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to Pioneer

Post Hope Trending and there have been lots of "Hallelujahs!" and also "What's Next?" If you led in #hopetrending it might have felt like a nightly marathon that didn't avail much time for reflection beyond "Lord, help us."

So "What next?", indeed. How will we continue to rally as a community called to share the Good News of Jesus? Let's pray for God to reveal and ignite His hope through us. Let's trust Him as He leads us in our next steps.

Welcome to Pioneer, and thank you for being part of the miracle.

-Sabine Vatel

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10 LESSONS FROM HOPE TRENDING

BY DWIGHT K. NELSON

I don't want to be like the nine lepers who raced away from Jesus, so elated with His healing they forgot to even thank Him. Which is why—before even listing a single lesson we've learned from Hope Trending, our nine-night/ten program national/global event last week—I would like to thank God and the hundreds of volunteers at Pioneer and Andrews and across North America, who joined forces to make possible this Kingdom innovation. From its inception via the three think tanks a year and a half ago, we have been praying for God to turn Hope Trending into an evangelistic strategy that would penetrate cyberspace through social media for the Kingdom. That He has done so and that He did so through so many creative volunteers is reason enough to praise Him and thank you!

In Paul's words: **"A huge door of opportunity for good work has opened up here" (1 Corinthians 16:9 Message)**. Were he alive today, no doubt the intrepid apostle would be trolling the Internet and social media for Christ, "a huge door of opportunity" indeed!

What have we learned? While we'll need more time to carefully, prayerfully comb through the analytics of Hope Trending, here are ten initial lessons for our collective conversation and evaluation:

- 1** Social media is a frontier wide open for communicating the truth about God. Night after night we repeated our Big Idea, and it was passed from soul to soul in social media: The Maker of all things loves and wants me. I was amazed at how quickly that compelling truth caught on.
- 2** Social media is everywhere. Including Kazakhstan where a young Muslim began an online chat with our moderators over several evenings. Going to the entire planet through social media and the Internet is truly a no-brainer for the third millennial church. At last count, Hope Trending connected with people from 149 nations.
- 3** You don't have to be a Millennial to reach the Millennials. It turns out they (18-35 years old) were the largest demographic slice we were connecting with on Facebook (perhaps not so surprising). (See our HT coordinator Rodlie

Ortiz's initial report in this publication with some additional statistics, including the 835,000+ Facebook connects with Hope Trending.) On Twitter and Facebook (from my scanning) our dominant promoters were Millennials. Reserving the front rows for Millennials (Andrews students) was a wise decision that infused their energy into the live television and livestreaming production each evening. Our HT producer Richard Parke's production, programming and tech volunteers were all Millennials, but the program presenters were obviously (except for two) not. Go figure. We are grateful.

4 You don't have to be a Millennial to be reached by social media. Having observed lesson #3, I was glad to discover #4 to be true, as well. Social media is no respecter of persons or ages, according to our adult responses and affirmations. Which further confirms the conclusion we the church need to be doing much more in cyberspace to connect humanity with the soon coming Savior.

5 The budget for an evangelistic endeavor like Hope Trending does not necessarily have to be high in order to achieve a national/global reach. We are grateful for Dan Jackson and the North American Division for going out on a limb with us through their \$75,000 grant. And I am thankful for our Pioneer members who gave \$55,000 to make Hope Trending possible. We were also grateful for Michigan Conference giving us \$5,000. My point is simply that this total is not prohibitive for other congregations and institutions contemplating future initiatives like Hope Trending.

6 Hope Trending is a witness to the power of vision/mission to motivate young volunteers. The design, production, and programming team was Millennial—except for two, all of them serving gratis. Thank you.

7 Hope Trending is a witness to the power of vision/mission to motivate adult volunteers. The 150+ infrastructure and

ministry adult volunteers were a huge bonus and essential for Hope Trending's mission. Thank you.

8 Twenty-minute TED talk length biblical presentations on the truth of God's character are doable—so is a high octane panel response to each teaching! Kudos to Ty Gibson, Michael Polite, Tacyana Nixon, Melissa Ruhupatty and Randy Sanchez. Not to mention the contagiously warm and energetic hosting of David Franklin!

