

## Prayer Dispatch 11.12.10/ Praise Report: God Is Blessing...



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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 the Lord of the Harvest to continue to raise up men and women who will support this ministry that we might in turn labor on His behalf throughout the world.

*2 Corinthians 9:11-12 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.*

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

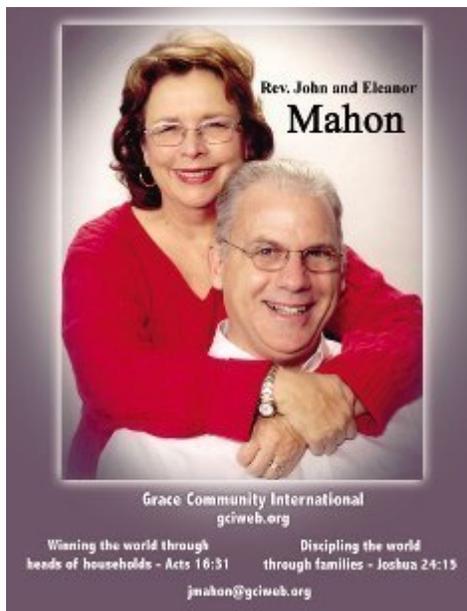
*2 Thessalonians 3:1-2 Finally, brethren, pray for us that the word of the Lord will spread rapidly and be glorified, just as it did also with you; 2 and that we will be rescued from perverse and evil men; for not all have faith.*

**C. Petition the Lord of the harvest to preserve the spiritual fruit of our ministry in Russia.**

*John 15:16 " 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.*

**D. As you pray ask God to continue to open doors for our ministry which no man can close.**

*Colossians 4:3-4 And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should.*



Dear Prayer Warriors,

As I reflect on our ministry in Russia two aspects of outreach were especially blessed.



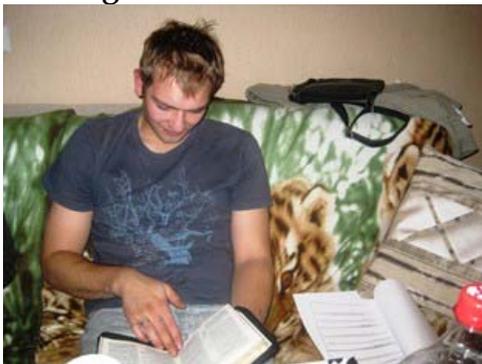
### Home Evangelistic Visits



The first were the home evangelistic visits. We praise God for the fruit of this important ministry. There were a number of decisions for Christ, couples were restored in their marriage and more than one non-Christian spouse expressed a willingness to attend church with their believing counterpart.



### Hosting Bible Studies In Our Efficiency Flat



Eleanor and I have been hosting Bible studies in our home since we were first married in 1975. At that time I was teaching High School and a graduate student at the University of Houston. We had a small one bedroom apartment and we hosted a weekly Bible study of young single professionals. Now it is 2012, we find ourselves in a small efficiency apartment in Tyumen, Russia and we are hosting a weekly Bible study of young Russian professional men. It is one of the great joys of our married lives to use our home as a place for men to ground themselves in their walk with God through the study of His holy, eternal, inerrant, written Word.

### **Training Others In Personal Evangelism**



One of my goals in our time in Russia this fall was to give pastors and leaders in the church a confidence in the power of the Holy Spirit, the gospel of Christ and the Word of God. Each week we were not only sharing the gospel in homes but also training by example and instruction. As these men witnessed that power of the gospel and the Word of God as empowered by the Holy Spirit to transform lives they in turn were emboldened to continue this outreach ministry.

## The World At Our Doorstep – A Word From Board Member Dr. Rusty Lacy



I recently received this e-mail from Dr. Lacey who is in charge of our Scripture Memory ministry through our website. Dr. Lacey is an active witness and leader in his church. He has been on a number of mission trips with us and I thought you might find this email he sent both a challenge and an encouragement as you pray for us on the mission field.

From Rusty Lacy a member of our Board of Directors...  
Thought I would share this.

