

## Prayer Dispatch 05.21.20 / The Power of God at Work Through Your Prayers



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### In this Prayer Dispatch... Power of God at Work in Russia

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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. *Colossians 4:3 & 4*  
*"praying at the same time for us as well, that God will open up to us a door for the word, so that we may speak forth the mystery of Christ... that I may make it clear in the way I ought to speak."*
  - B. *Hebrews 10:25*  
*"not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near."*
  - C. *Revelation 3:8*  
*"I know your deeds. Behold, I have put before you an open door which no one can shut"*  
*Acts 14:27*  
*"When they had arrived and gathered the church together, they began to report all things that God had done with them and how He had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles."*
  - D. *Philippians 4:19*  
*"And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus."*

Dear Prayer Warriors,

In this Dispatch we wanted to give a report on: **The Power of God at work in Russia in answer to your prayers...**

- I. **Three-year multi-entrance religious teacher's visa.** Many missionaries were incredulous, some even demanding to see our visa, saying over and over, "This is just not done". This miracle was a great blessing to those to whom we ministered. It also bolstered them in their own personal integrity. They all know we do not lie on our visa applications and do not pay bribes. One of the first things they want to hear when we visit is the miracles of God in allowing us to minister in the country and to the churches. The churches with whom we minister in Russia have become known in church circles as "the honest ones". Please take a moment to pray...

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*"praying at the same time for us as well, that God will open up to us a door for the word, so that we may speak forth the mystery of Christ... that I may make it clear in the way I ought to speak."*



- II. **The Word of God at work in lives** "I am one of those who hated my dentist, I repent." I had preached a sermon on the importance of church. One example I used was that many say they do not go to church because of a bad experience. I pointed out that they did not apply that standard to any other relationship. If they have a bad experience with a dentist, they do not decide to never go to another dentist again. One family who was visiting the church in Tyumen came up in tears. They said, "I am one of those who hated my dentist, I repent". Ask God that we might continue to build up the church and bring members to faithful Sunday attendance. Please pray for our ministry that it would result in **Hebrews 10:25 -**

*"not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near."*



**III. It is God and God alone Who opens and closes doors to the mission field**

We are still scheduled this year to minister in Nigeria, South Africa and Cuba. We understand that God has, in the past, in accordance with His divine will, closed doors to the mission field. We are reminded of Paul's ministry as transmitted to us by God the Holy Spirit in *Acts 16:6* – *“They passed through the Phrygian and Galatian region, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia.”*

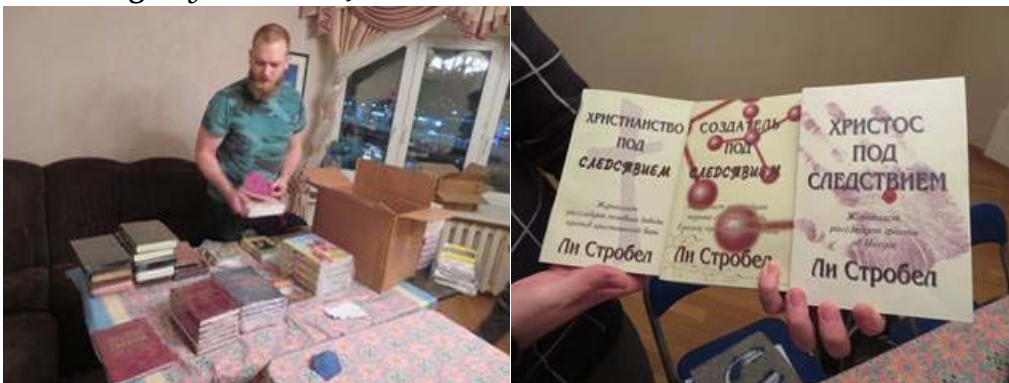
We accept this but are asking you to faithfully pray that God will open the door for us to minister in Nigeria, South Africa and Cuba.

*Revelation 3:8* – *“I know your deeds. Behold, I have put before you an open door which no one can shut”*

*Acts 14:27* – *“When they had arrived and gathered the church together, they began to report all things that God had done with them and how He had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles.”*

**IV. Please call upon the Lord to bless us, so that we might, in turn, bless churches in Nigeria, South Africa and Cuba.**

*Philippians 4:19* – *“And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.”*



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 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.")*

**Jesus I Am Resting**

**Link to music/tune for this hymn:** <https://www.hymnal.net/en/hymn/h/579>

Jesus, I am resting, resting In the joy of what Thou art;  
I am finding out the greatness of Thy loving heart:  
Thou hast bid me gaze upon Thee, and Thy beauty fills my soul  
For by Thy transforming power Thou hast made me whole

Refrain: Jesus, I am resting, resting,  
In the joy of what Thou art;  
I am finding out the greatness  
Of Thy loving heart.

*O, how great Thy loving kindness, Vaster, broader than the sea!  
O, how marvellous Thy goodness, Lavished all on me!  
Yes, I rest in Thee, Beloved, Know what wealth of grace is Thine,  
Know Thy certainty of promise, And have made it mine.*

Simply trusting Thee Lord Jesus, I behold Thee as Thou art,  
And Thy love, so pure so changeless, satisfies my heart;  
Satisfies its deepest longings, meets supplies its every need,  
Compasseth me round with blessings, Thine is love indeed

*Ever lift Thy face upon me as I work and wait for Thee;  
Resting neath Thy smile, Lord Jesus, Earth's dark shadows flee,  
Brightness of my Father's glory, sunshine of my Father's face,  
Keep me ever trusting, resting, fill me with Thy grace.*

Jean Sophia Pigott Born: 1845, Ireland. Died: October 12, 1882, Leixlip, Lucan, County Kildare, Ireland. Facts about Jean Pigott are scarce. She did contribute some hymns to *Hymns of Consecration and Faith*, and in 1877, published *A Royal Service, and Other Poems*. This hymn was a favorite of missionary Hudson Taylor and he found solace in it during the boxer rebellion. In that time of chaos he could often be found singing it during his morning devotionals.