

Russia Dispatch Two

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Dear Prayer Warriors,

Well we are on the way and passing the baton of responsibility to you. The first picture is of Rick Hughes. Rick and Laura Hughes are long time friends. Rick takes it upon himself to meet with us before we leave for the airport on a mission trip, pray with us, take us to the airport, pray with us again and see us off. This is a great ministry which really lifts a burden. The last hours can be hectic and Rick always shows up early, is available to help and his calm demeanor really helps in settling us down before we depart.

The next picture is of the GCI mobile office here at the Starbucks in George Bush International Airport, Houston, Texas. We are having a "working lunch" as we wait for our flight to London which connects on to St. Petersburg. We seek to redeem the time, making use of every minute to the service of God as we represent you on foreign fields.

Now though things are out of our hands. Funds have been raised, Bibles, Bible study aids, medical supplies, school supplies, clothing and more (for missionaries, staff and seminary students) are safely packed in 7 large bags and checked into our BA flight. Now we have but to wait for our flight and pass through England, into Russia, passport control, customs and into the waiting arms of our Russian pastor/host. This is where you come in. Now you take over as you bathe us and our precious cargo in prayer. You move us and our cargo safely to Russia and then safely through customs. We look to you to go before us, making the way straight through your faithful intercessions.

Please claim...

Isa 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...."

Isa 52:12-13 "But you will not go out in haste, nor will you go as fugitives; for the LORD will go before you, and the God of Israel will be your rear guard. Behold, My servant will prosper, He will be high and lifted up, and greatly exalted."

Isa 58:8-9 "Then your light will break out like the dawn, and your recovery will speedily spring forth; and your righteousness will go before you; the glory of the LORD will be your rear guard. Then you will call, and the LORD will answer; you will cry, and He will say, 'Here I am.' If you remove the

yoke from your midst, the pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness,"

You will be our watchman, on the watchtower, making intercession for us. We gladly go down into the pit knowing that you will with the same zeal and focus keep us ever before the Lord in your intercessions - that you will hold the rope.

I close with one of the early verses I memorized to shape my prayer life upon entering the ministry. I trust it will drive you in your prayers of intercession for God's missionaries as it has me...

Isa 62:6-7 "On your walls, O Jerusalem, I have appointed watchmen; all day and all night they will never keep silent. You who remind the LORD, take no rest for yourselves; And give Him no rest until He establishes and makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth."

By His mercy,
II Corinthians 4:1
Rev. John and Eleanor Mahon
George Bush Int. Airport - stepping off in faith as you hold the rope

