

Ministry News

FROM Len Evans

An Invitation for Impact

There is a school in virtually EVERY community of our nation.

It is staggering when we begin to think about the numbers:

- There are 32 million teenagers in the United States.
- There are 26 million teenagers on 67,000 high schools and junior highs or middle schools.
- So 82% of the teenage population is sitting in a classroom at 9:00am Monday mornings, nine months of the year.

Now that is a mission field!

Approximately 5 million teenagers graduate from high school every year, scattering in all parts of the world to colleges, the military or into the work force.

What would happen if our churches would make our schools a ministry priority? What would happen if we would make our schools a priority of prayer? What would happen if every church in America were to adopt a local school and pray faithfully for the students, teachers and administrators?

That is what I am asking. **Would you join me in a national *Pray For Schools* day on Sunday, September 18, 2016?**

Since January 2016, representatives from the National Network of Youth Ministries, Moms in Prayer, Claim Your Campus, Pray for Me, See You at the Pole, Pray4Schools, and the Campus Alliance have been collaborating to invite the

church to extend the kingdom of God by joining together to pray for our teenagers, their teachers and our schools.

There is no greater time than now to show a unified effort to pray together for the lives of our nation's teenagers, where they spend eight hours a day, nine months of the year!



Here is what you can do with us:

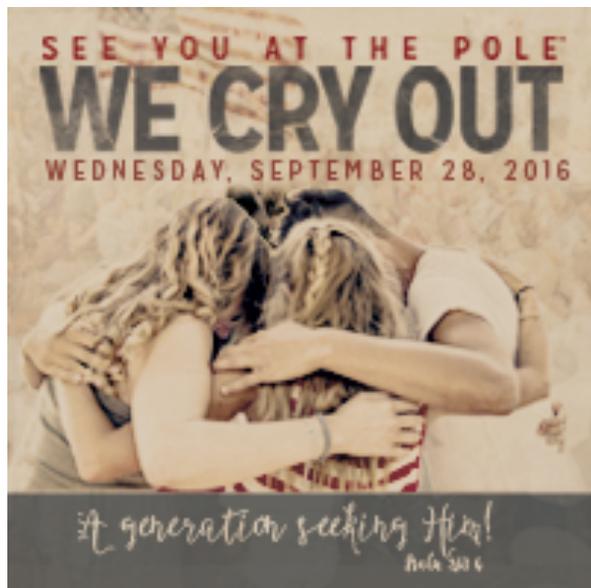
1. Go to www.prayforschools.com and gather all the needed information about the September 18 national *Pray For Schools* Sunday. The planning team has created a short video and other resources to help you let people know about and participate in this national event.
2. Prayerfully take this information to your senior pastor, asking that your church join with others during the September 18 weekend services to pray for our schools, teachers and teenagers.
3. Lovingly and respectfully, do not take "no" for an answer!
4. Work with your pastor and/or youth pastor to identify schools in your community that will be prayed for by name during the prayer time in the weekend services of September 18.

Think what can happen if **Every Church in Every Community** will pray for **Every School** in our nation. This is our chance to stand in the gap for this generation of teenagers and future

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leaders of our nation. Will **We Cry Out** for a generation to seek Him (Psalm 24:3-6)?

See You at the Pole



“We Cry Out” is the theme for **See You at the Pole - Global Week of Student Prayer**, which is September 25-October 1, with SYATP Day on September 28.

The theme is taken from David’s words in Psalm 24:3-6. *Pray For Schools* is an ideal way to alert your church to pray for our schools, and lead up to SYATP.

It’s a spiritual “one-two punch” that we invite you to participate in, and even pray about leading in your congregation if God tells you. Will you ask Him?

Since 1991, See You at the Pole has been observed in 63 different countries. It’s led by national ministries in some. In the **Dominican Republic**, the national effort is spearheaded by **Alexander**, a college student. Alexander uses social media to promote the campaign, and has translated the SYATP materials into Spanish.

Please pray for this movement of praying students to circle the globe this year as never before. **Your support of us has enabled NNYM to coordinate the promotion of See You at the Pole since 1991.**

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More Financial Partners! In the last two months, 11 people became monthly supporters! That’s my largest “wave” of new support since I started with NNYM. I believe a big reason is because almost 50 people were praying for me during this time. I lovingly call them my “Prayer Ninjas.”

Traveling to Houston. A church outside of Houston asked me to train their youth leaders and - since I’ve survived teenagers - to facilitate discussion with their parents of teenagers. I’ll be there September 10-14.

The Girls Taylor is now a senior at Texas A&M Corpus Christi. Sarabeth is a senior at Lubbock High.



Lubbock & West Texas I’m travelling more around West Texas to meet with and strengthen youth workers plus exciting things are happening in Lubbock to help churches work together.

In addition to the personal items mentioned in this column above, please pray for:

- Churches and believers to commit to pray for schools on September 18.
- See You at the Pole - as school begins and students plan for this event at schools throughout West Texas.
- Become a “Prayer Ninja” by having my prayer requests texted to you. Text @pray4nnym to 81010. Thank you!