

## Prayer Dispatch 02.16.17/ A Week of Ministry in Siberia



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In this Prayer Dispatch... (each point on the outline corresponds with an attached picture.)

Attachments: 1. Hymn *Amazing Grace* was sung during worship this past Sunday

2. Bible study: *Spiritual Counterfeits* (English)

3. Bible study: *Spiritual Counterfeits* (Russian)

I. Men's Bible Study

II. Seminars

III. Ladies Bible Study

IV. Worship Service

V. 100 Questions

VI. Valentine's Day In Siberia

VII. 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. Please pray 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.

*Hebrews 4:11-13 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.*

B. Call upon the Lord, that the ministry would manifest the resurrection power of Christ.

*Philippians 3:9-10 and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith, that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death...*

C. Ask God to teach us His ways that we might do His will.

*Psalms 25:4-5*

*Make me know Your ways, O LORD;  
Teach me Your paths.  
Lead me in Your truth and teach me,  
For You are the God of my salvation;  
For You I wait all the day.*

- D. Intercede on our behalf that the gospel of salvation would go out with power.**

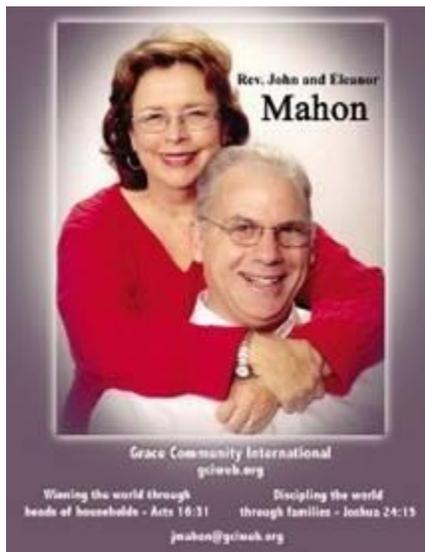
*Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.*

- E. Stand with us in prayer that satan would be prevented from thwarting the ministry of the Word.**

*James 4:6-7 Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.*

- F. Present our needs to the Lord asking that God would bless the ministry materially, so that we might, in turn, bless those to whom we minister.**

*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,

### **Men's Bible Study**

Picture one, I feel, really illustrates the heart of this ministry. Getting men into the holy, eternal, inerrant written Word of God. Each week the men gather in our apartment for three hours. We have dinner, fellowship and then spend time in God's Word. We have been covering the great doctrines of faith – Holy Trinity, Eternal Security and, tonight, Imputation. These are serious men who come to do business with God and to master his Word.



### Seminars

In picture two, I am teaching our Prayer Seminar. These seminars are held weekly and the entire church turns out, plus guests from a Reformed Baptist Church here in town. Topics include--Prayer, Marriage, Child-raising, Spiritual Counterfeits and more. We host one or two seminars each week.



### Ladies Bible Study

Picture three is of Eleanor teaching the ladies on the topic – Honoring God with Our Words. Each Wednesday Eleanor meets with a room full of ladies for Bible study. Again, dinner, fellowship and Bible study. What a joy to minister to women so eager for the Word of God. This week the temperature was -23 with a wind chill near -40. The ladies all came, even though many had to take a bus or taxi. Nothing deters these earnest women from getting into the Word of God.



### **Worship Service**

I have been preaching through a series on Practical Discipleship as requested by Pastor Ravil. In picture four, you can see me holding up a sheet of papers. This is a four-page Bible study which must be completed in order to attend the Spiritual Counterfeits Seminar. We expect a full house. Pastor Ravil will check each person to make sure they have their Bible study done before admitting them. Remember though, these are men and women who memorize Romans Chapter 8 and quote it before the church, who complete a three-month daily devotional series and submit it for checking before receiving their study Bible. These are men and women serious about God and their walk with God.

### **100 Questions**

Picture five is of Pastor Ravil and Yulia meeting with us for "100 Questions." Each Tuesday, we spend the better part of the day with our Bibles open, answering questions on marriage, child raising, church discipline issues, ministry issues, budgeting, the list goes on and on. It is a great privilege to open the Word of God with such an eager young pastoral couple.

### **Valentine's Day In Siberia**

No, it is not all work. On Tuesday the 14<sup>th</sup> we took the evening off for a special Valentine's Day meal and shopping trip with Pastor Ravil's family. It was a wonderful time. The shopping entailed buying the family new coats. They were all worn and

really not heavy enough for ministry in Siberia. Now they have coats specially designed to cut the wind and harsh weather of this climate. Your faith, prayers and gifts made this possible.



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.youtube.com/watch?v=G-N9\\_SdxW4c](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G-N9_SdxW4c)

### **All Hail The Power Of Jesus Name**

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all;  
Bring for the royal diadem and crown Him Lord of all!

*Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, Ye ransomed from the fall;*

*Hail Him who saves you by His grace and crown Him Lord of all;  
Hail Him who saves you by his grace and crown Him Lord of all.*

Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball,  
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all;  
To Him all majesty ascribe and crown Him Lord of all.

*O that with yonder sacred throng we at His feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song and crown Him Lord of all';  
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all.*

(Words: **Edward Perronet** 1726-1792 Perronet, son of an Anglican minister, descended from French Huguenots who fled the continent to escape religious persecution. For a time, Perronet was a co-worker of [John](#) and [Charles Wesley](#). John Wesley was always trying to get him to preach, but Perronet, though capable, was somewhat in awe of Wesley, and always deferred to him. Any time John Wesley was present, Perronet felt Wesley should do the preaching. But John Wesley was not one to take "no" for an answer. So, one day, in the middle of a meeting, he simply announced, "Brother Perronet will now speak." Thinking quickly, Perronet stood before the large crowd and declared, "I will now deliver the greatest sermon ever preached on earth" (you can imagine he got everyone's attention). He then read the Sermon on the Mount, and sat down.)

One of the most dramatic instances of [this hymn's] use was found in the experience of the Rev. E. P. Scott in India. His friends had urged him not to venture near a certain barbarous inland tribe, whom he wished to evangelize. But he went forth with high courage, never wavering in his duty, and trusting in God to protect him. When at last he reached their country among the hills, he came upon a company of these savages. Immediately they surrounded him, pointing their spears at him with threatening scowls. He had nothing in his hand but his violin; and so, closing his eyes, he began to play and sing, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name." When at last he opened his eyes he expected to be killed instantly. But his life had been spared through the singing of the hymn. Their spears had dropped, and they received him first with curiosity and interest, and then later with eagerness, as he told them the gospel story and won their hearts to the will of Jesus Christ.