

Russia Dispatch 2 / Hitting the Ground Running



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1 Safe arrival at the airport



2 In the home of our host Pastor Oleg Volkov



3 Teaching the Holy Eternal Inerrant Written Word of God Sunday morning



4 Teaching On Prayer - Christian University



5 The Objective - Getting husbands and fathers in the Word of God



In this Prayer Dispatch...

- I. Pictures
- II. Ministry Schedule
- III. Prayer Requests: As you minister with us throughout the world through your intercessions, please allow the accompanying passages from the Word of God to guide your prayers:

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. As we minister in Russia, please pray through this passage. As you intercede on our behalf at the throne of grace, ask God to grant boldness and confidence in proclaiming Christ and in teaching the holy, eternal, inerrant written Word of God.
Matthew 28:18-20 And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."
- B. Please claim these passages as you intercede on our behalf at the throne of grace. Ask God to roll back the forces of darkness and prepare the way for the ministry of the gospel.
 1. *James 4:7 Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.*
 2. *1 Peter 5:8-9 Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. But resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brethren who are in the world.*
 3. *Romans 16:20 The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.*
 4. *1 John 4:4 You are from God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world.*
 5. *John 17:15 "I do not ask You to take them out of the world, but to keep them from the evil one.*
- C. Finally, please pray over this passage--on the one hand, opposing that which is in opposition to the Word and, on the other, asking God to bless the preaching and teaching of His holy, eternal, inerrant Word and to grant lasting fruit.

Mark 4:15-20

1. *These are the ones who are beside the road where the word is sown; and when they hear, immediately Satan comes and takes away the word which has been sown in them.*
2. *In a similar way these are the ones on whom seed was sown on the rocky places, who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with joy; and they have no firm root in themselves, but are only temporary; then, when affliction or persecution arises because of the word, immediately they fall away.*
3. *And others are the ones on whom seed was sown among the thorns; these are the ones who have heard the word, but the worries of the world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things enter in and choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.*
4. *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."*

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

Philippians 4:18-20 "And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus. Now to our God and Father be the glory forever and ever. Amen."

Dear Prayer Warriors,

Thank you for your prayers, as we depend upon them to sustain and drive the ministry ever forward. Pastor Oleg has put together an outstanding schedule for us. We are asking that your prayers empower and protect us as we minister in Russia.

God greatly blessed the service Sunday and we attribute this to your faithful prayers.

Monday we will be meeting with a home group of young couples, doing Q & A on marriage and child raising.

Tuesday - I teach a Prayer Conference based on our Prayer Workbook.

Thursday - I teach an intensive class on prayer at Saint Petersburg Christian University.

Friday and Saturday - Eleanor and I lead a Marriage Seminar in Pushkin for Baptist churches in the region

Sunday - I teach on Philippians 4:6 & 7 at the St. Petersburg Church.

Sunday - Eleanor will be meeting with the women in the church to teach on the subject of "Seven Things I Should Pray for Myself as a Christian Wife."

Monday - we fly to Tyumen and begin again.

As you can see it is a full schedule, which is just the way we like it. How we praise God that we can depend on you, our prayer warriors, to empower and bless us in the ministry. God the Holy Spirit put it so well 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."*

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. - Ministering in St. Petersburg, as we prepare to depart for Tyumen in central Siberia.

Please allow me to close this dispatch with a hymn from my prayer notebook which 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.hymntime.com/tch/htm/o/t/e/oteachme.htm>

O Teach Me What It Meaneth

O teach me what it meaneth,
That cross uplifted high,
With One, the Man of Sorrows,
Condemned to bleed and die!
O teach me what it cost Thee
To make a sinner whole;

And teach me, Savior, teach me
The value of a soul!

*O teach me what it meaneth,
That sacred crimson tide,
The blood and water flowing
From Thine own wounded side.
Teach me that if none other
Had sinned, but I alone,
Yet still Thy blood, Lord Jesus,
Thine only, must atone.*

O teach me what it meaneth,
Thy love beyond compare,
The love that reacheth deeper
Than depths of self-despair!
Yes, teach me, till there gloweth
In this cold heart of mine
Some feeble, pale reflection
Of that pure love of Thine.

*O teach me what it meaneth,
For I am full of sin,
And grace alone can reach me,
And love alone can win.
O teach me, for I need Thee,
I have no hope beside –
The chief of all the sinners
For whom the Savior died!*

O teach me what it meaneth
The rest which Thou dost give
To all the heavy-laden
Who look to Thee and live.
Because I am a rebel
Thy pardon I receive
Because Thou dost command me,
I can, I do believe.

*O infinite Redeemer!
I bring no other plea;
Because Thou dost invite me
I cast myself on Thee.
Because Thou dost accept me
I love and I adore;
Because Thy love constraineth,
I'll praise Thee evermore!*

Lucy Ann Bennett 1850 – 1927 – Little is known of the author other than that she is from England.