

Prayer

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devised deeper into intercessory prayer.

"I learned how to pray, how to connect with our creator," said the mother of two, whose husband shared her enthusiasm. "I realized that God was real and that He was listening to me."

The Wasilewskis' growing passion for intercessory prayer spilled into the workplace last summer when the couple hung manila envelopes for prayer requests at their two businesses, Custom Services, Ltd. in Madison Heights and Joseph O's in Hazel Park.

"We wanted people who worked in our businesses to know that we care about them," said Rose. "And for people without a church, this may be their only opportunity to get to know God."

When the manila envelopes quickly filled with requests, the Oakland County natives began formulating a more eye-catching display, which led to the shirt design with postage-paid mailers tucked "in the pocket closest to the heart."

The couple put up their own funds to finance the artwork, printing, postal account, copyright and a hotline for information and anonymous reports. But not without first calling on the Lord.

"We don't do anything without prayer," said Rose. "We feel honored that the Lord would use us."

In August, the Wasilewskis presented Prayer Pockets to fellow members of Woodlawn Church asking for their support. Ray Howell of Beverly Hills is among those involved with the new ministry.

"It spoke to my spirit," said the retired draftsman. "So many times, people need prayer and yet it's a personal, sensitive matter. They don't want to speak it out. This allows them to write down and express what their needs are."

Howell maintains a Prayer Pockets display for his friend, Lorraine Marsh, who sells Shaklee products in Lathrup Village. The cardboard pocket of prayer request forms has become an extension of Marsh's total wellness business.

"If people come in talking about problems, I suggest they write a letter to God," said Marsh, a member of St. Bede Catholic Church in Southfield. "It's all part of total wellness... spiritually, physically, environmentally and financially."

Woodlawn Church member Mike Conley, owner of D. J. Conley Associates, Inc. in Troy, put up a Prayer Pockets display primarily for the benefit of his 18 employees.

"It's in a place where it's conspicuous enough, where you can either ignore it or participate. It's not intimidating by any means," said Conley, a Sterling Heights resident. "It's an option for them to tap into a resource that they might not know was available to them... a means where someone might find a sense of help or closure in their life."

The Prayer Pockets ministry currently draws two mailers each day. Anonymous callers to the praise hotline have told of prayer requests being granted for marriage reconciliation,

arthritis healing, a home sale, a new job and a healthy newborn.

The Wasilewskis' oldest daughter, Melanie, supports the fledgling ministry with a Prayer Pockets display in her office at the K-Mart headquarters in Troy. Displays can also be found in more than a dozen other businesses in Metro Detroit.

The Wasilewskis, who also have a 12-year-old daughter, Kendra, have continued to finance the growing, three-month old ministry because "we feel that committed to prayer," said Rose.

"It's not just a tithe of money that we're called to give, it's also a tithe of our time and being obedient to what God wants us to do," added Michael. "God has blessed our business. This is a way of sowing back into God's kingdom."

For more information about the Prayer Pockets program, call 1 (800) 330-PRAY and leave a message.

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NATIVITY DRAMA
Brightmoor Tabernacle presents the musical/drama, "The Nativity," at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 14, and at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 15. The church is at 26555 Franklin Road, behind the Holiday Inn off Telegraph, in Southfield. For information, call (810) 352-6200.

MEMBERS HONORED
Cong. B'nai Moshe, 6800 Drake

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Road, West Bloomfield, welcomes its newest members at Sabbath services at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 14. A reception honoring new members follows at noon. Also featured is a learning minyan for adults at 10:30 a.m. on "The Sh'ma." Everyone is welcome.

The New Member welcoming event is sponsored by the synagogue's Membership Committee, co-chaired by Roberta Freedman and Annette Kaufman. New members include families with young children, newlyweds, young single adults and couples of all ages. A surge in membership resulted in a 20 percent increase in enrollment in the Learning is a Family Experience

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