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Revival on Elston Avenue (to my sister Chanin), on: 2005/4/23 22:52

I was going to write this as a PM to Chanin, but I really wanted to share it with the whole community, so they could lift up the folks on Elston Avenue here in Chicago.

I find myself back home in Chicago from Los Angeles because I am writing a play on the late Mayor Daley of Chicago. T here was a symposium on the late mayor's life hosted by his son the current mayor. I come from a theater background in Chicago. The theater I helped found is still very MUCH in existence, in fact as I type this, I hear two shows going on in th e distance, we have two actual venues here. Needless to say, neither show lifts up the Name of Jesus, but there it is.

None of my partners, colleagues, friends, or family know Jesus. I've been saved three years now, and have totally , abso lutely changed, and I feel that everyone is still processing this and watching me.

I am very careful about my witness, both spoken and deed witness when I'm back home. I do NOT preach with words, th ey are waiting for that, and I'm not gonna play into that. I just be very sweet, and very loving.

That said, I am very hungry for the family of God. Before I left, I asked Him, "Lord, please lead me to other children of Ab raham.

God always answers prayers....right down the street is a wonderful storefront ministry called the Prayer Furnace. It just b lew my mind, in this whole huge city of millions of people, right down the street from my storefront theater is a Spirit-filled storefront prayer ministry filled with believers all with the same burden for intercessory prayer!!

I had gone to dinner with an old friend last night and returned and walked down Elston, the room , its about 3,000 sq feet , has just been renovated, and they put in new mobile pew chairs, and at 9:30 at night the place was full of worshipping believers. There was a worship band at the front, Marvin, the dear brother the Holy Ghost had placed in nominal charge of this work was leading the saints in prayer, exhorting and encouraging them to seek the Lord in a deeper way.

I'm telling you, once I walked in the door, I knew I was home!! It was such a blessed Spirit filled enviroment. Back in Calif ornia, I'm primarily in Christian settings, but in Chicago, I'm primarily among non believers, and here I was at 9;30 on a fr iday night among fellow children of the Lord worshipping Him in truth and in Spirit.

Now, I know what the psalmist meant when he wrote that his heart leapt like a calf.

I got on my knees, and went to a bit of Scripture God had been laying on my heart from the Book of Isaiah chaper 8 and verse 11 (thru 17)

"The LORD spoke to me with His strong hand upon me, warning me not to follow the way of this people."

Brother Marvin then exhorted us to seek out another to pray with , to contend for the annointing. A dear brother who I ha d never seen before walked up to me, and I laid hands on him, and started to pray and call out to God, this brother had a weeping ministry given to him by the Lord. A dear brother by the name of Dan. After we prayed I went onto my face and worshipped Jesus. As I type this now, I long to go back there among the saints, but I don't believe thay have anything go ing...its the only night of the week that some form of service isnt happening:

http://www.theprayerfurnace.com/welcome_

we all were there until midnite!! Bless God. I cannot tell you how my spirit sings knowing that I have a well of Living Wate r to retreat to when this worldy theater world gets to be too burdensome.

Don't you just love Jesus?

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please pray for me and pray for the prayer furnace. Please pray that God speak to my theater mates. I will come here in July for a reading of my new play, and then I think I will open it in March of 06. I will need so so much prayer covering.

God bless you and the family my dear sister Chanin and all who read my testimony,
Neil

Re: Revival on Elston Avenue (to my sister Chanin) - posted by moreofHim (), on: 2005/4/23 23:21

Neil,

praise God for answering your prayer- that you found a place like the Prayer Furnace.

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wow!

Will be praying that God will continue to move -and also cover you.

In His love, Chanin