

Mahon: Russia Dispatch #12 - 02.27.08 - Picture Collage of Helsinki Ministry

Pictures

1_ It was a pleasure to speak at a church home group on the Family Discipleship Seminar. As part of the workshop I introduced the Finns to Scripture Memory and gave them all a leather verse pack made in Kenya

2_ Here I am teaching the men how to use their verse pack and getting them started memorizing their first verse

3_ El is always a hit during the Q & A times and the ladies have many practical questions for her.

4_ Home bible studies make up another important part of our ministry. Here we do a study with couples who wanted to go deeper in God's Word as it pertains to the family and discipleship

5 & 6_ I have been very impressed with Eleanor's boldness in getting out and about in foreign lands. In Africa, in Russia, in Belarus and in Finland she braves the public transportation system on her own to minister the Word of God.

7_ Where we are that is where we minister. Nothing fancy - the Word of God and the souls of men, that is all we need to get down to business.

8_ Last but not least, Eero our host in Finland has been a great blessing. Eero serves on our Board of Directors and has ministered with us in Africa and Russia besides his native Finland. Concerned about the many connections - cab, ferry, bus and more, Eero has insisted on escorting us from Finland, through Estonia and Latvia and into Lithuania to Vilnius and our host Jeff Laughlin.

In this dispatch...

Dear Prayer Warriors,

Please excuse the brevity of this dispatch. We depart in the morning by ferry for Estonia and then on by bus to Lithuania. From there we hope to cross into an un-named country. We will be walking across to be met by our host so we ask for prayer and that God would open the door. Besides the enclosed pictures please allow me to send out the following prayer requests. I do not know when you will hear from us again. Most likely not for several days and perhaps up to a week.

By His mercy,

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Grace Community International

Departing Finland and heading inland...

Please pray and meditate over the following verses as you lift us up in prayer...

I. Ask God to conserve the fruit from our ministry here in Finland.

John 15:15-16

15 *"No longer do I call you slaves, for the slave does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you.*

16 *"You did not choose Me, but I chose you, and appointed you, that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask of the Father in My name, He may give to you.*

II. Petition the Lord that the Word of God would continue to work in the lives of those who heard.

Hebrews 4:12

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.*

Isaiah 55:10-11

10 *"For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there without watering the earth, and making it bear and sprout, and furnishing seed to the sower and bread to the eater;*

11 *So shall My word be which goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to me empty, without accomplishing what I desire, and without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it.*

III. Ask that God would protect the soil, that the Word would fall on good ground.

Mark 4:14-20

14 *"The sower sows the word.*

15 *"And 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.*

16 *"And 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; 17 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.*

18 *"And others are the ones on whom seed was sown among the thorns; these are the ones who have heard the word,*

19 *and 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.*

20 *"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."*

IV. Pray for safety in travels

Isaiah 41:10

10 'Do not fear, for I am with you; do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, surely I will help you, surely I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.'

Isaiah 8:11-13

11 For thus the LORD spoke to me with mighty power and instructed me not to walk in the way of this people, saying,

12 "You are not to say, 'It is a conspiracy!' In regard to all that this people call a conspiracy, and you are not to fear what they fear or be in dread of it.

13 "It is the LORD of hosts whom you should regard as holy. And He shall be your fear, and He shall be your dread.

1 Pet 3:5-6

5 For in this way in former times the holy women also, who hoped in God, used to adorn themselves, being submissive to their own husbands.

6 Thus Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, and you have become her children if you do what is right without being frightened by any fear.

V. Ask God to open doors that have been closed

Acts 14:27-28

27 And when they had arrived and gathered the church together, they began to report all things that God had done with them and how He had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles.

28 And they spent a long time with the disciples.

1 Corinthians 16:9

9 for a wide door for effective service has opened to me, and there are many adversaries.

2 Corinthians 2:12-13

12 Now when I came to Troas for the gospel of Christ and when a door was opened for me in the Lord,

13 I had no rest for my spirit, not finding Titus my brother; but taking my leave of them, I went on to Macedonia.

Colossians 4:3-4

3 praying at the same time for us as well, that God may open up to us a door for the word, so that we may speak forth the mystery of Christ, for which I have also been imprisoned;

4 in order that I may make it clear in the way I ought to speak.



Picture One



Picture Two



Picture Three



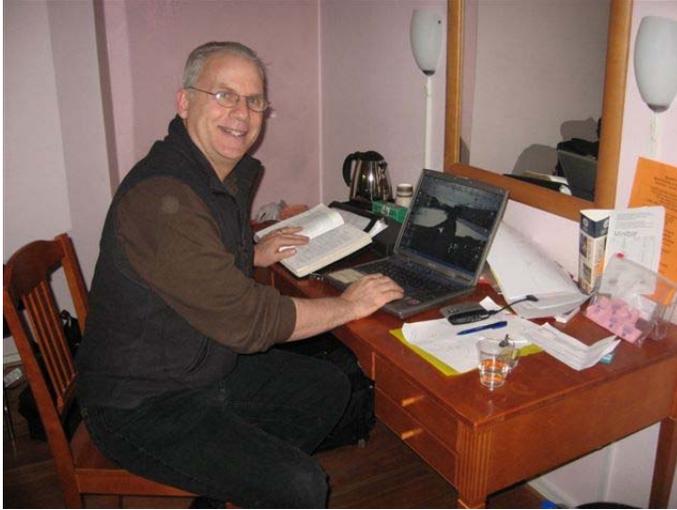
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Picture Eight