

Dispatch Six

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1. Before preaching I prayerfully review the message to be given from God's Word
2. My good friend and translator Misah (also the son-in-law of Pastor Oleg), seeks God's guidance as he prepares to translate the preaching of the Word of God.

Attachment: Pushkin Worship Service - Note the strong men's voices. One of the myths of satan is that Russian churches are attended primarily by women and children. I have not found this to be true in churches where the Word of God is clearly taught in the church and is openly used in evangelism outside the church.

I. Answered prayers for the empowerment of the Word of God

II. Answered prayers for our safety

III. The ministry of intercession

IV. Prayer requests: I have always believed that you should lead off with your strength. You our prayer warriors have proven you self adept at empowering the Word, protecting us in travels, kicking open doors, providing for those to whom we minister - so we will go this week with your proven strengths...

A. Pray for the empowerment of the Word of God as I teach in Seminary

this week and at the Reformed Church of St. Petersburg, Sunday. Please claim:

Ephesians 6:19-20 "and pray on my behalf, that utterance may be given to me in the opening of my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in proclaiming it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak."

B. Ask God to grant protection in our travels, as aliens in a strange

city and as sworn enemies of satan. Please claim Psalm 121:1-8 I will lift up my eyes to the mountains; from whence shall my help come?

My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

He will not allow your foot to slip; He who keeps you will not slumber.

Behold, He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade on your right hand.

The sun will not smite you by day, nor the moon by night.
The LORD will protect you from all evil; He will keep your soul.
The LORD will guard your going out and your coming in from this time
forth and forever.

C. Entreat God to open the doors of Belarus to us in 2008, to keep
Russia open to us and to make our way straight. On the books for 2007 /
2008 Kenya, Madagascar, Nigeria, Cameroon, Japan, Russia and Belarus.
Please claim:

Isaiah 45:2 "I will go before you and make the rough places smooth; I
will shatter the doors of bronze, and cut through their iron bars.

D. Pray for continued provision that wherever we go we would be
able to

bless missionaries, national pastors and national staff with Bibles,
Bible study aids, Bible reference works and much needed supplies.

Please claim:

Philippians 4:19-20 "And my God shall 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,

Your prayers are answered.

First you prayed for the empowering of the Word of God.

Next you prayed of our safety.

This past weekend both prayers were answered in nothing less than a
miraculous manner.

First: God's blessing of your prayers by the empowerment of the Word of
God.

The message on the Authority and Sufficiency of the Word of God was
greatly blessed. The congregation was visibly moved with a number of
men wiping tears from their eyes. My closing statement seemed to be
used of God.

"God the Holy Spirit puts it plainly, in I Thessalonians 2:13, 'And for
this reason we also constantly thank God that when you received from us
the word of God's message, you accepted it not as the word of men, but
for what it really is, the word of God, which also performs its work in
you who believe.' This is indeed God's holy Word. For the church age,
this and this alone is how God will speak with man. Not angels, not
visions, not dreams, no appearances of Jesus, Mary and others, but
rather through the written Word of God. It is a miracle of miracles,
yet here it is, God's holy written word, laying before us, waiting to
speak to us, we have but to open and listen. How many of you, should

your wife mention at bedtime, 'Oh, by the way, Jesus called, He has something He wants to say to you, he wanted to know if there was any way you could get up 30 minutes earlier this morning to meet with Him?' How many of you would say, "No, I have a full day at the office tomorrow plus I was up late watching TV, no, not tomorrow." It is beyond our comprehension that something like this would be said to God! Yet how many of us, morning after morning, God's holy Word lying there on the table waiting to speak to us, look at the clock and say, 'No God, not tomorrow morning, I have a full day at work and was up late watching TV, maybe another day!'

Second: God's blessing of your prayers regarding our protection It was Sunday afternoon after a full ministry schedule. Having returned to our apartment to relax a bit and change, we talked about what to do when it came time for Sunday dinner. Having been in Siberia for a week, we felt like "eating American" Basically you have two choices for a real "American feel" You can have pizza (now that is a little ironic but it is true. Pizza hut and America have taken over the Italian dish) or you can have McDonalds. Now McDonalds is faster and has the cleanest, warmest restrooms in Russia but on Sundays it will be filled with teenagers so we opted out for Pizza. It was a good decision as terrorists set off a bomb in the McDonalds we were planning to eat at. You can read about it below in a news bulletin I received on the BBC website. It is the very McDonalds we were to eat at on the very night we decided to "eat American".

(The article below is taken from the BBC website) "Explosion in Russian McDonald's

The McDonald's ceiling collapsed and windows were blown out An explosion at a McDonald's restaurant in the Russian city of St Petersburg has slightly injured six people with concussion and cuts from flying glass. The cause of the blast was unclear, but police said their initial information suggested that it was caused by "an explosive device". Interfax news agency quoted interior ministry officials as saying the device contained the equivalent of about 200g of TNT, and had been placed under a table. One of the injured was a German tourist, media reports said. Correspondents say such explosions are not uncommon in Russia, and there was a similar blast in a St Petersburg supermarket just last weekend."

