

Prayer Dispatch 04.17.13 / El's Ministry Part One...



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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. Titus 2:3 - 5 shapes the emphasis of El's ministry to women. Ask God to bless and empower her teaching. Pray specifically over this passage and ask that those who receive instruction from the Word from Eleanor would conform themselves to its principles.

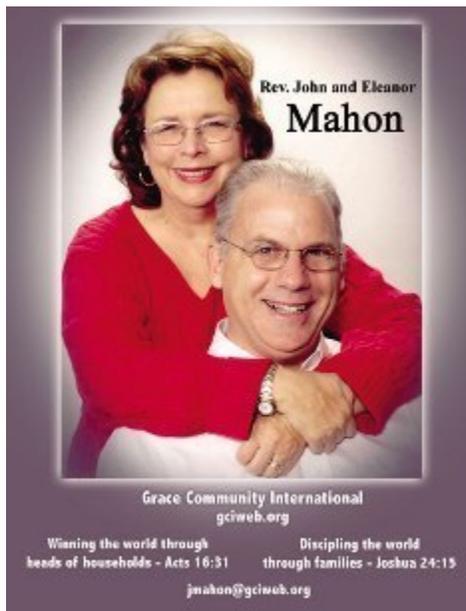
Titus 2:3-8

- 3 Older women likewise are to be reverent in their behavior,
- not malicious gossips
- nor enslaved to much wine,
- teaching what is good,
- 4 so that they may encourage the young women to love their husbands,
- to love their children,
- 5 to be sensible,
- pure,

- workers at home,
 - kind,
 - being subject to their own husbands,
 - so that the word of God will not be dishonored.
- B. That God would bless the ministry materially, that El might in turn bless those to whom she ministers throughout the world. (That includes me, her husband.)

Psalms 67:1, 2, 6, 7

- 1 God be gracious to us and bless us, And cause His face to shine upon us...
- 2 That Your way may be known on the earth,
- Your salvation among all nations.
- 6 The earth has yielded its produce; God, our God, blesses us.
- 7 God blesses us, That all the ends of the earth may fear Him.



Dear Prayer Warriors,

One of the great joys of my life is my wife Eleanor. To have such a godly and gifted woman as one's wife is a blessing beyond measure. Not only that she is and has been my best friend and confidant since our marriage in 1975. I cannot imagine ministering and traveling without her. I know men do this (travel and minister without their wives) but it is beyond my comprehension. How can I be her spiritual leader and protector if we are separated by the miles? How can she be my helpmate and comforter if we are separated by the miles? Whatever God has called us to know, to be or to do, He has called us together, the two having become one. Nothing has or will separate us for that is God's will. I thought you would enjoy seeing an overview of her ministry in Russia...

El The Encourager

Eleanor is a great encourager to all, wherever the Lord may take her and in whatever circumstances we may minister El always has a kind word and gentle encouragement. In fact on more than one occasion missionaries and pastors have told me that the invitation is to include El, that the wives have said, “No Eleanor, no visit”.



Eleanor has a long standing ministry to Yulia, Pastor Ravi's wife. She has met with El in Bible study and discipleship as a single woman, as an engaged woman and as a pastor's wife.



Here El blesses the ladies on International Women's Day in Tyumen, Russia. El has a ministry of encouragement and teaching with all of these women.



Natalia and El have a special relationship and she calls her "Aunty El". They pray, plan, shop, laugh and minister together when we are in St. Petersburg.

El The Bible Teacher



When I give the Family Discipleship Seminar or Marriage Seminar we will always have break out session where El meets with the women over the Word of God.



While in Tyumen El lead the ladies Bible study.



There were a number of special evening sessions with Baptist churches while in St. Petersburg and the ladies especially enjoyed the question and answer times with El.

El The Witness For Christ



El is always looking for opportunities to share Christ when we are on the mission field.

El The Model For Women



The young wives in the church of Tyumen have a special relationship with El. She is their role model for the behavior of a godly wife and mother.



Eleanor also is an example to the wives in terms of counseling and ministering from the Word of God.



El is a model for all minister's wives and missionary wives that the role of the godly wife is that of helpmate to her husband. I find more and more wives who either minister independently from their husbands or refuse to make the sacrifices to be their husband's helpmate. I praise God for a wife who submits herself willingly to the Biblical injunctions of the wife in terms of her role as helpmate to her husband.

El The Servant



Eleanor willingly gave up her position as the head of the fine arts department of her school to travel the globe and run the GCI office. This ministry would not be possible without her sacrificial heart. Here she works on the books from Tyumen, Russia.



El extends her gift of hospitality wherever the Lord takes her. She greatly expands my ministry and blesses many through her willingness to be a gracious and sacrificial hostess.

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. - Counting down to Zambia...

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/a/s/asingtoj.htm>

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! (Page 347 Book of Common Prayer)

Alleluia! sing to Jesus! His the scepter, His the throne.
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood.
Jesus out of every nation has redeemed us by His blood.

*Alleluia! not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! He is near us, faith believes, nor questions how;
Though the cloud from sight received Him when the forty days were o'er
Shall our hearts forget His promise, "I am with you evermore"?*

Alleluia! bread of angels, Thou on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! here the sinful flee to Thee from day to day:
Intercessor, Friend of sinners, Earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
Where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

William Chatterton Dix 1837 - 1898 Dix' father, a surgeon, wrote a biography of poet Thomas Chatterton, and gave his son his middle name in his honor. Young William attended the Bristol Grammar School. Later, he managed a marine insurance company in Glasgow, Scotland, but his heart was in the poetry of worship. He wrote more than 40 hymns over the course of his life. His works include the much loved Christmas hymn What Child Is This.