



A Change of Plans, A Sovereign God

Thank you for joining with us in covering the latest trip to Russia in prayer! God has greatly blessed your gifts and partnerships to bring His Word to our Russian brothers and sisters in Christ. However, in light of the rapidly changing global situation regarding the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), Rev. & Mrs. Mahon will be returning to the United States earlier than planned.

This decision was not made lightly but rather is the result of conversations with members of the GCI Board of Directors and at the behest of the US Embassy in Russia as well as Air France. Below you'll find a brief message from Rev. Mahon

regarding this decision as well as prayer requests as they prepare to repatriate to the US. In this season of uncertainty for many of us around the globe, let us join with the Psalmist in proclaiming that "*the Lord has established His throne in the heavens, and His sovereignty rules over all*" (Psalm 103:19).



A Word from Rev. Mahon

Dear Prayer Warriors,

As you may have heard, starting Friday a national state of emergency is being declared concerning international flights into the US. We have been contacted by the US Embassy here in Russia telling us that we need to return immediately to Houston. Also, Air France has contacted us and said that they cannot guarantee flights into US after the deadline, but if we depart now that they will change our flights at no cost.

GCI Board of Director Member Rob Stephens immediately contacted us. He is a pilot with United Airlines, and he worked late into the night making arrangements with our Travel Agent and Air France getting us out in time - spending hours on the phone. We were also able to get the last seats available on Aeroflot out of Tyumen. Hats off to Rob Stephens, and praise God for his sacrificial heart! Please join with us in thanking God for Rob, and asking Him to bless Rob for his labors.

As Paul said to Philemon in Philemon 1:22, *“at the same time also prepare me a lodging, for I hope that through your prayers I will be given to you.”*

By His mercy,

Rev. John and Eleanor Mahon
Proclaiming Christ and teaching His Word in central Siberia
“Therefore, since we have this ministry, as we received mercy, we do not lose heart,” (2 Corinthians 4:1)



Join us in prayer over their safe return!



**For an on-time departure
of their Aeroflot flight from
Tyumen to St. Petersburg**
"My help comes from the Lord, who
made heaven and earth." (Psalm
121:2)

**For them to make their same-
day connecting flight to Paris on
Air France without issue**
"The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is
your shade on your right hand."
(Psalm 121:5)





For Air France to continue operating flights to Houston through the weekend
"The Lord will guard your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forever." (Psalm 121:8)

For physical, emotional, and spiritual stamina (neither of them are ill nor do they have known exposures to the virus)
"The Lord will protect you from all evil; He will keep your soul." (Psalm 121:7)



For God to encourage His Church in Tyumen in light of their earlier than planned departure
"He will not allow your foot to slip; He who keeps you will not slumber."
(Psalm 121:3)



"...the Lord has compassion on those who fear Him...He is mindful that we are but dust." (Psalm 103:13-14)

At approximately 4:00pm this afternoon (US CST), Rev. and Mrs. Mahon will commence the more than 48 hours of travel required for them to arrive safely back in the US. Their rigorous itinerary includes 3 long-distance flights and an overnight lay-over. But by God's grace, we anticipate their safe return Saturday evening. We will send a brief update upon their arrival in the US, but in the interim, you can keep current with their ministry by following GCI on [Facebook](#) (@gciweb).

In the mean time, you can join with us in covering this portion of their missionary journey in prayer. For as Scripture reminds us, *"just as a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear Him. For He Himself knows our frame; He is mindful that we are but dust"* (Psalm 103:13-14).

Again, thank you for your continued support of the ministry of Grace Community International. May the Lord continue to use us all to proclaim Christ as Lord and Savior - for all times and places and peoples!

In prayer together,

The GCI Home Office
"Bless the Lord, all you works of His, in all places of His dominion; bless the Lord, O my soul!" (Psalm 103:22)

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