

(In addition to pictures this week's Dispatch includes clips from the worship time in Pastor Ravi's church.)

Prayer Dispatch 02.08.17 / God is Blessing Your Ministry of Intercession



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1_Brothers begin to gather in our apt



2_After dinner prepared by EI we settle in for Bible study



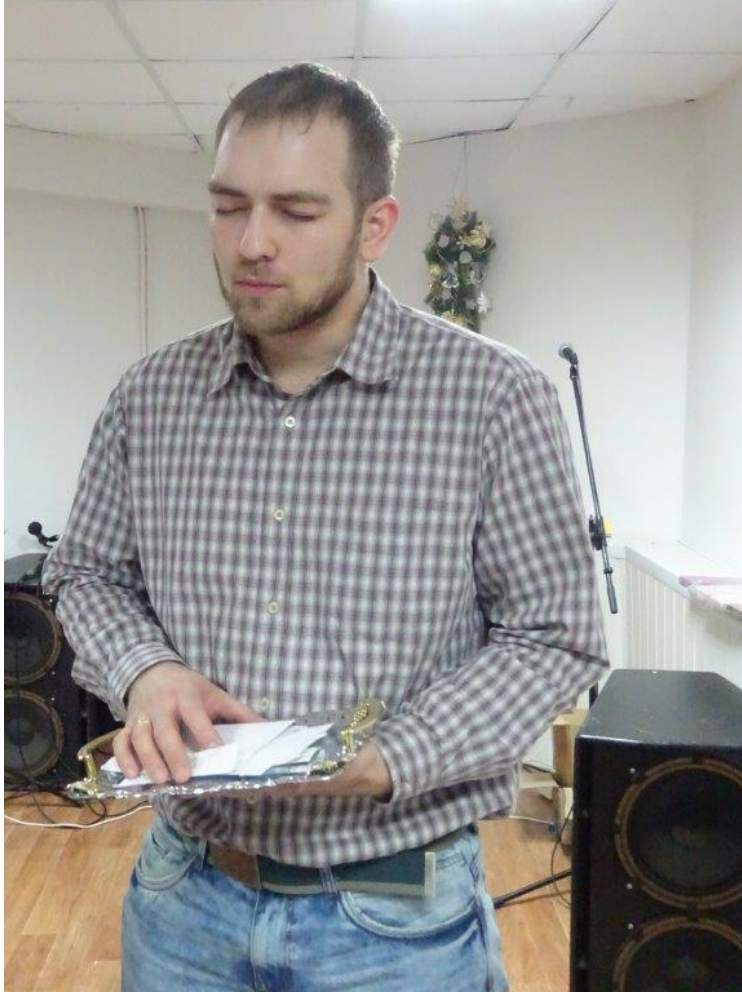
3_Pastor Ravil models a man of Word and Prayer.jpg



4_Pavel one of the faithful men in the church translates



5_Karil another faithful man in church blesses offering



In this Prayer Dispatch...

- I. God is blessing your ministry
- II. Men and the church in Russia
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- IV. Prayer Requests: As you pray, please allow the accompanying passages 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. Conserve the fruit

- *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."*
- *Matthew 13:23 "And the one on whom seed was sown on the good soil, this is the man who hears the word and understands it; who indeed bears fruit and brings forth, some a hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty."*

B. Oppose satan

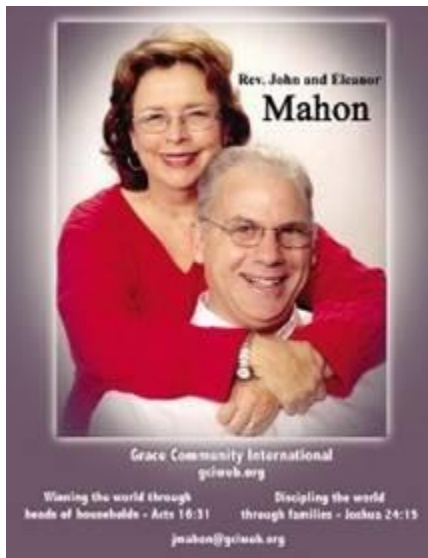
- *James 4:6-7 "Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you."*
- *1 Peter 5:7-9 "Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. But resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brethren who are in the world."*
- *1 John 4:4 "You are from God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world."*

C. Bless the ministry of the Word

- *Isaiah 55:11*
- *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.*

D. 2 Corinthians 9:6-9 - That God would bless the ministry materially so that we might, in turn, bless those to whom we minister.

