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## MISSION NEWS

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### “BE A LEAVEN IN 2011”

Dear Friends in Christ,

Jesus Is The Fix for 2006! Be Fine In 2009! These were past titles of my sermons around New Year's Day. I try to come up with titles that people will remember throughout the year. So when I was asked to preach in January this year, I wondered: What rhymes with 2011?

All I could think of was 'leaven'. In Matt. 13:33 Jesus gives the parable of the leaven and says that the KINGdom of heaven is like leaven (yeast). A little bit of yeast is mixed with a whole lot of flour (50 pounds) “until it worked all through the dough”. To be a leaven in 2011 means that we **make ourselves available for God** to use what little we might have to influence or change the whole!

When I think of influencing the whole I think of the Wm. Paterson University Christian Fellowship. **Our vision is: Changed Lives, Changed Campus, Changed World.** We want to see students, faculty and staff receive Christ and have their lives changed to become Christ-like. Through these changed lives we want to be a leaven in the whole university! It's like yeast: a growing number of Christians influencing, changing the whole! And while this change is taking place, WPU students, faculty and staff are going beyond the campus and are used by God to change the world!! Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship calls this: **World-Changers Developed!!**

**Changed Lives:** Tom (not his real name) became a Christian through the ministry of the WPU Christian Fellowship. In a very abusive home situation, he tried to bring the shalom of Jesus. However, the opposite occurred as Tom was thrown out of his house and came to stay at our house overnight. His testimony is fantastic: in spite of what his family is doing, he has a burden from God to see them respond to the Good News—love in spite of rejection! Tom is seeking to be a leaven in 2011. **Please pray** for this student—and his family.

**Changed Campus:** WPUCF student leaders reported to me that the WPU Student Government Association Treasurer said this about the entire fellowship after seeing us in action on the Human Wrong Campaign: “You guys really love each other!!” That gives me GREAT JOY! Another reason for GREAT JOY is that several members of the WPUCF are Presidents (or other officers) of other campus groups!! Influence=Leaven! Also: the WPUCF Servant Leadership Team sent a letter to the new president of the university telling her that we are praying for her and asking her to feel free to

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send us prayer requests! A Leaven in 2011! **Please pray** for our planning as we seek to further reach out and see at least 20 conversions this semester!

**Changed World:** While I was staff at Bergen County Community College, Dave Calia became a Christian. He then graduated from WPU. I recently had breakfast with him and he told of his work in China as a Christian businessman! He is also taking a leading role in his church there as they seek to be a leaven for Christ in that part of the world! **Please pray** for Dave as he continues to be a World-Changer.

Thank you for supporting me through prayer and financial giving as I seek to be a leaven for Christ in northern New Jersey! May the Holy Spirit use each of us **where we are** to be a positive leaven throughout the world!!

Love in Christ, Pastor Ken

P.S. I still must raise \$7500 before June!. Thanks for helping—and for praying!

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Romans 5:8: "But God demonstrates His own love for us in this:  
while we were still sinners, Christ died for us!"