9 The support of influential bloggers and social media players within our faith community was vital—and they came through with strong promotion. New strategies in social media evangelism will necessitate the support of these experts who have a proven track record in connecting with this hitherto unreached people group. God bless them.

10 If a local congregation like Pioneer can do it, I believe evangelistic innovation through the efforts of a local congregation is possible anywhere. Go for it!

The good news is Hope Trending isn't over. Thanks to our online archived material (hopetrending.org), it is very possible that Hope Trending's greatest impact is still future (so pass the word). Consider this promise: **"There has never been the slightest doubt in my mind that the God who started this great work in you would keep at it and bring it to a flourishing finish on the very day Christ Jesus appears"** (Philippians 1:6 Message). With that promise, we can know for certain that *with Christ the best is yet to come.* ■

You can follow Pastor Dwight's blog at www.pmchurch.tv/blog.

HOPE TRENDING HOW DID WE DO?

BY RODLIE ORTIZ

Here's the question everyone has been asking about Hope Trending: so how did we do?

In the paragraphs that follow I'd like to give some perspective on what we just experienced.

First, as of the time of this writing, Hope Trending is not done. What we recorded on Saturday morning is actually a bonus session released on Wednesday the 26th at 8 PM EDT. The

purpose of this bonus session is to give Watch Parties an opportunity to gather together again. The idea for these groups is to now begin meeting once a week to go deeper through a Bible study series. So

after Wednesday is done, we will begin pulling reports from the over 250 different Watch Party locations. On a local level, though, we had 46 people check the box that says baptism or more information on baptism!

We're also praising God for the amazing impact via social media. Concerning Twitter, we have 1.1 million impressions of #HopeTrending. What this means is

that this hashtag was served up that many times to a little over 150,000 accounts. This is tremendous. Through the power of a retweet, that many people saw a tweet related to Hope Trending.

On Facebook we reached over 835,000 accounts. Those are the number of people who saw something related to Hope Trending scroll across their screens. This doesn't mean that they clicked on the

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video. However, we do know that a little over 181,000 people actually clicked on one of the videos and saw some portion of the episodes. Think about that number for a moment. Let it sink in. Because so many of you accepted the chal-

lenge to "like" the Hope Trending Facebook page and share the Facebook Live feed, this number of people saw some portion of one of the videos. How many say amen?

I'll share one more stat. We reached 149 countries. It was truly an honor for me to see people engaging in the chat rooms and sharing where they're watching from. There was one conversation, though, on the last night, that crystalized the power



of this medium for me. One of the Online Moderators alerted me to a conversation happening in the chat rooms. The person said he was from Kazakhstan. By his speech and what he was writing I could tell he was Muslim, and he was asking questions about the Second Coming of Jesus! He had recently received a Bible, and was curiously studying it.

Now, let's pray for thousands of more people just like him who will bump into the videos online, and discover the truth that *the Maker of all things, loves and wants me.* ■

Rodlie Ortiz is the pastor for "This Generation Evangelism" here at PMC.

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WE WORSHIP

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Opening Voluntary

In This Holy Hour • R. Vader and J. Rouse

Introit

Lead On, O King Eternal • Henry Smart

Call to Worship

Sabine Vatel

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

**Therefore we will not fear
though the earth shall change,
though the mountains shake
in the heart of the sea.**

The Lord of hosts is with us,
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

**The Lord is exalted among
the nations, the Lord is exalted
in the earth! Come, let us sing
praise to the name of the Lord.**

Doxology

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow • 2

Invocation

Dwight K. Nelson

Hymn of Praise

O God, Our Help in Ages Past • 103

Congregational Prayer

Sabine Vatel
My Faith Looks Up to Thee • st. 1 of 517

Worship in Music

Cantate Domino (Sing to the Lord) • Mark Hayes

Baby Dedication

Levi Maturi presented by Newton & Rachel Koo
with Sabine Vatel

Tithes & Offerings

PMC Operating Expense
On a Proverb: Trust • Kenneth Logan

Children's Story

Scripture Proverbs 14:34; 16:12; 20:28; 24:11-12 NIV • Steven & Esther Tarangle

Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin condemns any people.

