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Message of the week: Romans 1:16

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I. Picture Highlights Of The Ministry

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II. Prayer Requests: As you pray please allow the accompanying passage from the Word of God to guide your prayers

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. Ask God to bless these men and women as they hide God's Word in their heart. Having memorized God's Word they will now meditate upon it as they go through life. Please claim *Joshua 1:8 "This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have success."***
- B. As these young High School boys meet for Bible study and sports each week call upon the Lord to use His holy, eternal, inerrant, written Word of God to build them up and sustain them in a hostile environment. Ask God to make each of these young men an Ezra, claiming for them *Ezra 7:10 "For Ezra had set his heart to study the law of the LORD and to practice it, and to teach His statutes and ordinances in Israel."***
- C. Ask God to continue to give the men and women of the church a zeal for the proclamation of the gospel. Please allow your prayers to be**

guided by 2 Timothy 4:2 "preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction."

- D. Pray for me as I seek to model and encourage pastors, missionaries and staff in the ministry and in their walks with God. Please pray 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."
- E. Ask God to continue to supply the resources necessary for us to bless and minister to these sacrificial servants of the Lord. I am still especially burdened for scholarship funds for the missionaries in Japan to attend the family conference. There is still time to respond to God's leading in this area. I will leave you with this verse from my prayer notebook. I pray over this verse daily for our ministry - *2 Corinthians 9:10 "Now He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness;"*

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Dear Prayer Warriors,

I am typing this from our little apartment here in Tyumen. The electricity is off so I am working from my battery. Julia, pastor Ravil's wife, has just come by to get Eleanor and they are off to have their hair done. There are a lot of things you do when you are home that are relatively simple but are a little more complicated when traveling on the mission field. For El - getting her hair done is one of these. Actually we were talking last night about things we haven't done in almost four months...

Talked on a phone

Driven a car

Been to a movie

Worshipped in English

Visited our family

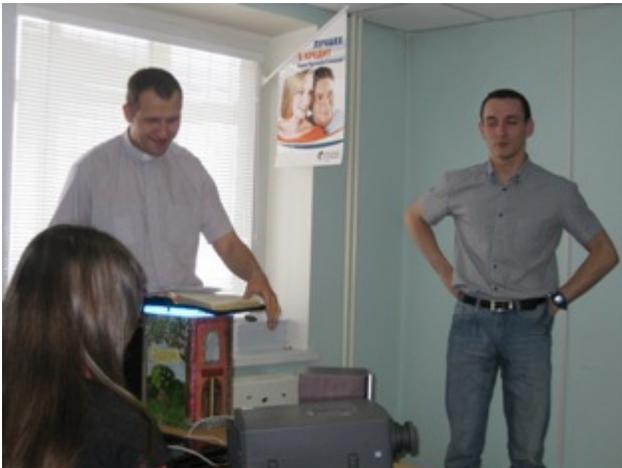
to name but a few.

Scripture Memory - Earning A Bible By Memorizing Romans Chapter Eight

Pastor Ravil has set high standards for his church. To receive a leather Bible you must memorize Romans Chapter Eight, to receive a hardcover McArthur Study Bible you must complete the Prayer Workbook (which takes about four months). During the last few Sundays it has been our privilege to present Bibles to those who have completed their work since our last visit.



Here Pastor Ravil checks out Pasha on Romans Chapter Eight at the mid-week Bible study



Before receiving his Bible Pasha quotes his passages to the church on Sunday morning



You can see the joy in Pasha's eyes as he receives his Bible. (There are three sizes and Pasha already has earned a large McArthur Study Bible by completing the Prayer Workbook so what he really wanted was a leather pocket size Bible to take with him to work)



Pasha though was not alone.

Your gifts make these Bibles possible. One of the reason they are so precious is that Tyumen, a city of over one million, does not have a Christians book store. How I praise God for your faith and generosity which places the Bible into the hands of men and women who love it dearly but do not have access to it.

