

Peter's prayers: Former architect facilitates gathering spot for invocation at The Path

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Peter Dettman runs Shalom House of Prayer at The Path Family Rescue Mission in Beverly Hills, praying with and for anyone who walks through the door.

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Most people call Peter Dettman simply “Peter the prayer guy.”

He believes prayer changes things.

It changes situations and circumstances. It changes homes and communities, nations and families.

Dettman calls himself an intercessory missionary, “someone who prays as their occupation,” he said.

He facilitates Shalom House of Prayer at The Path Family Rescue Mission in Beverly Hills.

Continuing through Feb. 9 during a 40-day fast that began Jan. 1, the prayer room will be open from 7 to 11 a.m. every day. Anyone and everyone is welcome to come in and pray or be prayed for.

“The prayer room was dedicated on Pentecost Sunday, May 20 (2018), but we’ve been praying on this campus since 2015,” Dettman said.

He has been a volunteer at The Path since 2012, teaching Bible studies and discipleship — and prayer.

Prior to that, Dettman worked 20 years as an architect, mostly in Singapore.

“But God put that aside in 2002 when he called me into full-time prayer and discipleship,” he said.

His parents had moved to Beverly Hills in 1984, just a few blocks from The Path.

“After my mom died in 2005, I had a very clear word from God ... to buy (her) house,” he said. “I was already rooted in Orlando, was an elder in a church there, and I thought, ‘What would I do in Citrus County?’ But God gave me an assignment ... and this is it.”

He had trained at the International House of Prayer (IHOP) in Kansas City, and runs the IHOP webcast feed on the video screens in the prayer room — a webcast of people praying 24/7 around the world.

The prayer room itself is painted stark white, with nothing adorning the walls. A large wooden cross against one wall is the focal point.

Some chairs are placed in a circle for group prayer. Soft rugs are also available for people who want to kneel and pray.

Sometimes Dettman is alone, other times fellow prayer warriors join him.

“It’s not the number, it’s the agreement,” he said. “Where two or three gather in his (Jesus) name, he’s there — Matthew 18:20.”

People find their way there — they’re just walking or driving by, they’ve heard about it from someone else, they see signs on the street with arrows pointing the way.

However they come, Dettman knows it’s by divine appointment.

“One lady from the neighborhood stopped by and I asked her what’s going on and she broke down — her son’s in prison,” he said. “People sign the testimony book — people have been saved, healed, set free right here in this room. It’s all God — this prayer room is a gift from God to this community. It’s a resource right here in Beverly Hills, because this is how much God loves the people here.”

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