

Central Pacific District Report of the District Superintendent

We have a theme for this District Conference. It is, **"Ponder anew, what the Almighty can do."** What will God do next? I am serving God joyfully in this district (I admit that some occasional days are not the best). Donna and I get to see God at work in churches and in their leaders. That exposure to the work of God in such a variety of styles and sizes and cultures has changed us forever.

We are encouraged by your service to Jesus and His church. There is much to be thankful for. We need to hear some of each other's stories at this conference, and we will. My interaction with you increases my faith in God and my admiration for the leaders and workers that God has placed in the churches we serve. The team that serves from the District Office has a steady and positive impact and I appreciate them so much.

The most difficult challenges that we face together are beyond our ability to respond, but God is not limited by our abilities. Time after time we see God take the times of crisis as opportunities to heal, to correct, to mold people, and to move His church forward. We see health and effectiveness in churches today that were in jeopardy a year or so past. The weight of ministry leadership can take a heavy toll, but when it comes to the health of our leaders, we should **"Ponder anew, what the Almighty can do."**

I am currently wrestling with ideas and budgetary adjustments that will focus a greater attention on the health and well-being of leaders, church planting, and our partnerships in local and world outreach. We take the stewardship of DOB giving very seriously. Thank you for faithful partnership in the 5% support. This is a trust to invest wisely, and it is one more place where we must **"Ponder anew, what the Almighty can do."**

We are part of a larger family in the Alliance that sees God's favor. But we also see God's favor, and opportunity, and Holy Spirit driven momentum in our part of the world. Local outreach, church planting, and world outreach is a growing reality with established methods and with innovation. We must keep current with the call of God on us. How do we position ourselves so that we are able to move outside of our established ministry with readiness and agility, so that we get to participate fully in God's determination? We are eager to work together with this readiness.

I look forward to meeting with God and enjoying each other during this District Conference. Donna and I thank you all for your love and support. **Ponder anew, what the Almighty can do!**