



Dear Prayer Warriors,

Please continue to pray for our speedy visa acceptance. Pictured below is pastor Oleg Volkov. He and his church joined with you in prayer this past Sunday that we might be allowed to minister to him, his church and the seminary in St. Petersburg. Please join with pastor Volkov and his church in praying as Nehemiah prayed before going before the king to ask permission to travel...



I first met pastor Volkov when he was a student at the Reformed Seminary in St. Petersburg where I have the privilege of teaching. He went on to pastor a church in Pushkin, in a suburb of St. Petersburg. This church and another in St. Petersburg have now merged and are prospering under his wise guidance and leadership. It is my privilege to minister with this godly man when we travel to St. Petersburg.

Nehemiah 1:11 "O Lord, I beseech You, may Your ear be attentive to the prayer of Your servant and the prayer of Your servants who delight to revere Your name, and make Your servant successful today and grant him compassion before this man."

Please take just a moment of your time to lift us up before the Lord of the harvest. As God gave Nehemiah favor in the eyes of the king and his officials to travel to Israel so

call upon the Lord to give GCI favor in the eyes of Russian officials to allow us to travel to St. Petersburg and Tyumen.

On another note. For those of you who follow our mission trips by prayer dispatches we have added another means of communicating to you what God is doing in our lives and the lessons He is teaching us. This is done through our Sermonaudio.com message site which allows us to "blog". Many who find the amount of pictures and information on our dispatches cumbersome due to their e-mail systems greatly appreciate the simplicity and ease of the "blog" format. Take a look at our most recent blog and if you find it helpful we invite you to join us regularly through this format. Let me encourage you to take a minute to click on the link below...

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We are continually seeking to find formats which will make it convenient for you to stay abreast of our ministry in a real time format, thus facilitating your co-laboring with us in the field through your prayers. We take your prayers and partnership very seriously and do everything we can to maintain the lines of communication. Paul said of Tychicus in Ephesians 6:21-22 "But that you also may know about my circumstances, how I am doing, Tychicus, the beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord, will make everything known to you. I have sent him to you for this very purpose, so that you may know about us, and that he may comfort your hearts." Paul worked hard to keep his prayer warriors informed with the best tools he had at the time. We too seek to do this. Please consider our Dispatches and Blogs our modern day Tychicus, *"so that you may know about us, and that he (or in this case they) may comfort your hearts."*

By His mercy,
II Corinthians 4:1
Rev. John S. Mahon
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