



“Winning the world through heads of households”

Acts 16:31

“Discipling the world through families”

Joshua 24:15

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Dear Fam, (Please forgive the rough nature of this prayer report. I am getting it out while we have internet and in a moment the men for the Wednesday night meal and Bible study will be arriving.)

God continues to bless our ministry here in Tyumen and we can feel the power of your daily prayers. How we praise God for your ministry of intercession. This is no small thing in the eyes of God as taught in 2 Corinthians 1:11. In this key teaching on the ministry of intercession with see a number of truths as revealed by God the Holy Spirit...

1. **“you also joining in helping us through your prayers,”** – God the Holy Spirit clearly teachings that in God’s value system, those who pray and those who go are on one and the same team. You are indeed co-laborers with us, sharing equally in the sacrifices and the rewards of foreign mission work.
2. **“so that thanks may be given by many persons on our behalf”** – you cannot imagine the encouragement it is to the church here in Tyumen when I report each Sunday that their brothers and sisters in the Lord are praying faithfully for them back in the US. In Siberia, you can easily feel alone, but by assuring them of your prayers they rejoice each Sunday in Thanksgiving and Praise.
3. **“for the favor bestowed on us through the prayers of many.”** – Last but not least, favor that would not normally be experienced is granted missionaries by the intercessory prayers of those back home. As you look at the pictures and read these reports please do take a moment to pray over the prayer requests and passages. Perhaps even print this report and prayer request out and share it with your Church, Sunday School Class or Small Group Bible Study. By your faithful intercessions our ministry is empowered and moves ever forward.

Picture One: I continue to proclaim God’s Holy, eternal, inerrant written Word each Sunday. This past Sunday I spoke on “How To Love Jesus”. At the application time there were a number of people in tears and key decisions were made including church membership. As you pray for my teaching of the Word please claim Jesus’ prayer **John 17:17 “Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth”** That God’s Word would set men and women apart for His Glory and His Service.

Picture Two: God continues to bless Eleanor’s teaching of the Word. For her Wednesday evening Bible study there was standing room only. The Saturday Women’s Seminar was moved to a larger location which was again filled. Please claim this passage as you pray for Eleanor’s ministry to the women in the churches of Tyumen. **2 Thessalonians 3:1 “Finally, brethren, pray for us that the word of the Lord will spread rapidly and be glorified, just as it did also with you;”**

Picture Three: One of our ministries in Tyumen is that of hospitality and the Word of God. Eleanor is continually cooking meals as we host couples, men and small groups in our apartment. Here over a meal and the written Word of God, questions are answered, marriages are built up and men and women are grounded in their convictions. As we minister on this informal basis in our home please ask God to make this passage true in those we instruct and build up in the Word of God. 2 Timothy 2:1-4

**Firs Pray: 1 *You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.***

**Then Pray: 2 *The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.***

**Lastly Pray: 3 *Suffer hardship with me, as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. 4 No soldier in active service entangles himself in the affairs of everyday life, so that he may please the one who enlisted him as a soldier.***

We close this prayer report from Siberia with a deep and abiding since of humility and thankfulness for your prayers which emboldens our preaching of the Gospel and empowers the teaching of God's Word.

By His mercy,

II Corinthians 4:1

Rev. John and Eleanor Mahon

Proclaiming Christ and teaching His Word in central Siberia

II Corinthians 4:1 "Therefore, since we have this ministry, as we received mercy, we do not lose heart,"