

Mahon Lithuania - Belarus - Ukraine - Russia - Japan Dispatch #05 03.14.10 - Nine Days and Six Countries As We Head To Russia

QT - The Written Word of God - Expanded Version...

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In this dispatch...

The Ministry of the holy, eternal, inerrant, written Word of God

The ministry of the Word in Lithuania

The ministry of the word in Belarus

The ministry of the Word in Ukraine

Prayer Requests - as you pray please claim the accompanying passages...

A. Safety and protection of us and our precious cargo of the Word as we travel from Ukraine to Russia.

What wonderful friends and sacrificial servants of the Lord

Psalms 121:7-8 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.

2 Thessalonians 3:3 But the Lord is faithful, and He will strengthen and protect you from the evil one.

B. Preservation of the fruit and ministry of the Word in Lithuania, Belarus and Ukraine.

John 15:16 You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and that your fruit would remain, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you.

C. God would bless Jeff and Carol Laughlin in their ministry in Ukraine and Belarus

Numbers 6:24-26 The LORD bless you, and keep you; The LORD make His face shine on you, And be gracious to you; The LORD lift up His countenance on you, And give you peace.'

D. Stamina and perseverance in the midst of a very demanding schedule

Isaiah 40:29-31 He gives strength to the weary, And to him who lacks might He increases power. Though youths grow weary and tired, And vigorous young men stumble badly, Yet those who wait for the LORD Will gain new strength; They will mount up with wings like eagles, They will run and not get tired, They will walk and not become weary.

Dear Prayer Warriors,

Wherever we go our ministry is always the same – the ministry of the holy, eternal, inerrant written Word of God. We live in an age when the authority and sufficiency of the Bible, the written Word of God is greatly reduced. For your edification, attached are Daily Quiet Times Alone With God on this subject. We are now beginning day nine and country six (if this is Sunday it must be Ukraine).

When we were in Vilnius we presented the pastor with a set of MacArthur Commentaries. You can see the joy on his face. Pastors labor on foreign fields where it is often hard if not impossible to get good Bible study aids. Your generosity makes it possible for us to serve as God's mules in supplying them with much needed spiritual resources...



But we do not stop there. In addition we faithfully lift up the Bible, the Word of God as God's ultimate and final authority in all that we preach and teach...



Next we traveled to Minsk. Here I had a wonderful reunion with Dima, with whom I have traveled and preached the gospel throughout this great country. It was my privilege to present Dima with a McArthur Study Bible.



That evening I had the privilege of preaching the Wednesday night service in Minsk. Below is Sergie my translator with his father the pastor. Sergie and I have traveled the length and breadth of Belarus together and many of you prayed for his wife Julia this summer who was miraculously preserved by your prayers. He I am presenting his father, the pastor with a McArthur Study Bible.



Again, though we did not stop with this but in addition preached the holy, eternal, inerrant, written Word, the Bible as God's final authority...



From here we traveled by train to Kiev, Ukraine. We were met by Jeff and Carol Laughlin - directors with Campus Crusade for Christ. I continue to be amazed at their zeal for the gospel. Whenever we visit them I am renewed in my own commitment to preaching the gospel and ministering to the lost. We have known Jeff and Carol now for 29 years. We feel such a comradeship with them as we minister the Word together. Carol has been a special blessing to us, opening many doors throughout Eurasia for us to teach our Family Discipleship Seminar, while Jeff has opened many doors for me to teach and preach on the Word, Evangelism and Discipleship. These two saints have proven themselves to be such wonderful friends and sacrificial servants of the Lord and we praise God for them.

We did an evening seminar on the Scriptural Principles of the Child Raising for teachers and staff of the Christian Academy. Then the next day we did an all day Family Discipleship Conference for Bucha Baptist Church. On Sunday I preached for Ephesians 5:22 - 6:4. Again we first presented the pastor with a McArthur Study Bible



And then the Bible was lifted up as the final authority on marriage and family...



This is the ministry which you co-labor with us in prayer. Supplying national pastors and ministers with Bibles, Bible study aids and Bible references works in their native tongue and preaching the holy, eternal, inerrant, written Word of God - the Bible wherever we go and to whomever we meet.

As I type this dispatch Eleanor is packing our belongings once again. In the morning we depart for Russia. We have traveled by train, car, bus and plane. We have slept sitting up, lying down, in chairs, couches and beds. We have struggled as we ferried suitcases full of the Word of God across borders and through customs, in airports, train

stations and border crossings. This we have done and will continue to do as long as the Lord grants us the unspeakable privilege of bringing His Word to the harvest fields of the world.

Join with us through your prayers in delivering us and the Word of God once again safely across borders and into a new country – Russia.

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.")

So Send I You

So send I you to labor unrewarded, To serve unpaid, unloved, unsought unknown,
To bear rebuke, to suffer scorn and scoffing,
- So send I you, to toil for me alone.

*So send I you to bind the bruised and broken, O'er wandering souls to work, to week, to wake,
To bear the burdens of a world a weary
- So send I you to suffer for My sake.*

So send I you to loneliness and longing, With heart a hungering for the loved and known,
Forsaking home and kindred, friend and dear one
- So send I you to know My love alone.

*So send I you to leave your life's ambition, to die to dear desire, self will resign,
To labor long, and love where men revile you
- So send I you to lose your life in Mine.*

So Send I you to hearts made hard by hatred, To eyes made blind because they will not see,
To spend, tho it be blood, to spend and spare not
- So send I you to taste of Calvary,

(Margaret Clarkson 1915 - ???; Margaret Clarkson experienced great pain and loneliness in life. First in an unhappy home and suffering from infantile arthritis and later

as a teacher in a far off logging camp in Canada. Unable to fulfill her dream of mission work due to her disability she gave herself to the service of the Lord in every way she could imagine. Of this hymn she is often given as an example of one who strove to conform her songs to Scripture and rewrote the words later in life, giving more glory to God and more hope in Christ.)