

# **Voice of Thanksgiving**

## **Calling a Company of Believers Together for Prayer**

Inner Court Ministries

For the Week of October 24, 2004

### **A Call to Prayer**

Jesus Christ teaches the importance of prayer by His urgency to His disciples to pray. But He shows us more than that. He shows how far prayer enters into the purposes of God. We must ever keep in mind that the relation of Jesus Christ to God is the relation of asking and giving, the Son ever asking, the Father ever giving. We must never forget that God has put the conquering, inheriting and expanding forces of Christ's cause in prayer. "Ask of me, and I will give thee the heathen for thy inheritance, and the uttermost part of the earth for thy possession."

from reality in Prayer by E.M. Bounds

### **This Week in Prayer**

- Pray for Israel. It is time to pray for Israel; time for her to come to her place as a people, a land, and a city. They have been denied their place and name for too long. Now is the time for prayer. Even as Daniel prayed for Israel to return from captivity, today we must pray for Israel in effect to return from the captivity of spiritual blindness. Will you pray?

***And they shall call them The Holy People,  
The Redeemed of the Lord;  
And you shall be called Sought Out,  
A City Not Forsaken.***  
Isaiah 62:12 (NKJV)

- The persecution of Christians continues. There are places where accepting Christ could result in loss of job, homes, and even life. The persecution of our brothers is ours as well. Will you pray?

***Remember the prisoners as if chained  
with them--those who are mistreated--since  
you yourselves are in the body also.***  
Hebrews 13:3 (NKJV)

- Pray for support for the outreaches and ministries of your church and Inner Court Ministries. God works in conjunction with prayer.
- Pray for the national elections. In the United States, the elections are November 2. This is a very important election for the United States. It could have repercussions across America and the world. Please ask God for His plans, goals, and desires. Then pray for His will be done.

- Pray for the ***Brotherhood Beyond Boundaries*** Conference in Poland, June 24-26, 2005.
- Pray for the ministry of the ICM eV (our German Verein). The Verein conference will be in Germany, June 16-18, 2005.

### **Continue Earnestly in Prayer**

God continues to open new doors of opportunity to this ministry and our friends. This section is a place to report specific request for prayer. Please continue earnestly in prayer for these friends and their ministry.

DK Limbu Daniel – Who was here in Longmont a few weeks ago, writes, Pray for the New Life Faith Seminar November 1-4 and New Life Youth Convention November 10-14 in Nepal. Pray for God's best be manifested to the people in conventions and anointing for the speaker and participants. Pray for provision for buying motorbikes for pastors working on the southern plan. A used bike is \$400 and new is \$1200-1400.

Jacek Gromadzki – Jack and Agnes are a young couple who pastor a church plant in a town about 30 or 40 minutes from Koszalin, Poland. Remember this church, pray for the 20 members, saved and baptized by the end of the year.

Marianne Burns – Marianne is a missionary to China with Campus Crusade for Christ. Remember Marianne and the work with students at a university in China.

### **Praying Always for You**

Pray for one another, pray for filling of wisdom and understanding.

***Who is wise and understanding among you?  
Let him show by good conduct that his works  
are done in the meekness of wisdom.  
But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts,  
do not boast and lie against the truth.  
This wisdom does not descend from above,  
but is earthly, sensual, demonic.  
For where envy and self-seeking exist,  
confusion and every evil thing are there.  
But the wisdom that is from above is first pure,  
then peaceable, gentle,  
willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits,  
without partiality and without hypocrisy.  
Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.***

James 3:13-18 (NKJV)

## **Imperative Importance of the Work of Prayer**

### **Time to Listen**

By David Williamson

The foundation we prepare determines the buildings we build. This is a simple statement, but one often forgotten. The Christian knows there can be no other foundation on which to build than Jesus Christ.

***For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.***

1 Cor. 3:11 (NKJV)

He alone is the sure foundation for a spiritual life. A life built on any other foundation will fall. Many of the wrecked lives around us are from foundation failure. People have built buildings, often very impressive buildings, but the foundation is not secure and their life falls apart. Riches, fame, power, man made religions, and other lifestyle and belief systems cannot create a sound foundation. The Bible and life experience make this clear, there is no successful foundation than Jesus Christ.

So we know, but do we, do we know? Many claim the foundation, but are on other than Christ Jesus. Yes, it is true they name Him as Lord. They sing about Him, talk about Him, call on Him when in distress, but their foundation is no foundation.

***“But why do you call Me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do the things which I say?  
Whoever comes to Me, and hears My sayings and does them,  
I will show you whom he is like: He is like a man building a house,  
who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock.  
And when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently against that house,  
and could not shake it, for it was founded on the rock.  
But he who heard and did nothing is like a man who built a house on the earth  
without a foundation, against which the stream beat vehemently;  
and immediately it fell. And the ruin of that house was great.”***

Luke 6:46-49 (NKJV)

It is time to pray. The hour begs and demands, men and women of prayer. The time is short and the need is great, it is time to pray. Prayer, like the foundation of our faith, must rest on Jesus Christ. Like the man building a house, we must build on the foundation.

Today there are many foundations for prayer, but seldom the foundation of Jesus Christ. We long for Bible promised results, but fall far short. Our prayers avail little. Many have forsaken prayer, never to fail in prayer, by never praying. Ritual and words take the place of prayer. What about your foundation, is your prayer life built on the foundation of Jesus Christ?

How do we check our prayer life foundation? There are many answers to this question, because there are many aspects to prayer. Prayer is devotion, worship, adoration, expression of faith. Prayer is also self-contained projects, framed fore and aft, by asking and answer. To clarify this, look at an example, last year the request was for prayer for the ***Brotherhood Beyond Boundaries Conference*** in Poland, June 2004. For weeks and weeks, this was one of our projects. In June 2004,

God answered our prayers with a wonderful conference, pastors from the East (with wives) came, and they were blessed and a blessing. This was a prayer project.

Today there is a call for this company once again to pray. The new prayer project is the 2005 **Brotherhood Beyond Boundaries Conference**. It would be easy to pray for this conference based on last year's conference. The conference in 2004 was a success, so give us the 2005 conference. What is our foundation? Look once again at Jesus' story of the foundations.

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Are we praying for this conference based on anything other than hearing and doing what the Lord says? If so, then our prayer is not on the foundation. One, often overlooked, key to success in prayer is to hear what the Lord is saying. We call Lord, Lord, but do not hear the things He says. The Lord is speaking, in the story of building on the foundation, of doing what He says, but so often in prayer, we are not only guilty of not doing, but fail even to hear. If you are responsible for the 2005 **Brotherhood Beyond Boundaries Conference**, and some of you are, do you know what the Lord is saying about this conference? Are we listening in prayer?

Apply this to the prayer projects of which you are responsible, the more you listen, the more you will hear responsibility, have you heard what He is saying? Has the failure to listen, placed our prayer projects off the foundation? Return to your prayer closet and listen. What is He saying? What would He have you do, in prayer and action?

The time has come for checking our foundation.  
Time to listen in prayer

## ***Joining This Company***

All Christians who will pray are welcome. **Voice of Thanksgiving** is sent by e-mail or letter to all who will commit to prayer as members of this company. It is a guide to challenge us and direct our prayers. The fee for joining is your commitment to pray. Please join us in praying for the nations. To join send an e-mail with the word JOIN for the subject. Tell your friends and prayer partners about **Voice of Thanksgiving**. We are gathering a company of believers who pray. Together we will reach nations for Jesus Christ.

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