Kings detest wrongdoing, for a throne is established through righteousness.

Love and faithfulness keep a king safe; through love his throne is made secure.

Rescue those being led away to death; hold back those staggering toward slaughter. If you say, "But we knew nothing about this," does not he who weighs the heart perceive it? Does not he who guards your life know it? Will he not repay everyone according to what they have done?

Hymn of Preparation

I Vow to Thee, My Country • 648

Sermon

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Hymn of Commitment

Once to Every Man and Nation • 606

Benediction

Closing Voluntary

O God, Our Help in Ages Past • Jan Bender

PRESIDING PASTOR: Sabine Vatel; ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan
WORSHIP IN MUSIC: Andrews Academy Silhouettes; Héctor Flores, director

MUSIC ALIVE

TRUST IN GOD'S HELP

Isaac Watts' "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" (no. 103) is the basis for organ music today. Ellen White wrote, *General Conference Bulletin*, 1893, "In reviewing our past history, having traveled over every step of advance to our present standing, I can say, Praise God! As I see what God has wrought, I am filled with astonishment and with confidence in Christ as Leader. We

have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history. We are now a strong people, if we will put our trust in the Lord..." Doubt and uncertainty surrendered to trust in God is at the heart of today's offertory: "... whoever puts his trust in the Lord shall be safe." (Proverbs 29:25) ■

WE STUDY

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Song Service

Jimmer Mun

Welcome & Prayer

Mordekai Ongo

Scripture

Luke 10:25-37 • Samuel Ojwang

Special Feature

Youth Impact in the City: Nairobi • Ezra Okioma
An Open Door to Jesus • Mission Spotlight

Offertory

Consecration • John Ness Beck

Bible Study

“Curse the Day” • Classes

Theme Song

Make Me a Blessing

Make me a blessing; make me a blessing.
Out of my life may Jesus shine.
Make me a blessing; O Savior, I pray.
Make me a blessing; to someone today.

“Make Me a Blessing,” Ira Bishop Wilson
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Benediction

Jimmer Mun

ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan
OFFERTORY: Peyton Ware, soprano; Jade McClellan, violin; Patrick Miller, piano

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As We Begin

In This Holy Hour • R. Vader and J. Rouse

Praise

Jesus Saves • My God is So Great • Awesome • Awesome God

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As We Depart

O God, Our Help in Ages Past • Jan Bender

WORSHIP COORDINATOR: José Bourget; ORGAN: Kenneth Logan
MUSIC DIRECTOR: Joshua Goines; PIANO: Lyshll Prudente; BASS GUITAR: Jerry Wasmer
VOCALS: Jamila Sylvester, Vivian Raimundo, Shaly Torres
WORSHIP IN MUSIC: Andrews Academy Silhouettes; Héctor Flores, director

SUBMIT announcements by emailing bulletin@pmchurch.org or by going to www.pmchurch.org/announcements/submit. Requests must be received **Monday by 5:00 PM** for consideration.

NEXT WEEK'S OFFERING
PMC Operating Expense

SUNSET TODAY • 6:45
SUNSET NEXT FRIDAY • 6:36

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DWIGHT K. NELSON
#Rx4Now—2nd Hand Faith

| 11 • 12 |

DWIGHT K. NELSON
#Rx4Now—2 Smart 2 Sin

FINANCIAL FEATURE

PMC OPERATING BUDGET

"Is it not written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations?'" (Mark 11:17). PMC is blessed to be able to worship each week with fellow believers from near and far. However, PMC's commitment to making this building a "house of prayer for all" doesn't end when the services finish on Sabbath. It is through a dedicated staff working all week, making sure that the needs of this congregation continue to be met, that helps make this church so special. Please give generously to today's offering for PMC operating expense.

Family Vespers

TODAY • 7:30 PM
YOUTH CHAPEL

Come and receive a blessing as we praise God at the close of this Sabbath.

The Journey to Wholeness

Are you carrying a heavy load? The Journey to Wholeness group is a non-judgmental, Christ-centered, 12-step meeting. This weekly program is all about breaking the bondage of obsessive thinking and compulsive activity (addiction) and is a safe place for healing. Share as much or as little as is comfortable for you. There is hope—please join us. For more information (meeting locations and times) text 269.313.1677 or 240.346.5204.

