

Prayer Dispatch: A Tribute to El

Proverbs 31:10-11

An excellent wife, who can find?

For her worth is far above jewels.

11 The heart of her husband trusts in her,

And he will have no lack of gain.



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In this Prayer Dispatch...

I. Eleanor - 20 Years on the Mission Field

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

2 Corinthians 1:11 "you also joining in helping us through your prayers, so that thanks may be given by many persons on our behalf for the favor bestowed on us through the prayers of many."

A. El uses this passage to guide her ministry to the women to whom she ministers. Please take a moment to pray over the key principles asking God to empower her teaching of the holy, eternal, inerrant, written Word of God.

- Titus 2:3-5*
- 3 Older women likewise are to be reverent in their behavior, not malicious gossips nor enslaved to much wine,*
- teaching what is good,*
- 4 so that they may encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children,*
- 5 to be sensible, pure,*
- workers at home,*
- kind, being subject to their own husbands,*
- so that the word of God will not be dishonored.*

B. That God would bless the ministry materially, that we might in turn bless those to whom we minister. Please take a moment to pray these passages for our ministry... Luke 6:38

"Give , and it will be given to you. They will pour into your lap a good measure – pressed down, shaken together, and running over. For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return."



Dear Prayer Warriors,

First things first – please forgive the rough nature of this Dispatch. I will as a rule have Eleanor look over, make suggestions and edit these before sending them off. (As I say in my marriage seminar “She can’t be your Helpmate if you don’t let her help you”.) This one however would never get past her as she is far too humble. So I will give ti my best shot and send it out.

Your faith, prayers and gifts are making a difference in our ministry as we wait for doors to open in Nigeria, South Africa and Cuba... *Ephesians 6:19-20 “and pray on my behalf, that utterance may be given to me in the opening of my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel... that in proclaiming it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.”*

Celebrating 20 Years of Eleanor traveling and ministering throughout the world...

At a time of life when many wives are settling in to enjoy the fruits of a lifetime of service to our Lord and Resurrected Savior Jesus Christ – time with friends at church, children and grandchildren, Eleanor can be found traveling with me in the far parts of the world. She will be found witnessing to women, teaching women and training the wives of pastors, staff and seminary students – 20 years, 29 countries and counting – and never a word of complaint..



Eleanor teaching wives of Pastors and Seminary students 1990 St. Petersburg Russia.



Eleanor teaching wives from three churches in Tyumen (Siberia), Russia 2020



Eleanor teaching wives at Marriage Conference in Cameroon 1999



Eleanor teaching wives at Marriage Conference in Cameroon 2019



Godly wife – I could actually post a slide show of 29 photos of Eleanor doing this in 29 different countries. Wherever we find ourselves El quickly sets up a nook for her daily devotionals, Bible study and message preparations. *Proverbs 31:26 “She opens her mouth in wisdom, And the teaching of kindness is on her tongue”*



Devoted Grandmother

Whether it is teaching her grandchildren Spanish and French during the COVID lockdown or lovingly doing arts and crafts with them on visits, Eleanor remains a loving mother and grandmother.



Loving Daughter

The only time Eleanor can see her 95 year old mother, who is in COVID lockdown is when her mother needs to see her doctor. Eleanor drove up from Texas and we spent a week in Oklahoma City so that Eleanor could take her mother to her doctor appointments and get to spend time with her in the car and at the doctors office



Helpmate, best friend and love of my life, wherever the Lord calls me, there she is by my side. *Genesis 2:18 Then the LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him." Proverbs 31:12 "She does him good and not evil All the days of her life."*



While in the US Eleanor can be found ministering to women as well. Whether heading out to speak to a church group (above) or doing a follow-up Bible study with a neighbor she has led to Christ, Eleanor can be found busy witnessing, teaching and serving the Lord.



Did I Mention Brave and adventurous...

Yes that's my EI!! She continually amazes others with her brave and adventurous spirit. She went to the top and rode all the way down. She is known in Tyumen as "*A True Siberian Woman*" *1 Peter 3:6 "just as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, and you have become her children if you do what is right without being frightened by any fear."* (Church Outing at Soberoam Adventire Camp January 2020)



That's EI with Sophia and the women in the church in Siberia. It was Sophia who declared her a "**True Siberian Woman**" because nothing daunts her in fellowship or activities with these women of the northlands and tundra.

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 this dispatch with a hymn from my prayer notebook that has been especially meaningful to El, in fact it is her favorite hymn...
(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.")

Link to music/tune for this hymn: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sv74oQpYRsg>

Day By Day

(Eleanor's favorite hymn)

Day by day, and with each passing moment,
Strength I find, to meet my trials here;
Trusting in my Father's wise bestowment,
I've no cause for worry or for fear.
He Whose heart is kind beyond all measure
Gives unto each day what He deems best—
Lovingly, its part of pain and pleasure,
Mingling toil with peace and rest.

*Every day, the Lord Himself is near me
With a special mercy for each hour;
All my cares He fain would bear, and cheer me,
He Whose Name is Counselor and Power;
The protection of His child and treasure
Is a charge that on Himself He laid;
"As thy days, thy strength shall be in measure,"
This the pledge to me He made.*

Help me then in every tribulation
So to trust Thy promises, O Lord,
That I lose not faith's sweet consolation
Offered me within Thy holy Word.
Help me, Lord, when toil and trouble meeting,
Ever to take, as from a father's hand,
One by one, the days, the moments fleeting,
Till I reach the promised land.

Karolina Wilhelmina Sandell-Berg; *Born:* October 3, 1832, in the rectory at Fröderyd, Småland, Sweden; *Died:* July 27, 1903, Stockholm, Sweden.; *Buried:* Solna Cemetery, near Stockholm. Lina was the daughter of Jonas Sandell, pastor of the Lutheran church in Fröderyd. At age 26, she accompanied her father on a boat trip across Lake Vättern to Göteborg, during which he fell overboard and drowned before her eyes. The tragedy profoundly affected Lina and reportedly inspired her to write hymns. Known as the [Fanny Crosby](#) of Sweden, she wrote 650 hymns. She married Stockholm merchant C. O. Berg in 1867, but continued to initial her hymns “L. S.” What is missing from the modern praise movement of the 21st century are songs of praise to God which spring from tragedy. The ability to worship God, “trusting in my Father’s wise bestowment” in the midst of tragedy, even if that tragedy is to watch your earthly father drown before your helpless eyes is a message much needed and a worship much called for in the church today.