



## Heal Our Land

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Dear Friends,

Greetings from St. Paul ~ your capitol city. The first day of the new legislative session started on January 24th. There have been committee meetings to attend, new legislators to meet, Vikings stadium proposals, and most importantly hurting men and women to minister to.

We will try to give you a quick summary:

First, many of you remember praying for Senator Amy Koch's sister who was having complications with her pregnancy last fall. The good news is that she had the baby caesarian and after 4-6 weeks in Children's Hospital the baby is home and doing well. This was right before Thanksgiving. Almost a month later, it was reported in the news that Senator Koch was having an inappropriate relationship with a Senate staff member. Because of your prayers, that baby was healed. Because of your prayers, what was in darkness was brought into the light. The truth is when we pray in the Spirit for someone, the Holy Spirit prays mysteries that we would never be able to figure out. Continue to pray for Senator Koch that she would surrender her life to Jesus Christ and that He would take away all her guilt and shame.

**John 8:1-12** <sup>1</sup> Jesus returned to the Mount of Olives, <sup>2</sup> but early the next morning he was back again at the Temple. A crowd soon gathered, and he sat down and taught them. <sup>3</sup> As he was speaking, the teachers of religious law and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in the act of adultery. They put her in front of the crowd. <sup>4</sup> "Teacher," they said to Jesus, "this woman was caught in the act of adultery. <sup>5</sup> The law of Moses says to stone her. What do you say?" <sup>6</sup> They were trying to trap him into saying something they could use against him, but Jesus stooped down and wrote in the dust with his finger. <sup>7</sup> They kept demanding an answer, so he stood up again and said, "*All right, but let the one who has never sinned throw the first stone!*" <sup>8</sup> Then he stooped down again and wrote in the dust. <sup>9</sup> When the accusers heard this, they slipped away one by one, beginning with the oldest, until only Jesus was left in the middle of the crowd with the woman. <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus stood up again and said to the woman, "*Where are your accusers? Didn't even one of them condemn you?*" <sup>11</sup> "No, Lord," she said. And Jesus said, "*Neither do I. Go and sin no more.*" <sup>12</sup> Jesus spoke to the people once more and said, "*I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won't have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life.*"

"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land." II Chronicles 7:14

Secondly, Senator Dan Hall led the senate in prayer a week or two ago. He simply read a prayer that was prayed in Constitution Hall around 1775. The prayer ended this way, "I pray these things in Jesus name." After Senator Hall left the rostrum he was physically and verbally assaulted by a number of senators who even threatened him with ethics charges because he prayed in the name of Jesus. Later in the day senators from both political parties were upset that he would pray "in Jesus name". As you can see things are worse than you think at the state capitol.

Please pray for our leaders in the state of Minnesota:

- 1) to end abortion.
- 2) to strengthen marriage.
- 3) for Senator Dan Hall as he takes a strong stand for Jesus.

Finally, on a more positive note: God has opened up dozens of opportunities for us to sit down in a legislator's office and pray for them when they are hurting, to encourage them, and to witness to them. Thank you for sending us to St. Paul. Because of your prayers, God gives us favor. Because of your financial gifts, we can continue to minister in St. Paul. We have come here totally by faith and it is awesome to see how God meets our needs time and again. Our budget is \$3,000 a month and we are around 50% of our goal. Thank you so much for your help. Although this was just a summary, give us a phone call so we can give you a more complete update. There are so many good things happening here we can't put them all down on paper.

Working together for the Harvest,

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