Your prayers on our behalf are no small matter to us. We take them very seriously. For this reason we send out monthly written reports as well as weekly "real time" dispatches from the field. You have a real part in what is happening on the mission field and we are very aware that you

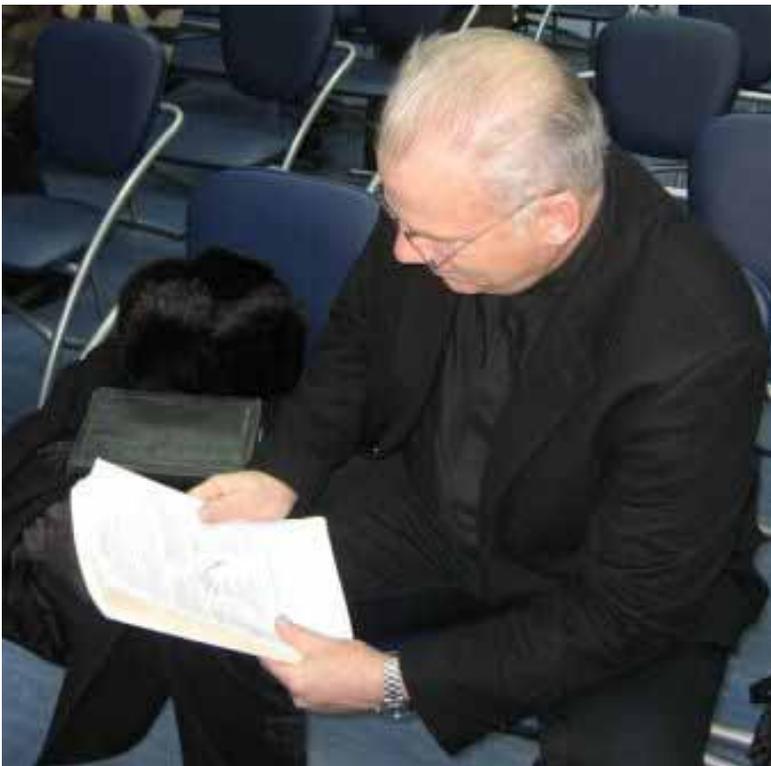
are right there with us, ministering side by side. When God the Holy Spirit entreats the Ephesians to pray for Paul and the church to pray for missionaries He does so without mincing words

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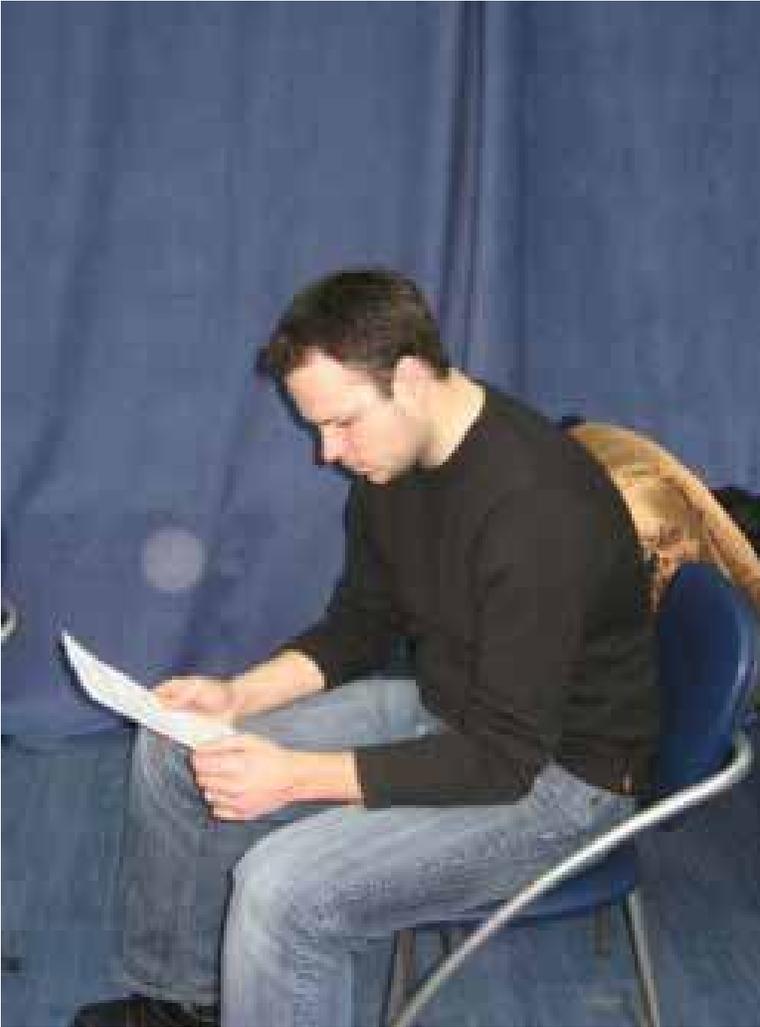
Both the empowerment and the opportunity lie with the prayer warriors. We the missionaries are just the mules - you the prayer warriors empower the Word, protect us in travels, kick down some doors, prop open others and supply us with the materials to get the job done. Let there be no mistake...

We minister by the grace of God and the empowerment of your effectual intercessions on our behalf.

By His mercy,
II Corinthians 4:1
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A balmy 18F and sunny



Picture One



Picture Two