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Message of the week: Sound Doctrine The Word of God: Our Only Source of Sound Doctrine-Part 2

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*John 15:7 "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you."*

- A. That I too would be privileged to reproduce the same heart for these ministries in others. (One of the things I will say to young pastors and ministers who wish to express their thanks for our ministry, "One day you will meet a young zealous student, pastor or minister. When you do, remember...") *2 Timothy 2:2 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.*
- B. We cover a lot of material in our seminars and many of the Biblical principles contradict man's preconceived convictions. Ask God to use His holy, eternal, inerrant Word to bring about change and not any persuasive powers of myself. Also ask God to sweep away the wrongly held convictions of the world through the preaching of the holy, eternal, inerrant, written Word of God

*Jeremiah 1:12 Then the LORD said to me, "You have seen well, for I am watching over My word to perform it."*

*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.*

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

**C. Ask God to continue to bless this ministry that we might in turn bless others. We ask nothing for ourselves but only for the privilege of bringing God's Word to the nations.**

*Psalms 67:1-2& 7*

*God be gracious to us and bless us, And cause His face to shine upon us – Selah.*

*That Your way may be known on the earth, Your salvation among all nations... God blesses us , That all the ends of the earth may fear Him.*

**D. No one sends us anywhere but God. We only minister by invitation. As we near the end of our time in Japan our hearts are full of praise and thanksgiving to God for the privilege of ministering these last three months in Lithuania, Belarus, Ukraine, Russia (both western and Siberia) and Japan. Pause now with us to thank God for this unspeakable privilege. We who have gone, you who have prayed and you have given have all had the unimaginable privilege of ministering in God's Word in God's name in God's harvest fields. Slava Bogu!!! (praise God in Russian)**

*Ephesians 3:20-21 Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.*

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Dear Prayer Warriors,

When you think of our ministry, as you pray for our ministry computer term that Dr. Kevin Magee (Doctor of Robotics – Rice University) taught me is useful – WYSIWYG (wizywig) It stands for What You See Is What You Get and is a popular term in men who move in the spherical circles of Doctorates of Robotics. (When I would meet with Doctor Magee for lunch he would review me on my latest two verses that I had memorized that week and I would review him on the latest chapter of the Bible he had memorized that week.) Our ministry is nothing fancy, not a lot of bells and whistles...

1. Lifting up the resurrected Savior as we call men to repentance and salvation

2. Building up the church through the preaching and teaching the holy, eternal, inerrant, written Word of God
3. Raising up the next generation of Christians families through our Family and Marriage Seminars
4. Training national seminary students, pastors and lay ministers in the ministry (and missionaries)
5. Supplying Bibles, Bible reference works and Bible study aids to equip them for their ministry

**Ministering The Word of God: This is our ministry - lifting up Jesus through the holy, eternal, inerrant written Word of God...**



**“O Lord God Bless this hour Your holy, eternal, inerrant, written Word...”**

**The Church: This is our ministry - building up the church through the preaching and teaching of the holy, eternal, inerrant written Word of God in church**



(Sunday service at Shizuoka Bible Church – we were also blessed to have US Air Force Major and his wife attend the church service and both conferences)

**Family Discipleship Seminar:** This is our ministry – equipping missionaries, pastors, staff and lay ministers as the spiritual leaders of their families through the holy, eternal, inerrant, written Word of God.



(Family Discipleship Seminar for missionaries and pastors in Japan)

**Marriage Covenant Seminar:** This is our ministry – building up and strengthening the marriages of missionaries, pastors and staff through the holy, eternal, inerrant, written Word of God.



(Marriage Covenant Seminar – again for missionaries and pastors in Japan)

### **A Vision Realized**

**Gene Warr Books:** I can remember as a young university student a Christian businessman named Gene Warr who took an interest in my life. One of the ways this

manifested itself is that he supplied me with Bibles, Bible reference works, Bible study aids and cassette tapes (the oral medium of the time) to build up my Christian life and aid me in my ministry. I asked the Lord at that time to make it possible that I too might someday have this ministry in the life of other young students and ministers. By God's grace, your prayers and your generosity this vision has been realized around the world.



Because of your generosity we were able to supply all the missionaries and staff who attended both the Family Discipleship Seminar and Marriage Covenant Seminar with free manuals and instructional CDs. These will be of great use to them when they return to their field assignments here in Japan.

**Gene Warr Hospitality:** Gene and Irma Warr had a "prophets room" where travelling missionaries could stay and where they could offer the ministry of hospitality across a broad spectrum. Eleanor and I, as a young staff couple were often blessed by this ministry. I asked the Lord at the time to make it possible that I too might someday have this ministry in the lives of others. By God's grace, your prayers and your generosity this vision has been realized. When we are out of the country we are able to offer our home as a place of refuge. When in the country we are able to open it to traveling missionaries, military personnel, and international pastors and staff.

**John Crawford & Gene Warr Conference Expenses:** I can remember as a young university student Mr. Warr would often scholarship me and other students to conferences. Later as a young staff couple John Crawford would often subsidize all or part of our conference expenses, knowing that young married staff are often hard pressed to fully pay for conferences.



I asked the Lord at that time to make it possible that I too might someday have this ministry in the life of other young students, missionaries and national ministers. By God's grace, your prayers and your generosity we were able to offer these conferences to the missionaries and national pastors at no cost.

#### **Your Ministry Support At Work:**



During the last three months your prayers and financial support has blessed missionaries, national pastors and staff in Lithuania, Belarus, Ukraine, Russia and Japan with Bibles, Bible study aids and Bible reference works. It is made possible their hearing God's holy, eternal, inerrant written Word in churches and at conferences. It has built up pastors in the ministry of the local church. It has encouraged missionaries in their zeal. It has equipped seminary students in their preparations for a lifetime of laboring on their native soil. What an unspeakable privilege to labor together with you in this great venture in the harvest fields of the world.

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

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Please allow me to close with 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.")*

**Jesus I Come**

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night, Jesus I come, Jesus I come;  
Into Thy freedom, gladness, and light, Jesus, I come to Thee;  
Out of my sickness into Thy health, Out of my want and into Thy wealth,  
Out of my sin and into Thyself, Jesus I come to Thee.

*Out of my shameful failure and loss, Jesus, I come, Jesus I come;  
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross, Jesus, I come to Thee:  
Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm, Out of life's storms and into Thy calm,  
Out of distress to jubilant Psalm, Jesus I come to Thee.*

Out of unrest and arrogant pride, Jesus I come, Jesus I come;  
Into Thy blessed will to abide, Jesus, I come to Thee;  
Out of my self to dwell in Thy love, Out of despair into raptures above,  
Upward for aye on wings like a dove, Jesus, I come to Thee.

*Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come  
Into the joy and the light of Thy home, Jesus I come to Thee.  
Out of the depths of ruin untold, Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,  
Ever Thy glorious face to behold, Jesus I come to Thee.*

(William T. Sleeper, *Born:* February 9, 1819, Danbury, New Hampshire; *Died:* September 24, 1904, Wellesley, Massachusetts. Sleeper attended Phillips-Exeter Academy, the University of Vermont, and the Andover Theological Seminary. After ordination, he conducted home ministry work in Massachusetts and Maine. He later became pastor of the Summer Street Congregational Church in Worcester, Massachusetts, where he served over 30 years.)