

Russia Dispatch One

Mahon: 01.15.08 Prayer Russia Dispatch #1 Packing Party

Dear Prayer Warriors,

This past Monday night we had some 16 friends from four different churches helping us with our pre-trip packing party. In addition both Sam and Anne and Megan were there to help out. Oh yes, our grandbaby John was there as well.

What a joy and delight it was to fellowship, pray and pack. The fruit of our labors, 7 - 70lbs boxes of Bibles, Medicines, Clothing and various items for missionaries, pastors and staff can be seen in picture number two. In addition Bill Roberson's home group in Dallas has sent on before us McArthur Study Bibles and Commentaries translated into Russian. What a joy it is to bless the saints of God.

I have written before that the privilege of missions should not be taken lightly. We always expected to return to Belarus - it is now closed. We always expected to return to Kenya - only God knows what the future holds. We always expect to return to Russia - but again we humbly thank God each year for the unspeakable privilege of ministering on foreign soil.

Speaking of Kenya I take great offense at satan for creating such a disturbance after our teams bore so much fruit and created so much momentum for the churches and ministries. With that in mind I have set my sights once again on this country and will, by God's grace take three more teams to Kenya this August. Who does satan think he is. If he wants trouble he has certainly come to the right place and we will rub his ugly face in the blood of Christ. Greater is He who is in us than he who is in the world and he will soon learn with whom his is dealing. If you want in on this slugfest let me know because as soon as we get back from Russia we will begin tormenting him with our prayers, our preparations and ultimately our presence.

Now for the task at hand. With each prayer request please take time to pray over the passage...

First: Pray that we would be found hardworking faithful laborers in the battle for men's souls.

John 9:4 "We must work the works of Him who sent Me, as long as it is day; night is coming, when no man can work."

Second: Ask God to loose the power of His holy, eternal, inerrant, written Word as we preach; as we exhort men and women to meditate, memorize and

study; as we distribute Bibles and Bible study aids; as we clearly exposit and teach - as we unsheathe the Sword of the Spirit claim its power to convict and bring men to repentance.

Hebrews 4:12 "For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart."

Third: Beseech the Lord to give us strength as we go forth holding boldly the shield of faith. That with respect to the promises of God we would not waiver in unbelief but instead we would grow strong in faith, that we would be ever and fully assured that what God has promised He will also perform.

Rom 4:19-22

19 And without becoming weak in faith he contemplated his own body, now as good as dead since he was about a hundred years old, and the deadness of Sarah's womb;

20 yet, with respect to the promise of God, he did not waver in unbelief, but grew strong in faith, giving glory to God,

21 and being fully assured that what He had promised, He was able also to perform.

22 Therefore also it was reckoned to him as righteousness.

Lastly: Oppose satan. Remember man is not the enemy, man is the enslaved civilian population - satan is the enemy. Pray that God would crush him before us. That the ministry would be of such power, of such victory of such a nature that all would agree, this is no work of man but rather that of God.

Eph 6:10-12

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord, and in the strength of His might.

11 Put on the full armor of God, that you may be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil.

12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.

Tomorrow as always we go forth by the grace of God And By the empowering prayers of you our prayer warriors.

By His mercy,

II Corinthians 4:1

John and Eleanor Mahon

Departing to preach the holy, inerrant, eternal, written Word of God in Russia and beyond.



Sam, John and Rich Pitch In



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Rick and Rodney with the Fruit of the Men's Labor