Saturday Morning Bible Study and Sports With High School Boys

One of the innovations of Pastor Rail's church is to have a Saturday morning Bible study and sports time for the High School boys. We use the Quiet Time Sheets on a basic theme. This weeks was Eternal Security. Then the boys take the sheets home and do the other quiet times as part of their daily devotionals. Perhaps you have a

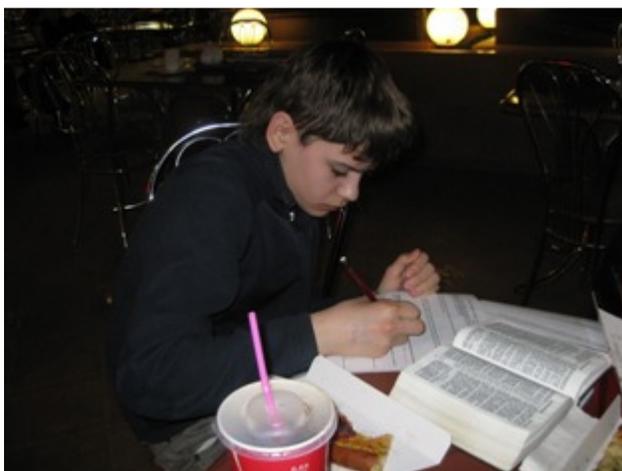
High School Boys Bible Study which would like to adopt this ministry for prayer and encouragement. Just let me know and I will get you hooked up.



We begin with Bible study.



Here Pastor Ravil helps Kola with his study.



Igor is very serious when it comes to doing Bible study on Saturday mornings.



After Bible study and pizza we head upstairs to the bowling alley. It is great fun and an important ministry in the lives of these boys.

Eleanor Trains Ladies In Evangelism

The Reformed Presbyterian Church of Tyumen is an evangelistic church.



Here Eleanor is training the ladies in the principle that God's Word is central to the sharing of the Gospel.



Now Eleanor distributes the Evange-cubes



The ladies are busy learning to use it in personal evangelism

Then men and women in the church all learn over 70 verses to qualify for this training and to receive an evange-cube. I have attached these passages to this dispatch and encourage you as well to master them.

Pastor Ravil and I Make Evangelistic Calls

It is not uncommon in Russia for Pastors of all denominations to make sick calls, hospital visits, bereavement visits and visits to the elderly and infirm but few make evangelistic house calls. I have been making these with Pastor Ravil as I model one-on-one how to share the gospel with adult men.



Last night we had dinner with this sweet couple. The wife is born again and actively attends church (you will recognize her from the previous picture where she is receiving her Bible after memorizing Romans Chapter Eight) but her husband is not a Christian. We had dinner with them and I shared my testimony using the Bridge Illustration. I passed out paper and they all followed along, making their own bridge and writing out the verses. Their daughter and her husband sat in as well. When we closed in prayer both her daughter and son-in-law had tears streaming down their faces. They both agreed to attend the Marriage Seminar this weekend. Her husband accepted the message with seriousness and agreed to further visits by Pastor Ravil

This is our ministry:

- † **Grounding the Church in the disciplines of the Word of God**
- † **Supplying leaders in the church with the tools necessary to do their ministry**
- † **Training and mobilizing lay men and women with the gospel**
- † **Modeling, encouraging and equipping pastors and leaders in the ministry of the gospel**
- † **Equipping young couples in the Biblical principles of marriage and family that they might raise up the next generation of Christian families in their church and nation.**

I close this e-mail 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

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Please allow me to close with dispatch with two hymns from my prayer notebook that have been especially meaningful to me this past week...

(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.")

Come Thou Almighty King

**Come Thou almighty King, Help us Thy Name to sing,
Help us to praise: Father, all glorious, Ore all victorious,
Come, and reign over us, Ancient of Days**

**Come, Thou Incarnate Word, Gird on Thy mighty sword,
Our prayer attend: Come, and Thy people bless,
And give Thy Word success: Spirit of holiness, On us descend.**

**Come, Holy comforter, Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour: Thou who almighty art,
Now rule in every heart, And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.**

**To the great One in Three Eternal praises be,
Hence ever more: His sovereign majesty May we in glory see,
And to eternity Love and adore.**

(Source and author unknown)

Alleluia! sing to Jesus! (Page 347 Book of Common Prayer)

**Alleluia! sing to Jesus! His the scepter, His the throne.
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood.
Jesus out of every nation has redeemed us by His blood.**

*Alleluia! not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! He is near us, faith believes, nor questions how;
Though the cloud from sight received Him when the forty days were o'er
Shall our hearts forget His promise, "I am with you evermore"?*

**Alleluia! bread of angels, Thou on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! here the sinful flee to Thee from day to day:
Intercessor, Friend of sinners, Earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
Where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.**

William Chatterton Dix 1837 – 1898 Dix' father, a surgeon, wrote a biography of poet Thomas Chatterton, and gave his son his middle name in his honor. Young William attended the Bristol Grammar School. Later, he managed a marine insurance company in Glasgow, Scotland, but his heart was in the poetry of worship. He wrote more than 40 hymns over the course of his life. His works include the much loved Christmas hymn **What Child Is This.**