

Prayer Dispatch #02 / God greatly blessed your ministry in Tyumen



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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. That God would empower the Word as well as using me as His vessel in the teaching and preaching of the holy, eternal, inerrant written Word of God.**

*Psalm 119:108 O accept the freewill offerings of my mouth, O Lord, And teach me Thine ordinances.*

*Psalm 119:124 Deal with Thy servant according to Thy lovingkindness, And teach me Thy statutes.*

*Psalm 119:125 I am Thy servant; give me understanding, That I may know Thy testimonies.*

- B. That the ministry would manifest the resurrection power of Christ.**

*Psalm 89:16 & 17 In Thy name they rejoice all the day, And by Thy righteousness they are exalted. For Thou art the glory of their strength, And by Thy favor our horn is exalted.*

**C. That God would teach us His ways that we might do His will.**

*Psalm 5:8 O Lord, lead me in Thy righteousness because of my foes; Make Thy way straight before me.*

**D. Call upon the Lord to bless the church in Tyumen where we have just finished two months of ministry. Ask the Lord to preserve the fruit and maintain the momentum of evangelism and Bible study.**

*John 15:16-17*

*You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and that your fruit would remain, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you. This I command you, that you love one another.*

**E. This begins our first full week of ministry in St. Petersburg. I begin my lectures on the Marriage Covenant at the Seminary Monday. What a privilege to build into the lives of ministers. Please pray that I would be a good steward of this time and that I would be able to impart these important truths to these zealous young men.**

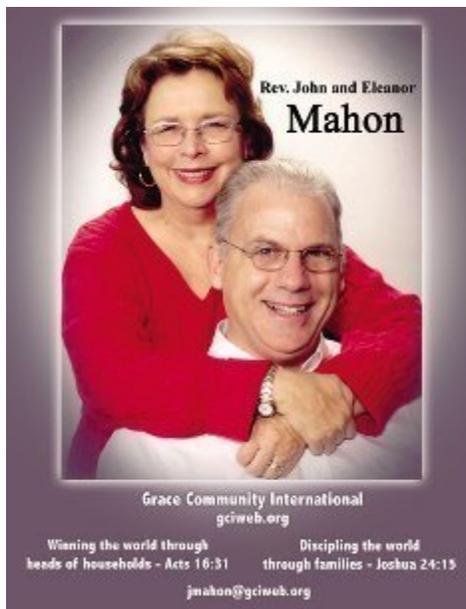
*2 Timothy 2: 1 & 2*

*You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. 3 Suffer hardship with me, as a good soldier of Christ Jesus.*

**F. That God would bless the ministry materially, that we might in turn bless those to whom we minister.**

*2 Corinthians 9:10-12*

*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.*



Dear Prayer Warriors,

## I. God greatly blessed your ministry in Tyumen



God greatly blessed your ministry in Tyumen and I praise God for your willingness to so sacrificially co-labor with us these last two months. As God the Holy Spirit so clearly teaches in 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.”*

In God’s value system and in God’s spiritual economy – those who minister on the mission field and those who faithfully pray are co-laborers. They share equally in the toil, the responsibility, the results and the rewards. God the Holy Spirit says that prayers of intercession not only help the missionary but that the missionary, in addition, experiences favor bestowed upon him as a direct result of the faithful prayers of those back home. God the Holy Spirit also teaches that because of this help and favor prayers of thanksgiving will ascend to God by those to whom he ministers on the mission field. Now that is a great ministry and we praise God that you join with us in this ministry through your prayers.

We look back on the favor and help with humble hearts...

## II. Marriage Seminar



God blessed your prayers concerning the Marriage Seminar. Not only was the first seminar attended by over 50 but it resulted in three more seminars being given because of word of mouth communication – people calling pastor Ravil and asking for additional seminars. Not only this, but several non-Christian couples asked to be visited by Pastor Ravil--something almost unheard of in Russia today. Only your prayers could bring this about.

### **III. Family Discipleship Seminar**

God blessed your prayers concerning the Family Discipleship Seminar. Again, we had many non-Christians attend with evangelistic contacts made. Also, the church now has a firm foundation in the area of Christian principles of child-raising. All the young couples are following scriptural principles and the change in the lives of their children is creating evangelistic opportunities at work, home and in their neighborhoods.

### **IV. Holy Spirit Seminar**

God blessed your prayers concerning the Holy Spirit Seminar. The devil has been making inroads into Baptist and Presbyterian churches in Tyumen through a false prophet from Germany (Pentecostal) who claims the church age is coming to an end and a new age of Pentecostalism is replacing the church. Leaders from Presbyterian and Baptist churches attended the seminar and were grounded in biblical doctrines of the church and Holy Spirit. Your prayers have both protected and unified these churches around the Word of God and the church.

