

Prayer Dispatch 11.26.12/ Getting Men And Women Into The Word



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2 Corinthians 1:11 "you also joining in helping us through your prayers, so that thanks may be given by many persons on our behalf for the favor bestowed on us through the prayers of many."

- A. Ask God to bless the ministry of GCI financially, that we might provide Russian study Bibles and Bible reference works for the pastors and teachers of Baptist and Presbyterian churches in St. Petersburg, Pavlosk and Tyumen.

Philippians 4:19

And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

2 Corinthians 9:10-11

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; 11 you will be enriched in everything for all liberality, which through us is producing thanksgiving to God.

- B. Call upon the Lord to empower the teaching and preaching of His holy, eternal, inerrant, written Word.

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.

Ephesians 6:17

And take... the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

- C. Petition the Lord to use His holy Word to set men and women apart for His service and for His glory.**

John 17:17 Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth.

- D. As you pray for the ministry of God's Word, pray especially that it will be used to bring men and women to a saving knowledge of Christ as their Lord and Savior.**

1 Peter 1:22-23

for you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the living and enduring word of God.

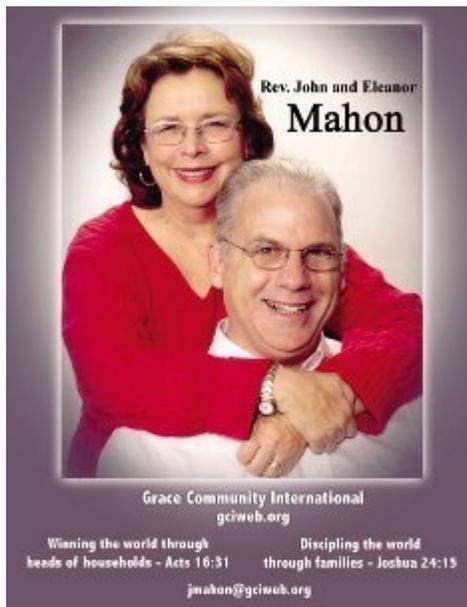
Romans 10:16-17

So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.

- E. Petition the Lord of the harvest to give us good soil on which to sow the Word of God - that He would protect the seed sown and that it would yield a bountiful harvest.**

Mark 4:14 & 20

The sower sows the word... And those are the ones on whom seed was sown on the good soil; and they hear the word and accept it and bear fruit, thirty, sixty, and a hundredfold."



Dear Prayer Warriors,

We look to you, our prayer warriors, to empower our ministry of the holy, eternal, inerrant, written Word of God through your fervent prayers and petitions. We live in an age when confidence in the Word of God is eroded by spiritism, mysticism, false apparitions and divinations of every kind. Everybody wants a “word from God” but nobody wants to read through the Bible every year. Everybody wants a “miraculous conversion” but through a so-called appearance of Jesus and not by memorizing and using the Word of God in personal evangelism. Everybody wants to know about heaven, hell, angels and demons, but not through the careful study of God’s Word. They want to attend meetings or read books where false prophets and false apostles relate “visions” of going to heaven, hell, meeting demons and angels.

The “word from God” we offer is the holy, eternal, inerrant, written Word of God. The “miracle” we offer is the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ for the redemption of sins. The powerful ministry in which we engage is that of the gospel of Christ which is the “power of salvation to all who believe.”

We stand in opposition to this present era of mysticism and spiritism in the church. In stark contrast, we place our confidence fully in the gospel of Christ,

1 Corinthians 1:23-24

but we preach Christ crucified : a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

in the ministry of the Word of God,

Acts 20:32-33

And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

and in the power of the gospel.

Romans 1:16-17

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.

