

My second grade daughter sat at the dinner table crying. It was only the second week of school and her beloved teacher was on leave due to a difficult pregnancy. My daughter had experienced a new substitute each day for over a week! Hearing my story, a neighbor told me about Moms in Prayer. I attended one meeting and knew I had found 'my people.' I have been praying in a group since 1996.

Through Moms in Prayer, God has taught me to pray. Pouring out my heart before God during each hour over the last 20+ years, He has blessed me with me joy, peace, true lifelong friends and a much deeper personal relationship with Him. He has given me perspective and grown my understanding of His ways. I am absolutely certain that prayer matters. It is vital, essential and life giving!

God has continued to guide me from group member to leader to area coordinator, Alabama State Coordinator and Regional Director of Mid Atlantic and New England Regions. As I step into His new assignment as USA Country Coordinator, I am excited about all that I believe He will do as He grows Moms in Prayer!

His call to USACC was a surprise, but one that He has graciously confirmed over and over through His Word, others and in my heart. Along with the call came a clear vision that my job as the new country coordinator for USA was to be the shoelace that binds and connects. I am to connect women in Moms in Prayer with one another, and we all are to connect women who are not yet part of Moms in Prayer with us. We are to share our stories of God's faithfulness to powerfully answer prayer and to move in unexpected ways. We are to share our trials of prayer yet unanswered and to encourage one another in persevering as we wait expectantly on the Lord to answer in His time.

May we move forward in courageous faith as our prayers impact children and schools not only today, but for eternity!

*Find rest, O my soul, in God alone; my hope comes from Him. He alone is my rock and my salvation; He is my fortress, I will not be shaken. Psalm 62:5-6 (NIV)*

Joe (husband), Susan, Ken (son-in-law) holding James (grandson), daughters Jennifer and Caroline, and Luke (son-in-law).