeing, but not perceiving is ended in Maryland.”

We asked God to heal our land according to 2 Chron. 7:14, repenting for all bloodline and current sin associated with idolatry, religious traditions, slavery, and pride, and then declared Is. 54:4-5 over Maryland.

We took Communion to Heal and Cleanse the Land and offered the elements to the land. We made declarations and decrees of blessing for the land and the seed of awakening using the following scriptures:

Ex. 23:26; Is. 66:8-9; Is. 54:1-3; Lk. 2:35; Gen.1:1-2; Ps. 85:10-13; Ps.128:3a; Is. 55:11; Lk. 8:8; Deut. 7:13.

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

*We decreed that Maryland’s womb is one with the seed of awakening.*

We buried two small toy hatchets – one labeled “womb” and one labeled “seed of awakening,” under the evergreen trees that had sheltered us. We anointed the hole with oil and sprinkled salt on it to cleanse the land of the womb from all hostility, shame, and fear. As we are the salt of the earth, we poured out – declared and decreed – God’s Word upon this union of the womb of Maryland and the seed of awakening using the following scriptures:

Eph 2:14-15; Ps. 139:13-14; Hag. 1:5; Eph 2:14; Is. 52:1-2; Heb. 12:27; Rev. 2:2; Prov. 15:1; Ps. 1:1-3; Rev. 22:2;

Is. 6:5; Is. 41:15; Is. 41:16b; Matt. 5:12; Phil 3:14; 1 Cor. 15:54

*We decreed that the seed of awakening will stir up the spirit of worship in Maryland.*

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

*Our final declaration: “Death is swallowed up in victory! (1 Cor. 15;54)*

*We decreed: Maryland holds the line – the scarlet cord of the Blood of Jesus – as the seed of awakening brings forth the Kingdom of Heaven in our state, our nation, and the world! Amen!*

**As we closed in prayer at the end of this assignment, the Lord gave Kathy Black this to declare:**

***“As the womb in Maryland is healed and the seed of the Gospel takes hold; like an arrow of life, let these prayers and prophetic acts run down Branch Avenue (Route 5) into Branch Circle as it ends in Washington, D.C., and let them pierce the land and bring forth new life in our nation. Amen.***

*An interesting note, which I discovered after completing this assignment, is that the name* ***“Charlotte”*** *- for Charlotte Hall where we prayed - in Hebrew means* ***“free man.” Even in that detail of the town name, the Lord had a given us a sign: men would be freed through the seed of awakening in Maryland.***