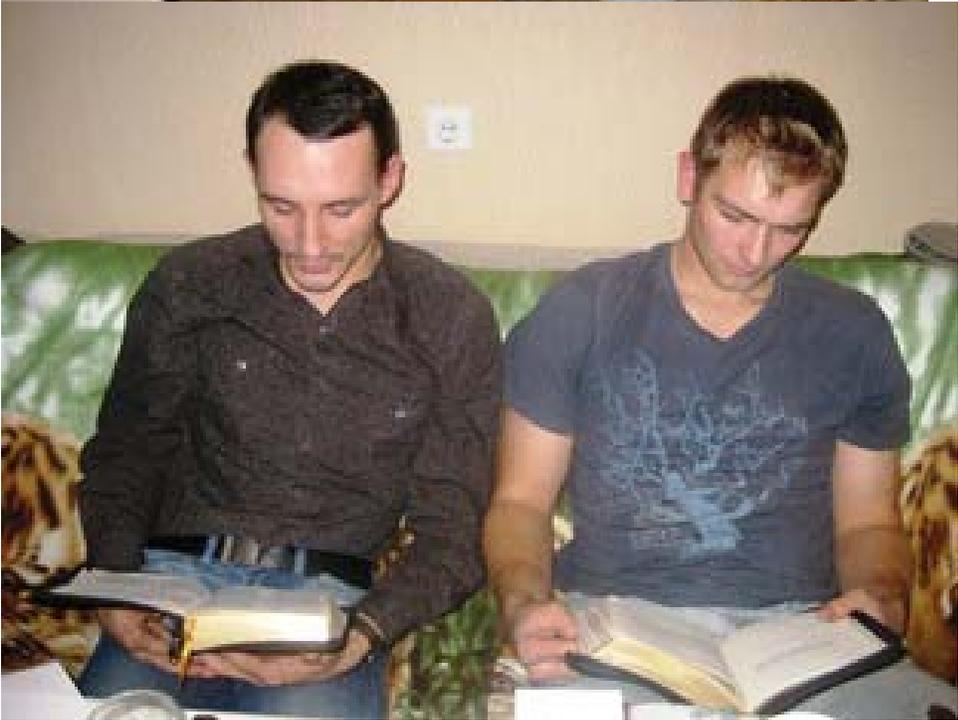
We know that the key to the redemption of mankind and the building up and renewal of the church is getting men and women into the Word of God. This, then, is our ministry...

Getting Pastors Into The Word



Calling pastors back to confidence in the authority and sufficiency of the Word of God is a big part of my ministry. This is done by modeling this confidence in my preaching and teaching but also by actually doing Bible study with the pastors when ministering in their churches.

Getting Men Into The Word





Everywhere I go, I am told that young professionals will not get up in the morning and do Bible study-- will not do Scripture memory, will not take the Word of God seriously. Everywhere I go I find young professional men willing to get up in the morning to do Bible study, willing to study the Word of God, and willing to memorize Scripture.

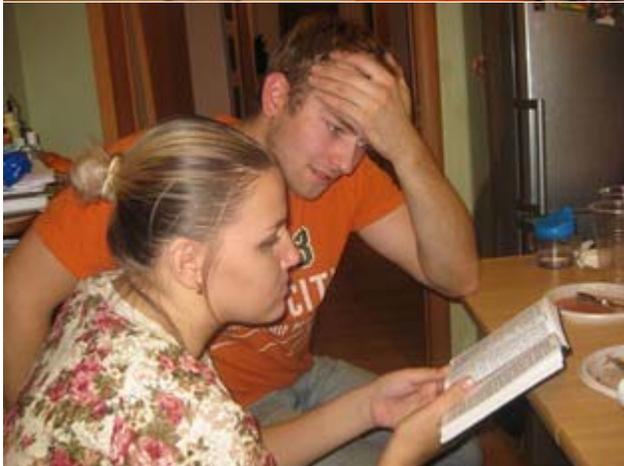
Getting Women Into The Word





Eleanor quickly sets the example for the ladies in both Scripture memory and Bible study.

Getting Couples Into The Word





Using the vehicle of the Family Discipleship Seminar and the Marriage Covenant Seminar, we get couples memorizing, meditating and studying God's Word together.

Scripture Memory and Daily Quiet Time Alone With God Challenge



These are leather verse packs we had made in Zambia with Scripture memory cards provided by Rusty Lacy's ministry. The leaders in the churches are having daily quiet times alone with God and memorizing evangelism verses to earn leather study Bibles.

Would You Like To Bless A Russian With A Study Bible?

It is not too late to make a donation to GCI to provide a leather study Bible to a pastor, deacon, elder or Sunday school teacher. In most cases, it will be the first study Bible they have ever owned.

I close this email, 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
Rev. John S. Mahon
Grace Community Int. -

Please allow me to close this dispatch with a hymn from my prayer notebook that has been especially meaningful to me...

(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.")

Link to music/tune for this hymn:

<http://nethymnal.org/htm/m/a/maytmind.htm>

May The Mind of Christ, My Savior

May the mind of Christ, my Savior, Live in me from day to day,
By His love and power controlling All I do and say.

*May the word of God dwell richly In my heart from hour to hour,
So that all may see I triumph Only thru His power.*

May the peace of God, my Father, Rule my live in everything,
That I may be calm to comfort Sick and sorrowing.

*May the love of Jesus fill me, As the waters fill the sea;
Him exalting, self a basing This is victory.*

May I run the race before me, Strong and brave to face the foe,
Looking only unto Jesus As I onward go.

*May His beauty rest upon me As I seek the lost to win,
And may they forget the channel, Seeing only Him.*

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