

GNC Kick-Off 8-22-15 Speaker Notes  
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Nancee Hanson shared The Vision of Moms in Prayer during the Kick-off. Then, in the four trainings scheduled throughout the year, she will be sharing the Moms in Prayer format, which uses four steps of prayer. One of those steps will be included at each training for the school year that will be filled with Bible based tools for you to use in your prayer journeys, so please be sure to attend and bring friends! You don't want to miss it!

Now, back to **The Vision of Moms in Prayer**. It is simple and really straightforward: that every school in the world would be covered with prayer.

But the vision is no small task: there are 128,864 schools in the United States. Fewer than 9 percent of those schools currently have Moms in Prayer groups registered to pray for them. So you can see, we have a lot of praying to do and we are asking God to raise up Moms to lead and to pray for those uncovered schools.

In addition to our published vision we are also focusing on bringing the young moms and new women to the ministry, and I would expect that that is a focus for you as well in seeking helpers, so that our ministries will be sustained to the next generations.

In 1984, when founding president Fern Nichols was led to seek a mom to join her in prayer for her junior high boys, the vision was not even a twinkle in her eye. But when she moved from Canada to Poway and found moms here to pray, the prayer format she used continued and expanded in Canada and began to spread in Southern California. Now, 30+ years later we are on our knees with women around the world from more than 140 countries who share the mission: to impact children and schools worldwide for Christ by gathering mothers to pray, along with our vision: that every school in the world would be covered with prayer. So let me give you a glimpse of what prompts the vision of Moms in Prayer. I will be sharing a lot of scripture, if you want to take notes.

**Why do we pray:** We pray for JOY (John 16:24); PEACE (Phil. 4:6-7) WISDOM (James 1:5-7) CONFIDENCE (I John 3:21-23) STRENGTH (Psalm 138:3) we pray for GOD ANSWERS (Psalm 6:9) Prayer releases God's power. Samuel Chadwick wrote "The one concern of the devil is to keep the saints from praying. He fears nothing from prayerless studies, prayerless work, prayerless religion. He laughs at our toil, mocks at our wisdom, but he trembles when we pray."

**Who can pray:** A child of God. Romans 10:9-10 says *That if you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.* God hears the prayers of a believer's heart. In Moms in Prayer, we hold to a Statement of Faith, which is shared with any Mom who

wants to join a group. All of our leadership has signed the Statement of Faith. The integrity of the ministry and the power of our prayers depend on faithful obedience.

**How do we pray:** CONSTANTLY (I Thess. 5:17) INDIVIDUALLY (Psalm 59:16) CORPORATELY ( Matthew 18:19-20) Jesus set the example by teaching his disciples to pray by reciting the Lord's prayer (Matthew 6:9-13) In Moms in Prayer we pray corporately in one accord, agreement prayer and we use the four steps following Jesus example: praise, confession, thanksgiving and intercession. . We pray for one hour each week.

**What do we pray:** We pray for children and schools using scripture. We pray for their teachers, administrators and school staff—secretary to janitor. Praying God's word back to Him is powerful! During the intercession time, we break into groups of 2 or 3, which we will do later this morning. As an example the first Mom would pray. The second Mom would agree with that prayer and add anything the Holy Spirit leads her to pray. This would be followed by the second Mom praying the scripture for her child and the first Mom agreeing with her prayer. She might pray Ephesians 4:29a *Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of Zackary's mouth. 2<sup>nd</sup> Mom, Yes, Lord, I agree, may Zackary only use words to build up and not tear down.* We will then pray a special request specific to each child.

If a child has a non-believer as a teacher we pray *from Acts 26:18-Open Mrs. Brown's eyes and turn her from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, so that she may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in Jesus.* A prayer for the school might be from Proverbs 16:9, *Lord, even though the staff and students at Rose Elementary School make their own plans—I pray you will determine their steps.*

**Where do we pray:** we pray in homes, churches, parks, and even vans. We do not pray on public school campuses. We do not lobby or recruit through the schools.

**When do we pray.** Ideally one hour a week at a time that works for the majority of moms. After drop off in the morning, before pick up in the afternoon, in the evening for those who work. Some groups meet just once or twice a month. The recommendation is weekly, but the message is: pray when you can! PRAY

**I looked up the vision of Good News Clubs** and it is: Reach Every Child, Every Nation, Every Day. And as Good News Clubs share Jesus Christ on the campuses, Moms in Prayer prays the vision that every school in the world would be covered in prayer. We are partners, and Good News Clubs are listed as a ministry partner on the Moms in Prayer website.

This has been my privilege and joy to share a brief overview of the Moms in Prayer ministry with you today, and I look forward to the trainings as we go through the year.

Two things I would like to tell you about before we go to prayer is one, a movie being released August 28. War Room is a powerful story of prayer and targets the real enemy that we battle every day. We are encouraging people to attend opening weekend, as that will determine how long it will stay in theaters. My Moms in Prayer group will be attending next Saturday morning.

The second is that Fern Nichols, founder of Moms in Prayer International will be teaching Igniting a Passion to Pray at EFCC every other Wednesday from Sept. 30 to Dec. 16. (And there is child care!) This is the Bible Study written and produced by Moms in Prayer. If interested, I have contact information. I also brought my list of schools with groups and leader information.

Today we have Moms in Prayer prayer sheets on your tables which include our format for weekly prayer times. We are going to do a very short prayer time through the four steps. I will guide you through them from the podium, and leaders at tables will assist as well. When we get to the intercession where we normally pray for our children, we will be praying for the school where you will be leading a Good News Club, or a school where we need to start a Good News Club.

Does everyone have a sheet? We will pray the praise, silent confession and thanksgiving steps around the table. At the intercession time, we will break into groups of 2 or 3 at each table and pray for a specific school.

End in prayer.