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Development of Global Family 24-7 Prayer

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10 Days 2019

Founded by Jonathan Friz, 10 Days (<https://www.10days.net/>) calls the Body of Christ during the Days of Awe between Feast of Trumpets (Rosh Hashana) and the Day of Atonement to mourning, prayer and fasting—mourning over our sin, mourning for the lost and unreached, and yearning for the return of the Bridegroom, Lord Jesus Christ. John 17 unity and Jesus' command to love one another are central to the vision, as is the reconnection of the Jews into the Body of Christ in the One New Man. Until 2019, 10 Days was primarily focused on physical gatherings in cities, states and regions. During 10 Days 2019, a small group gathered to host a 10 Days Virtual using Zoom as the platform. Twenty-four prayer facilitators each took responsibility for an hour each day, under the assistance of what we referred to as about four to six "mother hens" to assist with any challenges. During this season, we had approximately 10-12 nations represented and five to eight languages; during this 240 continuous hours of prayer we had from twelve to twenty participants each hour, some hours dropping to three or four and some sessions as many as sixty. We encouraged each facilitator to identify an assistant who could help with technical support, but not all the facilitators were able to do so. We had teaching times of a half hour each, two in the mornings and two each evening. We were amazed at the tangible sense of God's presence during the flow of these hours! God definitely moved among us as we prayed, fasted, repented and sought Him together! Many of the leaders and participants urged us to continue, but Jonathan Friz and Jason Hubbard, of International Prayer Council, felt that it was not yet time.

10 Days Pentecost 2020

By the time 10 Days leading to Pentecost 2020 came, the COVID epidemic was in full swing, meaning that few locations were able to do physical gatherings. But, God had prepared us with the new way of gathering over Zoom and we hosted the second series of 240 continuous hours of prayer with two teaching times daily consisting of two half hour teachings each. We had a larger leadership team at this point and more to help with supervision and technical assistance. Again we experienced God moving powerfully and many wanting for the experience to continue on, but still not feeling it was quite time yet. By this point, we were averaging thirty or more each hour, still with some dropping to a smaller level at certain times. We still had a global audience which had grown and multiply languages.

10 Days 2020 Partnering with The Return

By the time 10 Days 2020 rolled around, Jonathan Friz had partnered with Jonathan Cahn's The Return. Plans were made for a tech team of four to provide live streaming of the 240 continuous hours on

YouTube, Facebook, and Church Online platforms in addition to the live Zoom experience. Global participation had grown by this time, as had the leadership team. Again, God moved in powerful ways and strong calls for continuing ongoing prayer came from participants and leaders.

Launch of Global Family 24-7 Prayer Community

Plans began to launch Global Family 24-7 Prayer January 1, 2021, in partnership with 10 Days, International Prayer Council, the Ethnê Prayer Team, Fellowship of Prayer Strategists, The Seed Company, The Aqueduct Project, and other networks. The vision is for continuous prayer around the Throne, around the clock, and around the globe. Global Family 24-7 Prayer has now been sustaining unceasing prayer since that point under the leadership of a team of about fifteen people who meet weekly on Thursdays. The Aqueduct Project provides the website hosting of the Zoom Prayer Room and deals with technical aspects. One Global Family leader provides coordination for the overall leadership team. Two (plus) leaders have served in managing the prayer facilitation schedule; at this point, it is still requiring about five to seven hours per week. A communications team (one to three) serves in promoting and communicating to the Global Family leaders and participants on MailChimp, a Facebook page, the Global Family website and through social media platforms. A translation team of about twenty provide translations of the weekly prayer themes (52 weeks of themes developed by a team of four working on content creation) which include praying for the Jews, Israel and the One New Man, praying for the unreached of the day, praying for a global city weekly, and praying for the persecuted church based on scriptural prayers. A Help Line is available continuously for any problems or questions that arise, manned by about three or four of the leaders. One leader recruits, manages and trains prayer ministry team members who offer live personal prayer ministry in the hour each week following our Global Family 24-7 Prayer Church services, also conducted weekly on Fridays for two hours. The first hour focuses on prayer and worship; the second hour is for teaching/preaching by various leaders both within the Global Family and outside contributors. A tech team provides streaming to YouTube and Facebook for the Church times and special events and does video editing of the recorded sessions and posting to the website and YouTube. The tech team also provides technical support overall to the prayer facilitators. A leadership team of four recruits, invites and manages the prayer facilitation for the weekly Church and the weekly speakers for the teaching/preaching. A training team led by primarily two leaders provides monthly TED talk style trainings which focus on the core values for the prayer: enjoyable, engaging, and effective prayer. One hundred sixty-eight prayer facilitation teams provide the actual prayer guidance and leadership during each hour weekly; each prayer facilitator was encouraged to have at least one other team mate to help, to substitute in cases where the leader was unable to serve, and to provide technical assistance during the prayer times. These prayer facilitators represent all global regions, about 45 nations, and over twenty languages at the time of this writing.

10 Days Pentecost 2021

As we are drawing near to the May 13-23, 2021 10 Days Pentecost, plans are being made now to coordinate a smooth transition from weekly commitment to prayer to a daily commitment during the 10 Days Pentecost. We will revert to having daily teaching times twice a day which will be recorded and streamed. Otherwise, each prayer facilitator will continue with their assigned prayer times. This will be an intensified time of fasting and prayer, seeking God and preparing for the 10 Days in September 2021.

Many who participate will be seasoned city coordinators and some will be inquiring to learn more about 10 Days and how it works. We anticipate an increase overall in regular participation in an ongoing manner as more believers learn the joy of gathering with other sisters and brothers before the Throne of God worshipping, drawing near, and communing with God and one another, led by His Word and Spirit.

Evaluating and Celebrating

Global Family 24-7 Prayer is still in its infancy in many ways. But yet we can really celebrate the amazing growth and development God has brought about since the beginning! Our first effort was very small and embryonic during 10 Days 2019 but from that tiny beginning, God has brought more and more who embrace the vision and join in fulfilling it together. The leadership team has grown organically along the way from those who joined in prayer and caught the vision from their experiences. Having several global networks has helped to stoke the vision among those networks and many of our prayer facilitators came from those networks. We continue pioneering new and better ways to be the Church together in virtual community and to worship and intercede, experiencing God developing that John 17 unity as we do. Our monthly trainings are conserved on video in the Global Family 24-7 YouTube channel. We are learning and experimenting with bi-lingual simultaneous translation at this point and hope we can soon offer at least one or two new languages for several of our larger language groups. We happily offer to answer questions and fill in any blanks; our leaders are available to encourage you in pursuing similar efforts or in joining our own Global Family 24-7 Prayer.

Website: <https://globalfamily24-7prayer.org/>

Prayer Room Schedule: <https://globalfamily24-7prayer.org/prayer-room/schedule2.html>

Leaders Resources Including Training Materials: <https://globalfamily24-7prayer.org/leaders/leaders-resources.html>

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