

Subject: God has been blessing in answer to your prayers



Please join our Bible Study on The Work and Ministry of the Holy Spirit
Tuesdays 7 a.m. on Zoom (this week only it will meet on Monday)
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In this Prayer Dispatch... (attached is an insert I use in the New Testaments I give away when witnessing.)

- I. I appreciate your prayers for a successful surgery and speedy recovery.
- II. Thank you so much for praying for Eleanor's Bible study with our neighbor.
- III. Everywhere we go we find God opening the door to minister the Gospel.
- IV. Ask God to fire and embolden our hearts.
- V. pray that God would continue to supply our material needs.
- VI. Prayer Requests: As you read this report, please take time to pray please over the accompanying passages from the Word of God.

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."



Dear Prayer Warriors,

God has been blessing in answer to your prayers.



We have remained healthy and I am able to have the second round of surgeries for my Carpal Tunnel problem in my wrist and elbow. We always have a physical checkup on returning from the mission field. When we got back from Russia my doctor said, "You won't be going anywhere soon because of COVID 19 travel restrictions so you will have no excuse not to have these procedures done." Well he had me there. I had the right hand and elbow done first and next Tuesday August 4th I will have the left hand and elbow done. I appreciate your prayers for a successful surgery and speedy

recovery. The picture shows me after the first round of surgeries

We continue to devote ourselves to prayer and the ministry of the Word - given by example to us by the holy Apostles. *Acts 6:4 "But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word."*

1 Timothy 4:5 "for it is sanctified by means of the word of God and prayer."



Thank you so much for praying for Eleanor's Bible study with our neighbor. Now that she has received Christ the Bible study has changed from evangelistic to discipleship. Eleanor loves to teach the Word of God to women in the church. Even though she cannot do this in large groups or on the mission field (as pictured) she still continues to use every opportunity to reach out to women with the Gospel. Please take a moment to pray this passage for Eleanor as she

faithfully uses the Word of God to witness to women and follows them up on one on one discipleship.

□ *Isaiah 55:11*

*11 So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth;
It will not return to Me empty,
Without accomplishing what I desire,
And without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it.*

Everywhere we go we find God opening the door to minister the Gospel. These are truly unique times and God has certainly gotten the attention of not only our city, our country but of the world. It is a shame in the midst of this exciting period of openness that many in the church view it as a sign of Christian maturity to not share Christ and if you do discuss Christ to not use Holy Scripture. For many to simply live a Christian testimony but not clearly present the Gospel is a higher standard than to simply and plainly place the Gospel message before men and ask for a decision. For others to talk around the Gospel without quoting Bible verses or using the Bible is more sophisticated and more spiritual than using the holy, eternal, written Word of God to bring men and

women to a saving knowledge of Christ. Eleanor and I continue to purchase New Testaments, Tracts and Evangelistic Book to give to those to whom we share the Gospel. We continue to ask people to join us in Bible study, be it evangelistic or discipleship. God the Holy Spirit makes it clear that His written Word is central both in witnessing and in discipling new believers.

The Word of God and witnessing *1 Peter 1:23 "for you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the living and enduring word of God."*

We have the example of the Apostles as well

Acts 8:35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning from this Scripture he preached Jesus to him.

Acts 17:2 And according to Paul's custom, he went to them, and for three Sabbaths reasoned with them from the Scriptures

Acts 18:24 & 28 Now a Jew named Apollos, an Alexandrian by birth, an eloquent man, came to Ephesus; and he was mighty in the Scriptures ... for he powerfully refuted the Jews in public, demonstrating by the Scriptures that Jesus was the Christ.



Pictured are evangelistic materials we have bought to supplement the gospel presentation. Just today during my appointments to clear me for surgery I was able to share Christ, quoting from the Word of God and encouraging non-Christians to repent and come to Jesus and encouraging Christians to stand firm and share their faith. Pictured are just some of the materials we give out as we present Christ to a lost and dying world. Would you please join us in asking God to

embolden us and bless His holy written Word as we seek to reach out to all with whom He brings us in contact.

Ask God to fire and embolden our hearts.

- Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.*

Ask God to empower the ministry of the written Word of God as we teach it.

- Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.*

We are working hard in the harvest fields and we ask that you would also pray that God would continue to supply our material needs.

2 Corinthians 9:10-13

- 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;*
- 11 you will be enriched in everything for all liberality, which through us is producing thanksgiving to God.*

- *12 For the ministry of this service is not only fully supplying the needs of the saints, but is also overflowing through many thanksgivings to God. Should the Lord lead, you may follow this link to make a donation*
<http://gciweb.org/>

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.")

Link to music/tune for this hymn: <https://www.hymnal.net/en/hymn/h/1027>

Or

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xSRCQi3eiYs>

Softly and Tenderly

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling
Calling for you and for me
Patiently Jesus is waiting and watching
Watching for you and for me

*Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading
Pleading for you and for me
Why should we linger and heed not His mercies
Mercies for you and for me*

Time is now fleeting the moments are passing
Passing for you and for me
Shadows are gathering, deathbeds are calling
Calling for you and for me

*Oh for the wonderful love He has promised
Promised for you and for me
Though we have sinned He has mercy and pardon
Pardon for you and for me*

Refrain:

Come home come home
Ye who are weary come home
Earnestly tenderly Jesus is calling
Calling O sinner come home

(William Thompson Born: November 7, 1847, East Liverpool, Ohio; Died: September 20, 1909, New York, New York. Both a lyricist and composer, he ensured he would always remember words or melodies that came to him at odd times: "No matter where I am, at home or hotel, at the store or traveling, if an idea or theme comes to me that I deem worthy of a song, I jot it down in verse. In this way I never lose it." When the world-renowned lay preacher, Dwight Lyman Moody, lay on his death bed in his Northfield, Massachusetts, home, Will Thompson made a special visit to inquire as to his condition. The attending physician refused to admit him to the sickroom, and Moody heard them talking just outside the bedroom door. Recognizing Thompson's voice, he called for him to come to his bedside. Taking the Ohio poet-composer by the hand, the dying evangelist said, "Will, I would rather have written "Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling" than anything I have been able to do in my whole life.")