Been amazed lately. I know of the large international population here in Houston from my time here, but was surprised still as I have been watching over my mother's care during her cancer. I recall all the Filipino nurses at Rice Temple, etc. I saw a lot of Indian ladies as well this year. But what has amazed me was all the Africans - in particular Nigerians - I have met here. I am use to meeting Drs., engineers, owners of small businesses from all countries here in Houston. But not nurses or nurses aids necessarily. I met one Nigerian nurse's aid that said he was a pastor. A good number of them are men at the particular place mom is at now. There are opportunities to share and give Christian literature, etc. to them due to the small hospital environment.

I wonder how many American Christians take notice of these people - the world at their backdoor we call it. Side effect of going on mission trips to Africa is that it helps with the conversation when meeting these people, too. Thought I would share this.

Take care.

Rusty

## Hats Off To Richard Smith...



You have prayed for Richard and Kathy Smith who have ministered with us in Kenya and Cameroon. Richard was honored for the second time by the National Society of Professional

Engineers for his submission of an article on Engineering Ethics. (The National Society of Professional Engineers ([NSPE](http://www.nspe.org)) is the recognized voice and advocate of licensed Professional Engineers. Founded in 1934, NSPE strengthens the engineering profession by promoting engineering licensure and ethics, enhancing the engineer image, advocating and protecting PEs' legal rights at the national and state levels, publishing news of the profession, providing continuing education opportunities, and much more. NSPE serves some 43,000 members and the public through 53 state and territorial societies and more than 500 chapters.) I am including the link to Richard's published article below. It is a privilege to have a man on our mission team who has such a public testimony in the workplace.

[http://www.nspe.org/Ethics/EthicsResources/MiltonLunch/miltonlunch\\_pastwinners.html](http://www.nspe.org/Ethics/EthicsResources/MiltonLunch/miltonlunch_pastwinners.html)

If you would like to experience the Bible teaching of Richard feel free to follow this link...

<http://www.sermonaudio.com/sermoninfo.asp?sermonid=21310209263>

As we witness, train and mobilize men and women as laborers in the harvest fields of the world we are ever dependent upon your prayers and support. 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

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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:**

## I Need Thee Every Hour

I need Thee every hour, Most gracious Lord;  
No tender voice like Thine Can peace afford

I need Thee every hour, Stay Thou near by;  
Temptations lose their power When Thou art nigh.

I need Thee every hour, In joy or pain;  
Come quickly, and abide, Or life is vain.

I need Thee every hour, Teach me Thy will,  
And Thy rich promises In me fulfill

I need Thee every hour, most Holy One;  
O make me Thine indeed, Thou blessed Son.

Refrain:

I need Thee, O I need Thee; Every hour I need Thee.  
O bless me now, my Savior - I come to Thee.

(Annie Sherwood Hawks *Born:* May 28, 1836, Hoosick, New York. *Died:* January 3, 1918, Bennington, Vermont. Hawks' poems first began appearing in newspapers when she was 14 years old. She married Charles H. Hawks in 1857. They lived in Brooklyn, New York, and attended the Hanson Place Baptist Church, where [Robert Lowry](#) was pastor. It was to Pastor Lowry that Annie entrusted her hymn who added the tune and the refrain and saw that it was published at the National Baptist Sunday School Convention in 1872. When her husband died in 1888, she moved to Bennington, Vermont to live with her daughter and son-in-law (W. E. Putnam). She wrote 400 hymns in her life, mostly for use in Sunday schools. Annie Hawks wrote: "One day as a young wife and mother of 37 years of age, I was busy with my regular household tasks. Suddenly, I became so filled with the sense of nearness to the Master that, wondering how one could live without Him, either in joy or pain, these words, "I Need Thee Every Hour," were ushered into my mind, the thought at once taking full possession of me. I did not understand at first why this hymn had touched the great throbbing heart of humanity. It was not until long after, when the shadow fell over my way, the shadow of a great loss, that I understood something of the comforting power in the words which I had been permitted to give out to others in my hour of sweet serenity and peace.")