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TARGET DAYTON MINISTRIES



PASTOR MARK doing what he loved most—preaching the Gospel and sharing the love of Jesus.

CONTINUING THE MISSION

Dear Friend,

I want to first thank everyone who has prayed for Mark and me over the last several months. Your prayers and support have been appreciated more than you will ever know!!!

I am sad, though, to let you know that Pastor Mark went on to heaven on Friday, October 9. I apologize that as a ministry we did not reach everyone with this news until now, but the last several weeks have been extremely busy, as you can imagine. We were able to have a private family and close friends service in October, and then we just had a Celebration of Life service at the Dayton Convention Center on November 1 for Mark that was an immeasurably more kind of moment. As I stood on the stage and looked across the room at over 700 there in attendance, I saw something so beautiful. People from every walk of life had come together to honor a man who had loved them so deeply. There were people experiencing homelessness sitting next to business owners. There were families from the inner city shelter worshiping beside families from their nice suburban homes. Some came in suits, while others came with little more than the clothes on their backs. People whose paths might never have crossed anywhere else gathered together because they all mattered to Mark, and Mark mattered to them. There were no distinctions of wealth, status, background, or race. We were simply all **people** brought together by gratitude, celebrating a life that had been fully devoted to sharing the love of Jesus to everyone...because **EVERYONE IS SOMEONE!**

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As I looked around, I couldn't help but think that we were seeing a little glimpse of heaven. And I believe that was one of the most beautiful reflections of Mark's heart and the ministry God called us to build together.

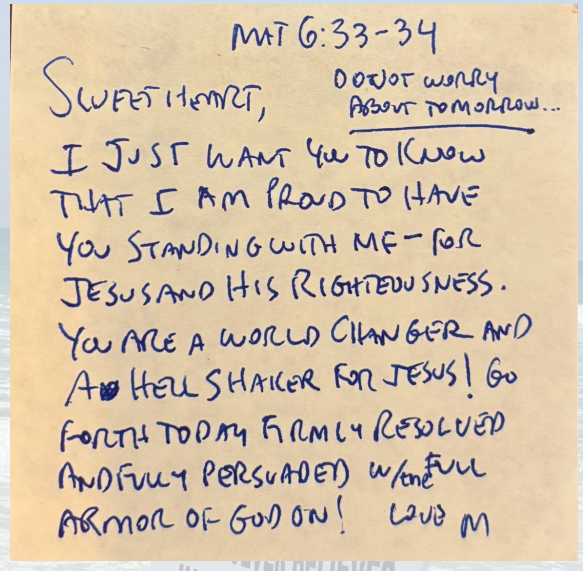
These gatherings were such a reminder of Mark's love for the Lord, but also of the legacy he has left behind. You can watch the Celebration of Life service on our Target Dayton Facebook page.

Mark's prayer each morning and night was for the Lord to give us 20+ more years of ministry in order to preach the Gospel to the broken, hurting, and lost in the inner city. Although this prayer may not have been answered with Mark being the one to physically carry this out, I believe God will continue answering Mark's prayer through Target Dayton in the decades to come!

One of the greatest blessings God has given us is the incredible staff and team of pastors serving at Target Dayton. Mark spent years pouring his heart into discipling, training, and preparing these men and women to serve the Lord and carry on the work of the ministry long after he was gone.

I'm especially thankful that God has prepared my son, Robbie, to step into the role of Executive Director and lead Target Dayton into this next chapter. Robbie and Amanda joined Mark and me in ministry in 2013, and over these past 13 years, it has been a joy to watch God work through their lives as He has continued to grow and expand this ministry.

I would appreciate your prayers for Target Dayton, and especially for me personally. This has been a tremendous loss of my very best friend, husband, and ministry partner for over 30 years. I am so thankful to have the Lord to help and equip us to carry on the ministry to those Mark, and more importantly, the LORD cared about the most. I leave you with this encouragement in a note that Mark gave to me...


MAT 6:33-34

SWEET HEART, DO NOT WORRY ABOUT TOMORROW...

I JUST WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT I AM PROUD TO HAVE YOU STANDING WITH ME - FOR JESUS AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS. YOU ARE A WORLD CHANGER AND A HELL SHAKER FOR JESUS! GO FORTH TODAY FIRMLY RESOLVED AND FULLY PERSUADED W/ THE FULL ARMOR OF GOD ON! LOVE M

And now, I'd like Robbie to share with you a little about where God is leading us next.

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Pastor Mark with the pastoral team he invested years in discipling and developing for future ministry

Dear Friends,

For the past 34 years, I've had the incredible blessing of having Pastor Mark as my step-dad, and for the past 13 years, Amanda and I have had the incredible privilege of serving alongside him and Cindi at Target Dayton. I am so grateful for the influence Mark has had on my life, both personally and spiritually. He taught me so much about loving people, trusting God, and living with an unwavering passion to see lost and hurting people come to know Jesus Christ. I will forever be thankful for the love he showed our family, the example he set, and the privilege of learning from him throughout my life.

As we move forward, I want you to know that **the heart and mission of Target Dayton remain unchanged.** We are still committed to preaching the Gospel, reaching the lost, feeding the hungry, and showing the love of Jesus to those who are so often overlooked and forgotten. And I am incredibly thankful that the Lord has surrounded us with an amazing team of pastors, staff, volunteers, and supporters who share that same heart. This ministry has never been about one person, and together we are committed to carrying forward the work God began through Pastor Mark.

As we look toward the future, **we need your help more now than ever before!** The needs in our community are tremendous, and we believe God has so much more in store for Target Dayton. We believe the same God who called and empowered Pastor Mark to this ministry is calling us and empowering us to carry that mission forward, and we are trusting Him to do immeasurably more than we could ever ask or imagine! *continued >*

EPH. 3:20

As we continue this mission, we are depending on the faithful prayers and regular monthly support of friends like you. If you're already a monthly supporter, thank you for your faithfulness! If not, would you prayerfully consider becoming one? And whether you give monthly or occasionally, **would you also consider making a special gift to help continue Pastor Mark's legacy through the ongoing work of Target Dayton?**

Your generosity will help us continue reaching people with the life-changing message of the Gospel, meeting their physical needs, discipling them to walk with the Lord, and preparing for all that God has ahead.

Thank you for loving Pastor Mark, for praying for my mom (Cindi) and my family during this difficult time, for standing alongside our entire Target Dayton team, and for helping us carry this mission into the future. **The Mission Continues!**

With Love,

Pastor Rob

P.S. - We also have tremendous opportunities to share the love of Jesus this Christmas through winter coats, Christmas gifts, and our Christmas Day outreach. Please consider helping with these special needs as God enables you!

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