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NEWS OF THE NIGHT

"His left hand is under my head and His right hand embraces me." (Song of Solomon 2:6) This verse has been the theme of the past month. In biblical poetic language, the believer (symbolized by the Shulamite Bride) confesses that the Lord works both in ways we can see and those we cannot perceive at the present time. The left hand under the head speaks of the times where God is moving even when we can't see what is going on and the embrace of the right hand shows God's control over every seen situation.

As I mentioned in my last newsletter, there is a second IHOP prayer room called the **Justice Prayer Room**. On the February 4th, we started the Nightwatch there and we go from midnight to 6am Monday through Friday. I am very involved as a sound tech there, running 5 sets (10 hours) a week. I love the fact that there is constantly prayer rising to the throne from 2 different locations here in Kansas City. Serving there has made my schedule much busier but I really enjoy mixing sound for the prayer room.

God has opened yet another door for service. I will be working with the Community Development department by creating some forms and databases for the **IHOP website**. The system that we will build will facilitate connection points between those that live in the Kansas City area that want to get more involved and those that need help within the IHOP community. I have some web programming background and this is a great way to put my skills to use. I was not even looking to get involved with the IHOP website but God has placed it very conveniently in my lap. This is an example of His left hand being under my head. I am super excited to see where the Lord takes me in this area!

As you most likely know, I am supported financially totally by individuals and organizations that choose to partner with me. My **biggest need** at this time is still for consistent monthly or yearly supporters. I am asking you to consider partnering with me in my ministry as an intercessory missionary. Also, if you think any of your friends or family would like to hear about what I'm doing as an intercessory missionary, I would love for you to mention my name to them. Thank you and God bless you!

TRUTH TIME

WHAT GOD IS TEACHING ME

What is true rest? As things have started to pick up pace for me at IHOP with many new opportunities to serve, this has been a question that I have been asking the Lord. The main point that He has taught me is that **rest is not a quantity of time but a quality of life.**

As Americans, we think about rest as something we have to take (e.g. "I'm going to take a vacation") whereas biblically it is given to us. Jesus said in Matthew 11:28-30, "Come to Me all you who labor and are weary and **I will give you rest.** Take my yoke upon you and learn from Me, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light." We need to shift our view - our paradigm - of what rest is. Rest is not cessation from all outward activity but rather it is a place where we are inwardly at peace with God. It is also something we must work for. "There remains therefore a rest for the people of God...let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest." (Hebrews 4:9,11a) A few ways we can achieve that rest are put forth in the following verses in Hebrews 4. We can meditate on the Word of God (vs. 12), on His sovereignty and omniscience (vs. 13), and on the Son of God as our Savior and as our Mediator and great High Priest (vs. 14-16).

I have found rest the past few weeks while being very busy and running around all over the place. I meet with a small group where every week we discuss one verse from Song of Solomon. This past week's verse was Song of Solomon 2:3, "Like an apple tree among the trees of the woods, so is my Beloved among the sons. I sat down in His shade with great delight, and His fruit was sweet to my taste." It was a busy week for me and I kept asking God when I was going to get time to "sit down in the shade" and rest. As the week progressed, He revealed to me the point that I mentioned earlier - that rest is not stopping what I am doing but communing with Him. I feel so "alive" on the inside as I meditate on the Word and as I live out my life as described in the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5-7. The fruit that this verse mentions could point to the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23). Walking out the commands of God brings rest even in the busyness of life. All this to say, **God will give us the rest we desire as we pursue Him.**

MINISTRY MESSAGE

WHAT IS IHOP ALL ABOUT?

On September 19, 1999, a prayer meeting began which continues to this day. From dawn to dusk and through the watches of the night, prayer and worship continues twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. The Prayer Room is the heartbeat – the essence and origin – of all that goes on at the International House of Prayer.

May the fire on the altar never go out.

The International House of Prayer in Kansas City is basically a community of missionaries whose calling is to stand before the Lord in intercessory prayer and worship. The Prayer Room is a large room where there is always 24/7 prayer and worship. You can find more information about IHOP at <http://www.intercessorinformer.com/ihop> or <http://www.ihop.org>. IHOP is one of many houses of prayer that the Lord is raising up across the world. We are so blessed to live in such a time as this!