

Mahon Russian Dispatch #15 11.10.09 Our Final Week

Pictures:

1_Last Week - Reformed Pres Seminary - Korean Mission – I did a series of lectures on the Marriage Covenant Seminar for the Korean Mission Seminary. They have asked upon my return to give the full two week course for their seminary.

2_Last Week - Book Shopping With Sasha and Olga – One of the great blessings of this ministry is to equip pastors and their wives with good quality Bibles and Bible reference works. This week Eleanor and I took Sasha and Olga to shop for books and then to have coffee at a coffee shop.

3_Last Week El Counsel Pastors Wives –God has given Eleanor an important ministry of encouraging and ministering to the wives of national pastors and missionaries.

4_Last Week Goodbye Tea Seminary Office Staff – The Seminary administrative staff team had a goodbye tea for us. The many acts of kindness during this last week has really touched our hearts.

5_Last Week Tying Up Loose Ends In Office – As you can see I am hard at work. The last week I had the seminary class, Sunday service and preaching, Tuesday morning men's Bible study and then depart on Wednesday.

6_Last Week Men's Early Morning Bible Study – Everywhere I go I am told that businessmen will not get up early, travel across town and study God's Word. Everywhere I go I find businessmen who will get up early, travel across town and study God's Word.

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Prayer Request:

1. Please pray for safe and uneventful travel: St. Petersburg; London; Houston.
2. Please ask the Lord to go before us that we would make all our connections.
3. Petition the Lord to watch over our bags and that all would arrive safely in Houston.
4. Call upon the Lord to work in the hearts of customs agents, passport agents, airport agents and police, that all would go smoothly and in accordance to the Laws of each country.
5. Eleanor has lost all the hearing in her left ear and some in the right. Pray for healing. (We have doctors appointment scheduled upon our return.)

Dear Prayer Warriors,

As I send this dispatch it is blizzard conditions here in St. Petersburg. It is snowing very, very hard and you can hear the wind howling through the city streets.

Eleanor has finished her half day conference for pastor's wives and is busy packing. I had my last Bible study this morning with the men and am tying up things here at the

office. We talked with our children last night and could hardly get to sleep at the thought of soon seeing our children and grandchildren.

Our final week here in Russia has been extremely fruitful as you can see from the attached pictures. We ask now that your prayers turn to our safe return home. You would think that by now my faith would be great enough to alleviate all anxiety but I find this is not the case. The prospect of packing, getting to the airport, changing airports, traveling through several countries, multiple time zones, three customs and passport procedures, connections, reservations, baggage, weather, so many details out of my control, so many indifferent people have a say in our safe return, such perilous times and uncertainty prevails. Once again I am forced to surrender all to Jesus and rest in His care.

John 14:1 "Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me."

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. -

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.")

I Surrender All

All to Jesus I surrender, all to Him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust Him, In His presence daily live.

Refrain: I surrender all, I surrender all, All to Thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

*All to Jesus I surrender, Humbly at His feet I bow,
Worldly pleasures all forsaken; Take me Jesus, take me now.*

All to Jesus I surrender, Make me, Savoir, wholly Thine.
Let me feel the Holy Spirit, Truly know that Thou art mine.

*All to Jesus I surrender, Lord I give myself to Thee;
Fill me with Thy love and power, let Thy blessing fall on me.*

(Judson W. Van DeVenter, Born: December 5, 1855, near Dundee, Michigan; Died: July 17, 1939, Temple Terrace, Tampa, Florida. Van DeVenter attended Hillsdale College, then taught art in Sharon, Pennsylvania. After several years, though, he decided to switch to a career in evangelism, working with [Wilbur Chapman](#) and others in America and England. Toward the end of

his life, he lived in St. Petersburg, Florida, then moved to Tampa, Florida, around 1923. He was professor of hymnology at the Florida Bible Institute (now Trinity Bible College) for four years. **“The song was written while I was conducting a meeting at East Palestine, Ohio, in the home of George Sebring (founder of the Sebring Camp meeting Bible Conference in Sebring, Ohio, and later developer of the town of Sebring, Florida). For some time, I had struggled between developing my talents in the field of art and going into full-time evangelistic work. At last the pivotal hour of my life came, and I surrendered all. A new day was ushered into my life. I became an evangelist and discovered down deep in my soul a talent hitherto unknown to me. God had hidden a song in my heart, and touching a tender chord, He caused me to sing.”)**



Picture One



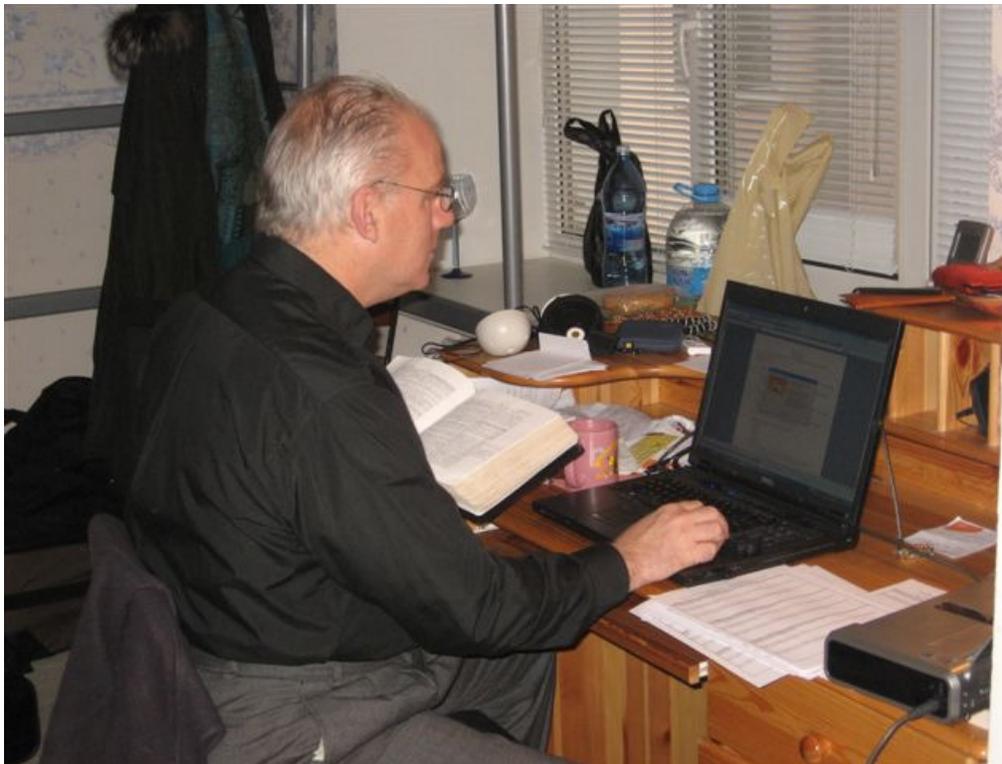
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Picture Three



Picture Four



Picture Five



Picture Six



Picture Seven