- *6 Now this I say, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.*
- *7 Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*
- *8 And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed;*



Dear Prayer Warriors,

How we praise God for your co-laborship with us through your faith, prayers and sacrificial generosity. God the Holy Spirit put it so clearly when He had the Apostle Paul write under divine inspiration **Ephesians 6:18-20:**

18 With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints, 19 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, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in proclaiming it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

We too ask that you pray "in the Spirit" e.g. as guided by God's Holy written Word. And that as you pray that you remember us as we labor on the mission field. Your prayers will give us both boldness and clarity as we carry out this ministry and we praise God for your ministry of intercession as you co-labor with us in Russia.

God is blessing your ministry

Your prayers are being answered! We can feel the sustaining power of your prayers both physically in our bodies and spiritually in our teaching and we thank you for this. We have had good attendance, in fact greater than anticipated in all meetings. Pastor Ravil is making new contacts and renewing old which will be a blessing to the church. Leaders are being built up and members solidified in their convictions. It is indeed a blessed time.

Men and the church in Russia

One of my frustrations in ministering in Russia is a continuation of the lie of satan that the churches are filled with old women and children. Pastor Ravil's church here in Tyumen and all evangelical churches in which we have ministered here in Russia have strong male leadership and attendance. The accompanying pictures are an example of this and I praise God for the strong evangelical male leadership in the churches of Russia.

Our coming schedule

This ministry week is playing out as follows...

Monday - our day off for rest and recovery

Tuesday - a day spent with pastor Ravil and his wife Yulia in the Word and prayer.

Wednesday - Men's ministry activities and evening Bible study

Thursday - Women's ministry activities and evening Bible study

Friday - Prayer Conference

Saturday - Family Day at Pastor Ravil's home

Sunday - Worship and home visitation

As you can see this is a great schedule. In the coming weeks, there will be a Marriage Conference, Child-raising Conference, Men's Day and more, so we ask that you continue to lift us up in prayer.

By His mercy,

II Corinthians 4:1

Rev. John S. Mahon

Grace Community Int. - Preaching the resurrected Savior and ministering the holy, eternal, inerrant written Word of God in Siberia and throughout the world.

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/g/u/guideme.htm>

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, Pilgrim thru this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty Hold me with Thy powerful hand:
Bread of Heaven, Bread of Heaven, feed me till I want no more - Feed me till I want no more.

*Open now the crystal fountain Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar Lead me all my journey thru:
Strong deliverer, strong Deliverer, Be Thou still my strength and shield -
Be Thou still my strength and shield.*

Lord, I trust Thy mighty power,
Wondrous are Thy works of old;
Thou deliver'st Thine from thralldom,
Who for naught themselves had sold:
Thou didst conquer, Thou didst conquer,
Sin, and Satan and the grave,
Sin, and Satan and the grave.

*When I tread the verge of Jordan, Bid my anxious fears subside;
Bear me thru the swelling current, Land me safe on Canaan's side;
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to Thee - I will ever give to Thee.*

Musing on my habitation,
Musing on my heav'nly home,
Fills my soul with holy longings:
Come, my Jesus, quickly come;
Vanity is all I see;
Lord, I long to be with Thee!
Lord, I long to be with Thee!

(William Williams Born: February 11, 1717, Pantycelyn, Wales. Died: January 11, 1791, Pantycelyn, Wales. Williams was born to a poor family, and intended to become a clergyman for the Sacramentarian Church (or "high church") until he heard Howell Harris' preaching and decided to join the Dissenters. In the next 43 years he traveled 95,900 miles, bringing the Gospel to his country. Although he was a fine preacher, his 800 or more Welsh hymns are what endeared him most to the people. As a cultural/historical note it was featured in the film "How Green Was My Valley" and sung at Princess Diana's Funeral)