

Prayer Dispatch 02.16.17/ Eleanor's Ministry In Siberia



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

Attachments:

1. Hymn *Come Thou Almighty King* was sung during worship this past Sunday.
2. Hymn *All the Way the Savior Leads Me* was also sung in Sunday worship.
3. Spiritual Warfare Prayer Guide
4. Worksheet - "Understanding the Manifestations of the Holy Spirit In The Book of Acts and Gospels"
5. Worksheet - "The Universal Manifestation of the Filling of the Holy Spirit and the Book of Acts"

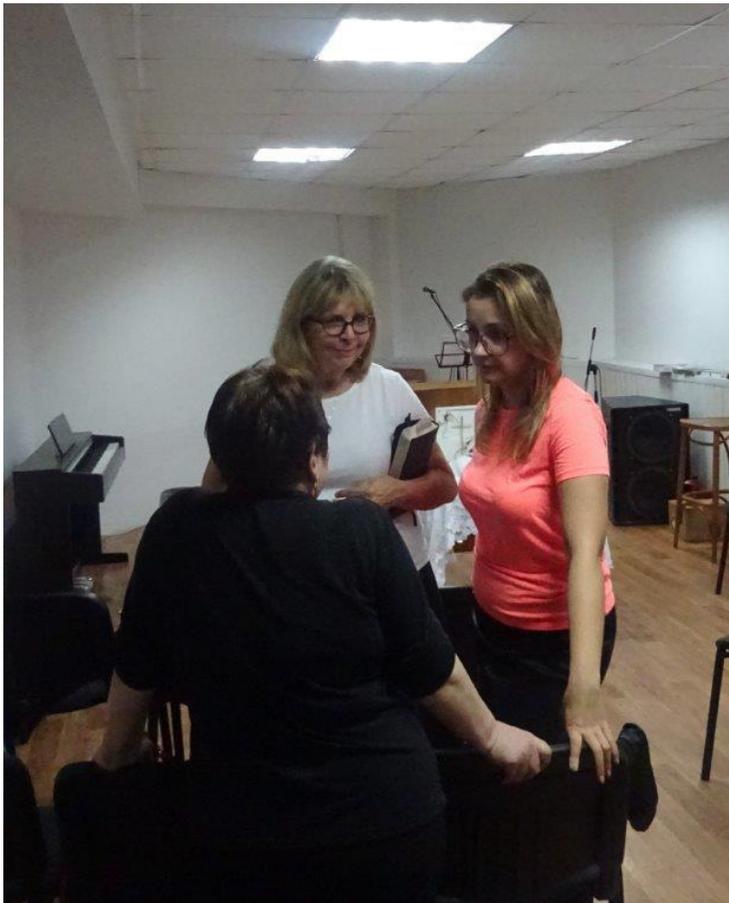
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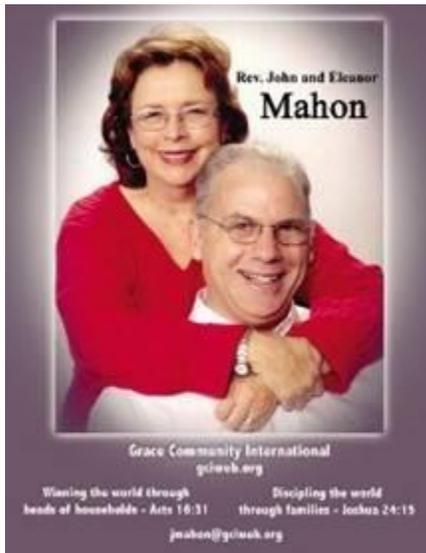
V. A Woman of Convictions



VI. Her Home is With Her Husband



VII. Prayer Requests: Please open the attached Spiritual Warfare prayer guide and allow it to shape your prayers during our last week in Siberia.
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,

We are finishing up our fifth week in Siberia and will be returning to minister in St. Petersburg, Russia on Monday. I thought I would use this last dispatch from Siberia to feature Eleanor and her ministry.

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Ruth 1:16-17

"...for where you go, I will go, and where you lodge, I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God, my God. 17 "Where you die, I will die, and there I will be buried..." (passage chosen by Eleanor to be included in our wedding vows.)

Many of the Facebook postings from our friends back in the US are starting to feature signs of spring. In Siberia, that means that every week there will be a few days above freezing during the month of March. The spring thaw does not set in until April. In June there will still be patches of snow where the giant piles were created--in parking lots and public areas--from winter-long snow removal on roads, airports and parking areas. That brings me to Eleanor. Instead of enjoying the warmth of spring with her children and grandchildren back in Houston, she is here in Siberia, ministering to women and laboring in the harvest fields of the world. At a time and age when most women are settling in to enjoying the fruits of a lifetime devoted God, family and church--she can be found in very difficult and trying locales, bringing the Word of God to those to whom few go. In fact, to my knowledge, she is the only American woman over the last ten years living in and ministering in this city. I praise God for such a godly and devoted wife.

