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Exceptions To The Rule...

Message of the week: Three Fold Cord of Missions- The Cord of Giving

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John 15:7 "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you."

A. Ask God to provide for the missionaries who wish to come to the Marriage and Family Conference in Japan. (These passages are in my prayer notebook. I pray over them every day. I pray for the unspeakable privilege of blessing the servants of the Lord in the harvest fields of the world.)

Psalms 67:1-2 God be gracious to us and bless us, And cause His face to shine upon us — Selah. That Your way may be known on the earth, Your salvation among all nations.

Psalms 67:6-7 The earth has yielded its produce; God, our God, blesses us. God blesses us, That all the ends of the earth may fear Him.

2 Corinthians 9:8-11 And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed; as it is written, "HE SCATTERED ABROAD, HE GAVE TO THE POOR, HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS ENDURES FOREVER." Now He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness; you will be enriched in everything for all liberality, which through us is producing thanksgiving to God.

B. Ask God to bless Eleanor as she teaches on Evangelism

Colossians 1:11 strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for the attaining of all steadfastness and patience; joyously

C. Ask God to give the Russian women in the church here in Tyumen a heart for the lost.

Jeremiah 20:9 But if I say, "I will not remember Him Or speak anymore in His name," Then in my heart it becomes like a burning fire Shut up in my bones; And I am weary of holding it in, And I cannot endure it.

1 Corinthians 9:16 For if I preach the gospel, I have nothing to boast of, for I am under compulsion; for woe is me if I do not preach the gospel.

D. Claim the power of the gospel for the church of Tyumen

Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

1 Corinthians 1:18-19 For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, " I WILL DESTROY THE WISDOM OF THE WISE, AND THE CLEVERNESS OF THE CLEVER I WILL SET ASIDE."

E. Claim the power of the Word of God for the church in Tyumen

Jeremiah 5:14 Therefore, thus says the LORD, the God of hosts, "Because you have spoken this word, Behold, I am making My words in your mouth fire And this people wood, and it will consume them.

F. Claim the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit for the church in Tyumen

2 Timothy 1:7-8 For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline. Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord or of me His prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel according to the power of God,

John 16:7-11 "But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you. And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment; concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me; and concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father and you no longer see Me; and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.

Dear Prayer Warriors,

Making An Exception

I am taking a break from my Bible study preparations to send out this short dispatch. In doing this I am making an exception to a self-imposed "rule". That is to not raise funds while on the mission field. It is my conviction that we should not depart for a the mission field without the Lord supplying 100% of our budget (and by God's grace this we have consistently done). A need though (or should I say opportunity) has presented itself which is moving me to make an exception.

In May we will be giving a Marriage and Family Conference for missionaries in Japan. There are a number of missionaries who would like to attend this conference but their mission organization will not release funds for them to attend. The missionary sponsoring the conference has emailed me and assured me that he can find housing for these missionaries from the members of his church, that leaves their conference expenses and travel expenses. (We do not charge for our ministry nor do we charge for materials but these new attendees will result in additional unplanned expenses.) We have been contacted to ask if GCI can help make it possible for these missionaries to attend. I therefore pass this need on to you our prayer warriors for your consideration.

If you would like to give towards a scholarship fund for these sacrificial servants of the Lord who feel a need for help in their marriages and families would you please prayerfully consider a one time gift? 100% of your gift will go towards this need, no administrative fees will be deducted. You can do this simply by adding it to your current giving slip and make a notation "Japanese Missionary Scholarship Fund" or you can mail your gift in to

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Or if you do not have a giving slip with envelope you can simply drop a check in the mail made out to **Grace Community Int.** to the above address. Again, indicate clearly that the gift is for the "Japanese Missionary Scholarship Fund".

(One final note that I am almost hesitant to mention, having already imposed upon you. If the Lord does lead you to give to this need could you e-mail me and let me know. As funds come in, I will let them know who will be able to attend. This will speed up the process a little, as opposed to our home office contacting us. I will send out a follow-up praise e-mail when the need is met.)

Praying for Eleanor As She Teaches On Evangelism Tonight

As you pray please also remember Eleanor. Tonight she will be teaching an evangelism seminar for the ladies of the church here in Tyumen. Eleanor has always had a great heart for witnessing. She was saved her freshman year of college when two girls came knocking as they did door to door evangelism in her dormitory. You will be hard put

to convince her that door to door evangelism does not work. It is both Eleanor's and my conviction that if there is a decline of adult believer's baptisms in a church that it is neither the culture nor the times but rather the failure of the members to consistently, in season and out, to present from the Word of God the gospel of salvation and then to ask this simple question - "Would you like to pray now to receive Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior."



El works on her Bible study prep at kitchen table



The ladies in El's Bible study are serious about prayer



and the Word of God

I close this e-mail as always with a deep and abiding thankfulness for your sacrificial and effectual prayers which empower and drive this ministry ever forward in the cause of Christ.

By His mercy,
II Corinthians 4:1
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Ministering in Tyumen, Russia and looking east to Japan...

Please allow me to close this dispatch with two hymns from my prayer notebook which were especially meaningful to me this morning...

(Psalms 104:33-34 "I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have my being. Let my meditation be pleasing to Him; As for me, I shall be glad in the LORD.")

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee:
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

*Holy, Holy, Holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who wert and art, and evermore shalt be.*

Holy, Holy, Holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;

Only Thou art holy – there is none beside Thee
Perfect in power, in love and purity.

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

(**Reginald Heber** - Born: April 21, 1783, Malpas, Cheshire, England. Died: April 3, 1826, Trichinopoly (Tiruchirappalli), Tamil Nadu, India, of a cerebral hemorrhage while bathing. Buried: St. John's Church, Trichinopoly, Tamil Nadu, India (north side of the altar). Heber attended Brasenose College, Oxford, where he won a number of awards in English and Latin. He received a fellowship to All Souls College, and later became Rector at Hodnet, Shropshire, England. In 1823, he became, somewhat reluctantly, Bishop of Calcutta, India.)

What a Friend we have in Jesus,

What a Friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

*Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer.*

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge, take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In His arms He'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.

*Blessed Savior, Thou hast promised Thou wilt all our burdens bear
May we ever, Lord, be bringing all to Thee in earnest prayer.
Soon in glory bright unclouded there will be no need for prayer
Rapture, praise and endless worship will be our sweet portion there.*

Joseph Scriven (1819 – 1866) graduated from Trinity College. After his fiancée drowned the night before they were to marry, he moved to Canada in 1846. There he taught in Woodstock and Brantford, Ontario, and was a tutor for the Pengelly family near Bewdley. It was there he met and became engaged to Eliza Roche, a relative of the Pengellys. In what seems too amazing to be coincidence, Eliza died shortly before their wedding. Following the death of his second fiancée, Scriven joined the Plymouth Brethren, helping the aged members of the community.