Andrews Academy Penny Arcade

TODAY • 8:00 TO 10:00 PM
ANDREWS ACADEMY GYM

We would like to invite all 7th- and 8th-graders to Penny Arcade. This is a fun evening of games, activities, food; all for just pennies. Get to know Andrews Academy students better as you and your friends enjoy a fun evening. Parents can drop their child off at 7:45 PM and can pick them up at 10 PM. If you have any questions please contact the school at 269.471.3138.

Mommy (and Daddy) & Me

TUESDAYS • 10:00 AM
PMC NURSERY

This is a fun group for kids (0-5 years old) and their parent or caregiver to enjoy friendships and activities together. Each week will include playtime, songs/stories, and crafts. Come make new friends and have fun with your children!

God's Hands 4 Kids

Want to support foster kids? We are looking for Christmas wrapping or card making materials as well as fabrics appropriate for sewing stockings. Collection bins are located here at PMC by the receptionist desk; South Shore Woman's Health Care (2690 Cleveland Ave., St. Joseph); Ameriprise Financial (8980 U.S. 31, Berrien Springs). We are still in need of volunteers to launder clothing that has been in storage in order to give to foster kids. Email godshands4kids@gmail.com for more information.

Total Body Fitness

MON & WED • 5:00 TO 5:50 PM
LAMSON HEALTH CLUB
(AEROBICS ROOM)

Improve your strength, balance, and flexibility with Total Body Fitness (ToBoFit), a free class meeting on Mondays and Wednesdays. Open to anyone 18 years or older, male or female. Questions? Contact the instructor, Katherine Koudele (koudelej@andrews.edu).

Get Our E-Letter!

Receive PMC's e-Letter, Pioneer Mid-week, for weekly updates about church life, events, and more! Subscribe today at www.pmchurch.org/newsletter.

Scrapbooking Together

NOVEMBER 12 • 6:00 TO 11:00 PM
NOVEMBER 13 • 9:00 AM TO 6:00 PM
PMC EARLITEEN LOFT

Have Christmas projects that you need to start or finish? Bring your supplies and enjoy pizza and chocolate on Saturday night. Leave your things and come back on Sunday morning for more fun. A special guest is coming at 11 AM to show us how to make 6 cards out of one sheet of 12 x 12 paper and cardstock. Email sherrie.davis@lakeunion.org if you have questions.

Pathfinder Apple Pies

The Evergreen Pathfinders will again be offering apple pies this holiday season. We will be taking orders for gluten-free apple crisps and crumb-topped apple pies. **Pies will be available on November 6, 13, and 20.** Email evergreen.pathfinders@gmail.com with your order or any questions.

Hope Trending Thanks You

The leadership of Hope Trending wishes to thank the members of Pioneer for their prayerful and financial support these past few months! We truly received multiple blessings from above, from the protection of our technical and volunteer teams, to the engagement of our viewers. Know your partnership will continue to be multiplied for months and even years to come. To relive the experience of Hope Trending and continue to share its Good News, visit www.hopetrending.org.

More Announcements

For more PMC and community announcements, please visit our website at www.pmchurch.org/announcements.



PMC LEGO SHOWCASE

BY RICHARD PARKE

Recently one of our church members and Media Team Student Worker, Michael Bryson, spent some time creating Pioneer in lego form. "It started with just the stage," says Michael, "but then I added more pews and did the media control room as well. It got much bigger than I had expected but I had a blast adding all the little details!" He goes on to say that he tried to get shots of all the different parts

that he could. Here are some photos of the final product (www.pmchurch.org/stories/2016/lego-pmc). ■

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PRAYING THE PRAYER OF JOHN KNOX

- FOR AMERICA ON THE EVE OF THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION
- FOR YOUR HOME COUNTRY ON BEHALF OF ITS GREAT NEEDS

"I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth." (1 Timothy 2:1-4)



NOVEMBER 2 – 7:00 PM
PMC YOUTH CHAPEL