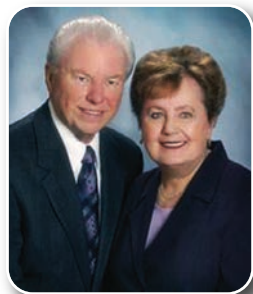


40 YEARS OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

by Rev. Paul Johansson, Co-founder & Board Chairman

It is not hard to see how God has blessed us when you look around at the facilities that are now the NYSUM headquarters. More important than the visible buildings and the expanded facility are the eternal changes in the hearts and lives of thousands of individuals exposed to urban needs and impacted by Divine compassion. Similar ministries have started using the NYSUM model in the USA and other nations. For NYSUM, thousands of students have come to realize the challenges and potential for each of them in city ministry. The vision to lift up the hands of pastors and train city leaders has held us on course. It is clear that NYSUM has been and is a "Training and Resource Center serving the urban church."



Rev. Paul & Gloria Johansson,
Co-Founders

Beyond the bricks and mortar are the hopeless and broken lives rescued by evangelism and compassionate outreaches over the years. Well over one hundred thousand people have been helped in one form or another. With this dedicated and sacrificial service over the past forty years, we say with the Apostle Paul, "We have laid the foundation. Let every man take heed to how he builds upon it" (I Cor. 3:10). NYSUM stands today as a beacon of hope, not calling attention to itself but always pointing in word and deed to Christ and His Church. Amen!

NYSUM IMPACT SEPT-DEC. 2023

Your prayers and generosity have helped us impact NYC over the last 4 months.

279 short-term missionaries were trained and deployed to help inner city pastors and churches reclaim their communities for Christ.

Backpacks: We blessed over **1,000** inner-city children with brand new backpacks for back-to-school, partnering with **6** churches throughout NYC.

Operation Drumstick: We fed over **2,500** hurting people during Thanksgiving outreach.

Mobile Food Truck: **32** times, we deployed our mobile food truck to feed and reach families in need. We served **4,633** hot dogs, **383** Cheese Quesadillas, **72** gallons of iced tea and coffee.

Fall / Winter Partnerships: Over **43** churches partner with us to help reclaim their communities.

Christmas Compassion: Over **2,000** Children were blessed with brand new toys, partnering with **12** churches in all five boroughs in NYC.

NYSUM's 40TH Anniversary Weekend Celebration

Gala Banquet:

Friday, April 26, 2024

7:00 p.m. • Terrace on the Park—The Rose Ballroom
52-11 111th Street, Flushing, NY 11368

Keynote Speaker: **Pastor Jim Cymbala**
Senior Pastor, The Brooklyn Tabernacle
\$125 per plate / per person.

Stay at NYSUM! Saturday April 27 & Sunday 28:



\$30 per person includes: room, one set of linens, and transportation for Ground Zero and Saturday night ministry.

◀ Scan to register for the Gala Banquet and or Saturday & Sunday weekend Celebrations!

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TODAY!

President's Column

by **Peter M. DeArruda**

Launch Out, Let Go, & Let God

In Luke 5:1-11, Jesus challenges Peter to "thrust out a little from the land." When Peter did this, Jesus taught a crowd of gathered people. When Jesus finished teaching, He re-challenged Peter:

"Launch into the DEEP and let down your nets for a catch." Peter had his Ph.D. in fishing. This was his lifeblood, but Peter responded, "Master, we have toiled all night and have taken nothing!" It's interesting that when the Lord challenges us to move to a new level, we get very spiritual and call the Lord "Master."

Jesus challenged Peter not to stay "shallow" but to go "DEEPER." We all like to serve the Lord in the "Safe zone of the Familiar," but that's not the way of the believer. Jesus is always challenging us to GO DEEPER in prayer, in the word, and in trusting Him. I heard that a national ministry began to assess its effectiveness. They found the ministry was a mile wide but only an inch deep. They soon decided to go a mile deep and an inch wide.

When Peter obeyed Jesus, the fish harvested was OVER THE TOP! Other boats received the blessing because someone was willing to LAUNCH OUT, LET GO, and LET GOD. May we let go of being in control and follow the lead of the greatest captain of all time, JESUS! He'll never disappoint us.

NYC Partner SPOTLIGHT

A Light in the Inner City

Since 1946, Coney Island Gospel Assembly has stood as a Beacon of Hope for struggling families in the heart of Brooklyn, New York.



Councilman Mark Treyger & Pastor Connie Hulla, Coney Island Gospel Assembly

Founded by Pastor Jack & Ronnie San Filippo, their daughter and present pastor remains a Champion of care and compassion for thousands of families grappling to find food, clothing, and someone who cares. NYSUM has been privileged to partner with Pastor Connie and the Coney Island Gospel Assembly for the past 40 years. As Pastor Coney shares, "NYSUM has marched into places that are plunged into utter darkness . . . to lift high the Bloodstained Banner of HELP and HOPE . . . through Chaos. Jesus! Coney

Island is such a place, and NYSUM is the Lord's hand extended, making the impossible possible for so many."

EMPOWERING "Front Line" Pastors & Leaders

Since NYSUM's inception, we have continued to offer "practical urban training" for pastors and church leaders. For many of these "Unsung Heroes," who serve daily in the trenches, they never had the privilege of formal training. During the fall of 2023, NYSUM hosted two urban leadership seminars: 1). Annual Children's Workers and Youth Workers Seminar for lay leaders. 2). Pastors and church leaders, equipping them in financial stewardship, governance, and leading with kingdom principles. Urban training at the "grassroots" provides sustainability and longevity for inner-city leaders.



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LEAVING A LEGACY to HELP NYSUM Reclaim Cities for Christ

Would you prayerfully consider partnering with NYSUM by Leaving a Lasting Legacy through wills, stocks, real estate, endowments, and trusts? By doing so, your Legacy Gift helps us train more short-term missionaries to reclaim the inner city and enables us to feed and reach more hurting men, women, children, and veterans with our Mobile Food Truck while reducing taxable income. To learn more information, please contact Mr. Matt Jessup of Jessup Wealth Management so his team can serve the friends and supporters of NYSUM by assisting you with your Financial Legacy. Matt's Direct Line: 937-938-9105, and the firm's website is www.jessupwealthmanagement.com. Or contact the NYSUM development office at 718-204-647. TOGETHER, we can pull in the NETS and transform the inner city for Christ.

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