

# Ministry News

FROM Len Evans

## No Student Should Pray Alone

I get my heart cranked every time I see a photo like this one.



I love seeing photos of *hundreds* of students massed together, praying at **See You at the Pole** (SYATP), filling a football field. But every year, there are those kids who pray alone.

**Student at a school in Castle Rock, Colo.**

It takes a special kind of courage.

I had a conversation with a youth leader in Long Island in early September. He pointed out just how unique praying teenagers are in his part of the country, “where less than 1.4% of the youth are Christian.”

He went on to explain: “When a student decides to do (SYATP), they are showing boldness (and usually fear), knowing that they

will get weird stares and be made fun of. So we want to encourage them as much as we can, and there is ENERGY in them knowing the rest of the country is doing it the same time as them. It’s an inner encouragement.”

It’s been that way for 25 years, since 1991, the first year SYATP was done nationally. Students draw courage from knowing they are part of something bigger that God is doing.

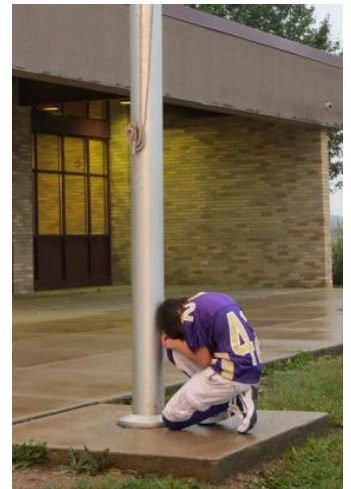
**This year, SYATP was September 23.** You can read stories about what happened on Facebook (“facebook.com/myseeyouatthepole”).

**Courage.** During his junior high years in Plum, Penna., **Damin** (right) prayed by himself.

Once he got to high school as a freshman, he was joined by other students at Plum High.

Still burdened for his former school, Damin and several friends joined those praying at his old junior high.

Then, Damin got permission from the junior high principal to hand out copies of *The Life Book* - an outreach tool from the Gideons. *They handed out 300 copies and still had students requesting more.*



*Over, please*

## The “Something Bigger”

Could this be the year that the prayers of students ignite a spiritual awakening? That God moves across the landscape of our nation’s schools, His Spirit ushering believing teens into a deeper, more devoted walk with their Father, and making Jesus so attractive to their peers that their friends beg to know how they can find the Savior too?

**This is where you can join in.**

Your prayers and gifts make it possible for me to serve with the Network. As the SYATP promotion coordinator, I’ve had the joy of seeing God work through SYATP for 25 years, in 52 countries. Millions of kids praying.

**But we can do more. Would you join me this year by being a “School Zone” partner?**

It’s a simple commitment:

*Every time you drive or walk past a school, use that time to ask God to pour out His Spirit on that school, and for the Christian students at that school to stand strong in their faith. That’s it. Simple.*



**Middle school girl in Lake Ronkonkoma, N.Y. Will you stand “in the zone” with her?**

Maybe you can gather your adult small group and do a “school zone” walk around the schools in your community some evening. Be creative!

If you need some “fuel” for your prayers, Donna Nuss, NNYM prayer coordinator, has created a FREE prayer guide that challenges people to pray for America’s youth for 30 days.

Read about it and download it here: <http://bit.ly/SU8EsW> - or just ask me, and I’ll send it to you!

## Evans Update

**Coaching Youth Workers:** I’ve begun coaching and mentoring a few youth workers after my training with Lead222.

**National Youth Workers Convention:** I’ll be in Louisville, KY Oct. 17-22. Our NNYM team will be presenting a one day workshop on networking thanks to our friends at Youth Specialties.

**Good News Lubbock:** I continue to meet with pastors and ministry leaders so we can have churches that are praying for each other and for their local schools in a formal way in 2016.

**My Lubbock Advisory Team:** We will meet one more time before the end of the year and our goal is to achieve 100% funding so more youth workers can be strengthened across Texas and New Mexico, so they can have a more effective ministry and reach more students with the Gospel.

Keep Lovin’ Jesus,

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