### **V. Evangelism**



God blessed your prayers concerning evangelism. Young couples have been completed in Christ, non-Christian spouses have begun coming to church and Bible study, non-Christian spouses have withdrawn their opposition to the church and, instead, are supporting it, homes are opening to evangelistic visits and members of the church are hosting evangelistic teas and dinners. This is a phenomenal change and again, only your prayers could bring this about. It is nothing short of miraculous.



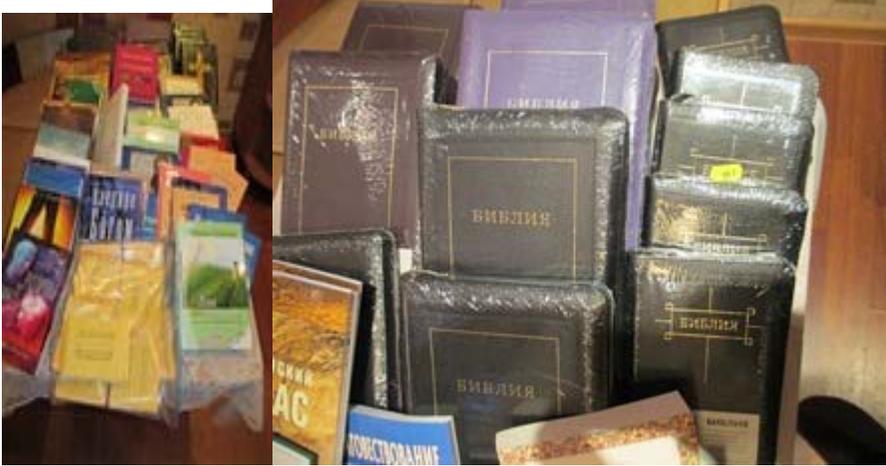
(Each week members of the church were recognized for sharing the gospel to a friend or family member)

## **VI. Weekly Bible studies**



I could not have been more impressed with the zeal and commitment to the Word of the men and women of this church. God has greatly blessed them with a zeal for hearing, reading, studying, memorizing and meditating on the Word of God. What a privilege to minister the Word of God in such an eager environment.

## **VII. Bibles and Bible Study Aids**



God blessed your prayers concerning supplying the church with Bibles, Bible study aids and Bible reference works. This was a double blessing. First, it was a blessing to have the financial resources to purchase these materials and, then, it blessed us to see the heart of the church members to do the work necessary to receive them. They are reading their Bibles daily, families are uniting in family devotionals, they are memorizing evangelistic verse packs and completing Bible study workbooks. Having a daily quiet time, memorizing Bible verses and doing Bible study has become the norm, not the exception, in the church. This is as a direct result of your ministry of intercession.



Pavel and his wife Anya receive Bibles having completed their 60 page devotional workbook and memorized 24 verses.

**The application to this - don't stop now!!** We are now in St. Petersburg and this same ministry needs to be duplicated in this great city. By our toils together-- ours on the mission field and yours on your knees, great works of God will occur. The church will be built up, men and women will be called into the Kingdom, families will be united in Christ and in subjection to the Word of God, churches will be grounded in sound doctrine, young pastors and ministers will be trained for service and satan will be driven back.

**2 Thessalonians 3:1-5**

*Finally, brethren, pray for us that the word of the Lord will spread rapidly and be glorified, just as it did also with you; 2 and that we will be rescued from perverse and evil men; for not all have faith. 3 But the Lord is faithful, and He will strengthen and protect you from the evil one. 4 We have confidence in the Lord concerning you, that you are doing and will continue to do what we command. 5 May the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into the steadfastness of Christ.*

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  
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://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xk9f8zhTwIg>

**I'd Rather Have Jesus**

I'd rather have Jesus than silver or gold;  
I'd rather be His than have riches untold;  
I'd rather have Jesus than houses or lands;  
I'd rather be led by His nail-pierced hand

Refrain:

Than to be the king of a vast domain  
And be held in sin's dread sway;  
I'd rather have Jesus than anything  
This world affords today.

I'd rather have Jesus than men's applause;  
I'd rather be faithful to His dear cause;  
I'd rather have Jesus than worldwide fame;  
I'd rather be true to His holy name

He's fairer than lilies of rarest bloom;  
He's sweeter than honey from out the comb;  
He's all that my hungering spirit needs;  
I'd rather have Jesus and let Him lead

**I'd Rather Have Jesus – The History**

*I'd Rather Have Jesus* is a song written by Rhea F. Miller with the tune written by George Beverly Shea. This poem, written in 1922, was left on a piano in the Shea home by Bev Shea who wanted her son to find it and change the course of his life. The words, *I'd rather have Jesus*, moved George so much and spoke to him about his own aims and ambitions in life. He sat down at the piano and began singing them with a tune that seemed to fit the words. Shea's mom heard him singing it and asked him to sing it at church the next day. George's life direction did change. He was offered a popular music career with NBC, but a few years later chose to become associated with evangelist Billy Graham and sang this hymn around the world.