

Prayer Dispatch #03 03.17.13/ A Fruitful Week Thanks To Your Prayers



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In this Prayer Dispatch...

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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. That God would empower the Word as well as using me as His vessel in the teaching and preaching of the holy, eternal, inerrant written Word of God.

Psalm 119:135 Make Thy face shine upon Thy servant, And teach me Thy statutes.

Psalm 119:169 Let my cry come before Thee, O Lord; Give me understanding according to Thy word.

Psalm 119:171 Let my lips utter praise, For Thou dost teach me Thy statutes.

- B. That the ministry would manifest the resurrection power of Christ.

Psalm 89:21 With whom My hand will be established; My arm also will strengthen him.

Isaiah 40:29 He gives strength to the weary, And to him who lacks might He increases power.

Isaiah 40:30 Though youths grow weary and tired, And vigorous young men stumble badly,

Isaiah 40:31 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.

C. That God would teach us His ways that we might do His will.

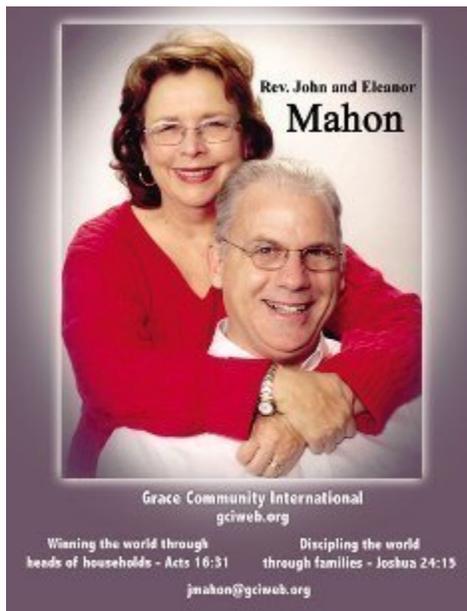
Psalm 25:4 & 5 Make me know Thy ways, O Lord; Teach me Thy paths. Lead me in Thy truth and teach me, For Thou art the God of my salvation; For Thee I wait all the day.

D. Oppose Satan as he seeks to disrupt the teaching of God's Word and the building up of the church

James 4:7 Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

E. That God would bless the ministry materially, that we might in turn bless those to whom we minister.

Philippians 4:18-19 And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.



Dear Prayer Warriors,

How I praise God for your faithfulness in prayer. Your ministry of intercession has been greatly blessed by God this past week...



God greatly blessed your prayers as I ministered to pastors in my seminary class this week. The topic was marriage and I was humbled by their eager and receptive hearts.



One of the things which make teaching at this seminary so rewarding is that all students are ministering in churches as pastors. They are very serious and highly motivated.



After hours we have enjoyed hosting groups for informal Bible studies. Here El prepares dinner for a group of young Baptist professional men and women.



There were many questions concerning marriage, courtship and balancing work, family and church. (Sound familiar?)



We administered final exams at the seminary all day Saturday. Your prayers greatly blessed these pastors and your gifts supplied them with Bibles, Bible study aids and Bible reference works. How I praise God for your willingness to so sacrificially co-labor with us in building up the church in Russia and training pastors for the service of the Lord.



Sunday found me teaching at Pavlovsk Baptist Church – “Taking Up The Shield of Faith.” God blessed your prayers and the message. The pastor asked us to return on Saturday to do a one-day conference on prayer. I have attached the sermon outline, the Quiet Time Sheet and the sermon note sheet for you as well.



Everywhere I go, I am told that students and professionals will not get up early in the morning to memorize and study the Word of God. Everywhere I go, I find students and professionals eager to get up early in the morning and study the Word of God. Here is the 6 a.m. Bible study I hosted all week long.

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
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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: <http://nethymnal.org/htm/b/t/bttblife.htm>

Break Thou The Bread Of Life

Break Thou the bread of life, dear Lord to me,
As Thou didst break the loaves Beside the sea;
Beyond the sacred page I seek Thee Lord;
My spirit pants for Thee, O living Word

*Bless Thou the truth, dear Lord, To me, to me,
As Thou didst bless the bread By Galilee;
Then shall all bondage cease, All fetters fall;
And I shall find my peace, My all in all.*

Thou art the bread of life, O Lord, to me,
Thy holy Word the truth That saveth me;
Give me to eat and live With Thee above;
Teach me to love Thy truth, For Thou art love.

*O send Thy Spirit, Lord, Now unto me,
That He may touch mine eyes, And make me see;
Show me the truth concealed Within Thy Word,
And in Thy Book revealed I see Thee Lord.*

(Mary Artemesia Lathbury; 1841-1913; Daughter of a Methodist minister. Active in the women's temperance movement and wrote for several Christian periodicals. Of her gift for poetry she said she felt the Lord had impressed upon her these thoughts concerning this, "Remember, my child, that you have a gift of weaving fancies into verse and a gift with the pencil of producing visions that come to your heart; consecrate these to Me as thoroughly as you do your inmost spirit.")