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Dear Friends:

It's been 7 years of Redding Transformation, and looking back we see a consistent path of joint efforts taking the Kingdom of God to the streets, up-close-and-personal style, throughout our region: Prayer Tents, worship events in public spaces, the Lot, hosting luncheons and gatherings, mentoring juveniles, sending out Grace-in-Motion service teams, and bringing the Kingdom of God near to people right where they're at. The Body is way more connected now than ever and we are going deeper.

MAKING TRANSFORMATION TANGIBLE

Looking ahead, we see an open road with opportunities on all sides. I wish I could go into details now, but it will have to wait. In the coming days our efforts will center around the following 3 words: **MAKING TRANSFORMATION TANGIBLE**. Addressing the issues proactively trumps talking about addressing the issues any day. To do this, we'll be in high gear this summer answering the question, "HOW is transformation being made tangible in the Redding region right now?" In the neighborhoods and streets? The business arena? The media and arts outlet? The school campuses? The governance and authorities sector? Along the way, we will discover "WHO is making transformation tangible."

Collecting and disseminating this information will help better mobilize the willing, fill in the gaps and reduce redundancies. We have a good start, but we'd like your help. If you know of action taking place right now or wish to start something, let's talk. We know of a local TV station dedicated to Kingdom communication that launched this month, a new counseling arm of the Body, a street in Anderson that is targeted for transformation and much more... This clearinghouse of current info and new opportunity will be used to deploy fresh teams into dry zones in relevant ways. We will connect the action front with prayer backing (who wants in on that?!) **WE ARE A TEAM** here and, although we attend various fellowships, we all share the same region and the same Lord. Effective people, timely help and opportune moments must collide. A clearinghouse of this sort will optimize the WHO and HOW on the front lines of tangible transformation. Connect and Mobilize indeed!

SIGNIFICANT STEPS IN MAY

We hosted Ed Silvano, a leading voice on transformation and a spiritual father in my life, for 5 strategic level talks mid May. We were

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May 11-12 Ed Silvano shares testimony & teaching



Marketplace Ministers receive impartation



May 9 Pastor's Wives dinner and blessing

Pivotal Paradigms

We are called to disciple nations, not just individuals

The Marketplace, which is the heart of the nation, has been redeemed and now needs to be reclaimed

Every Christian is a minister, and labor is worship

We are called to take the kingdom of God to where the gates of hell are and Jesus will build His Church

Nation transformation must be tangible and the premier social indicator is the elimination of systemic poverty

delighted to see a few hundred leaders and influencers from all over NorCal (Chico/Red Bluff to Redding, Eureka to Whitmore) receive clarity on the how-to's of transformation. Ed is a clear thinker and has many fruitful prototypes in place across the globe.

He explained a simple, Biblical process called **Prayer Evangelism** (Luke 10) and unveiled **5 pivotal paradigms** (see box on front page) that form a foundation for the testimony he shared. "Prayer Evangelism and the 5 paradigms are like two banks of a life-giving river," Ed proposed. "A river must have banks in order to flow. Without banks, water will puddle up and stagnate." One church in Thailand simply applied this 'banks of the river' paradigm with their people and grew from 43 to 5000 members in less than 3 years. They have an incredible voice in their city and nation because they addressed systemic corruption and poverty head-on. Millions in bribes were returned, money was used for Kingdom advances with the poor, the illegal aliens issue was addressed and many of them came into the Kingdom as government officials learned and intentionally implemented heaven's righteousness in their dealings.

The fresh testimony and basic instruction was well received and we anticipate that significant places, like the church in south county that is making transformation a main focus now, will embrace and flow well with the "banks of the river" as one. You can get a copy of Ed's talks by contacting us (or go to WeR1net.net). Watch for upcoming training sessions where we will unpack these teachings and more.

GOOD TIMES

Natalia and a team of wonderful ladies hosted 30 pastor's wives for fellowship and encouragement this month. They enjoyed laughter, gifts, personal stories and a deep God connection through this event. The Body has many parts and it's good to connect with and celebrate those who labor so hard behind the scenes and in leadership positions.

MENTORING AND MORE UPDATE

We were notified that the CDBG grant funds will become available soon, allowing us to hire a part time mentor coordinator. This will help us expand the mentoring program with more excellence and better follow through. Many of our teens report having a GREAT TIME with their mentor, but some of them are now without a mentor for a season. They can truly use someone (like you!) in their life. Talk to us about BEING THERE for some of these young people whose lives are so delicate right now.

ARE YOU READY FOR MORE? Considering joining our new FACEBOOK group, [WeR1net/ReddingTransformation](https://www.facebook.com/WeR1net/ReddingTransformation). It is a source of encouragement via real stories and local action that all can receive from and add into. It's a powerful communication tool, information tool, and inspirational tool and a way to track the local progress. Check it out to stay informed as we activate, investigate, and report on forward progress in tangible transformation.

This region is coming alive and glimmers of hope are filling the horizon! Let's do this thing.
WE ARE ONE!

In the flow,



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