Ministry of Hospitality

Proverbs 31:15 "She rises also while it is still night and gives food to her household and portions to her maidens."

Tonight, I will be teaching the men's Bible study. Eleanor always fixes dinner for the men, as they come straight from work. It is usually dark, well below zero and the wind blowing. They arrive to our little apartment full of the smell of a hot cooked meal. It is a great blessing to these men. Now this does not mean that she starts opening cans and packages, because this is Siberia. At 10 a.m. this morning, she was peeling and cutting potatoes, peeling carrots, melting chocolate on the stove for the icing for the cake and more. All spices, all ingredients are in Russian with no English. Eleanor will have spent over six hours in the kitchen to make this meal possible. I am 65, and to tell you the truth, many, if not most, of the wives of the men I know back in the states have stopped cooking for their husbands, much less from scratch. I have never heard Eleanor utter a single word of complaint.

One-on-One Counseling and Teaching

Proverbs 31:26 "She opens her mouth in wisdom, And the teaching of kindness is on her tongue."

No matter the setting, it is the same – during coffee breaks, during session breaks, between services at church, at informal gatherings in our home, you will find women clustered around Eleanor asking her counsel and advice from the Word of God.

Teaching the Word of God

2 Timothy 3:15-16 “All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;” (One of the earliest verses Eleanor memorized to shape her teaching of the holy Scriptures.)

We live in an age when modern women Bible teachers spend as much time explaining away what the Bible says about being a woman, a wife, a mother, a helpmate, a church member, as they do actually teaching the Bible. I praise God for a wife who teaches holy Scripture, as holy Scripture, from the conviction that it is for all people, all cultures and all times. I think this is one of the reasons she is so respected and her teachings so sought after.

A Woman of Convictions

You see, for Eleanor, the teachings in the Bible concerning being a godly wife, mother and helpmate are not simply poetic pictures but commands of God in His holy, eternal, inerrant, written Word. She truly believes that God the Holy Spirit knew exactly what He was saying and doing when He directed the authors of the Bible to record God’s will for wives and mothers.

Her Home is With Her Husband

Proverbs 31:11-12 “The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good and not evil All the days of her life.

Wyman Mitchell, the minister who lead me to Christ, who was instrumental in my call to the ministry and who did our pre-marriage counseling, told me early in my Christian life – “John, a minister’s wife will either double his ministry or halve it, there is no in-between, be very careful who you marry.” Some years later I was engaged to Eleanor and we finished our first session with “Mitch.” He took me aside and said, “John, you have found yourself a true gem! I have rarely met a Christian woman her age with such spiritual maturity. She is going to double your ministry.” And she has!!

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: <http://nethymnal.org/htm/m/i/mightyfo.htm>

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

A mighty fortress is our God, A bulwark never failing; A helper He amid the flood Of mortal ills prevailing. For still our ancient foe, doth seek to work us woe – his craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hat, On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, Our striving would be losing, Were not the right Man on our side, The Man of God's own choosing, Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He – Lord Sabaoth His name, From age to age the same, An He must win the battle.

And though this world with devils filled, Should threaten to undo us, We will not fear for God hath will His truth to triumph through us. The prince of darkness grim, We tremble not for him – His rage we can endure, For lo, his doom is sure; One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, No thanks to them, abideth; The Spirit and the gifts are ours Through Him who with us sideth. Let goods and kindred go, This mortal life also – The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still; His kingdom is forever.

(Martin Luther *Born:* November 10, 1483, Eisleben, Germany. *Died:* February 18, 1546, Eisleben, Germany. Luther began the Protestant Reformation in 1517, and the Lutheran denomination bears his name to this day. In addition to being a reformer, he was quite active in the area of church music.) "Unless I am convinced from or by plain and clear reasons and arguments, I can and will not retract, for it is neither safe nor wise to do anything against conscience. Here I stand, I can do no other. God help me – AMEN" Martin Luther

In 1720 a remarkable revival began in a town in Moravia. Jesuits opposed it, and the meetings were prohibited. Those who still assembled were seized and imprisoned in stables and cellars. At David Nitschmann's house, where a hundred and fifty persons gathered, the police broke in and seized the books. Not dismayed, the congregation struck up the stanzas of Luther's hymn,

"And though this world, with devils filled,
Should threaten to undo us;

We will not fear, for God hath willed
His truth to triumph through us.

Twenty heads of families were for this sent to jail, including Nitschmann, who was treated with special severity. He finally escaped, fled to the Moravians at Herrnhut, became a bishop, and afterwards joined the [Wesleys](#) in 1735 in their expedition to Savannah, Georgia.

[Sankey](#), p. 106