

# Voice of Thanksgiving

## Calling a Company of Believers Together for Prayer

Inner Court Ministries

For the Week of February 6, 2005

### **A Call to Prayer**

True praying, be it remembered, is not mere sentiment, nor poetry, nor eloquent utterance. Nor does it consist of saying in honeyed cadences, "Lord, Lord." Prayer is not a mere form of words; it is not just calling upon a Name. Prayer is obedience. It is founded on the adamant rock of obedience to God. Only those who obey have the right to pray. Behind the praying must be the doing; and it is the constant doing of God's will in daily life which gives prayer its potency, as our Lord plainly taught:

*"Not every one which saith unto Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven, but he that doeth the will of My Father which is in heaven. Many will say unto Me in that day, Lord, have we not prophesied in Thy Name, and in Thy Name have cast out devils? And in Thy Name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you; depart from Me, ye that worketh iniquity."*

*Necessity in Prayer* E.M. Bounds

### **This Week in Prayer**

- When we tell Christians about the **Brotherhood Beyond Boundaries Conference**, they are astounded. They hear the ring of true Christianity; they hear the voice of the Father calling to His children. Christians working with one another is one hallmark of Christianity. Christians from East and West working together is a very powerful statement of love and community. This is not West telling East what to do, but brothers and sisters celebrating the love of God, that has, is, and will make a difference in people. This is the church at its best. The **Brotherhood Beyond Boundaries Conference** is possible, due to the support of people who have caught its vision, Christians working together to bring the Gospel to people in towns and cities around the world. Your prayers and support make the conference, as well as other ministry outreaches and activities possible. Thank you for praying and giving. Please continue, perhaps God will do even more with this conference and the deep and lasting relationships it has fostered.
- **Rise Up O People of God! – Calling the Believing Church to Victorious and Effective Prayer in the Last Days!** This is the theme of the ICM e.V. conference, June 2005. Pray for completion of all the details of planning a conference from 5000 miles away. Pray for the churches and people who will participate.
- Pray for Israel. God has promised His people Israel will know His name. Pray for the eyes opened to see the redeemer.

## **Souls from Every Nation**

We have prayed for many people and events, this has been good, but it is imperative we pray for the lost to be saved. There is no higher or more important calling for those who pray.

## **Continue Earnestly in Prayer**

Please continue earnestly in prayer for these ministries and outreaches.

**DK Limbu Daniel** – Pray for wisdom and safety. Daniel lives and works in an area where living for Jesus is not a slogan, but a daily activity. Many people in Nepal, such as the Maoists would remove every evidence of Christ and His followers. Beatings, threats, and death are possible. Please pray for our brothers and sisters as they walk out their faith boldly. Pray that Daniel and those around him, would be wise in all they do. Pray for daily safety.

***For we do not want you to be ignorant, brethren,  
of our trouble which came to us in Asia: that we were burdened beyond measure,  
above strength, so that we despaired even of life.  
Yes, we had the sentence of death in ourselves,  
that we should not trust in ourselves but in God who raises the dead,  
who delivered us from so great a death, and does deliver us;  
in whom we trust that He will still deliver us,  
you also helping together in prayer for us,  
that thanks may be given by many persons on our behalf  
for the gift granted to us through many.***

2 Cor. 1:8-11 (NKJV)

**Mark Spencer** – Mark will be traveling to Poland, Belarus, and Lithuania in February and March meeting with pastors from the **Brotherhood Beyond Boundaries Conference**. Mark will be in Poland February 24 through March 2. Marek Kaminski and Mark will go to Belarus March 3 through March 6, and Lithuania, March 6 through March 9. Mark will return home on March 10. Please pray for a visa for Mark to enter Belarus.

**Marek Kaminski** – Marek has a very busy schedule for the next few months. Pray for him and his ministry. He will be in Sweden February 15-20, March with Mark Spencer in Belarus and Lithuania, April in Ukraine, June 16-18 translating for David Wilkerson, June 24-26 hosting the BBB conference. Pray for his family to go with him to Australia in July. Marek has responsibilities in many areas and asks for prayer. He oversees nine major ministries in Poland.

**Marianne Burns** – Marianne is a missionary to China with Campus Crusade for Christ. Pray for the work on several campuses and an upcoming special presentation for students (there are no English majors on some campus and so all outreach must be in Chinese).

**John Coon** – John will be traveling to Poland June 3 through 12. He will meet with Marek in Koszalin for a few days. He will then be ministering to and with many of the pastors throughout this region. Many of these men and women John has worked with for many years.

**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. Jack sent me this email this week.

On January 28, we'll sign a contract to purchase our property. I believe, its possible because you prayed for the project and helped us finance it. Thank you so much for your heart. Thank you for listing us in "Voice of Thanksgiving" and – in this way – informing other believers about our needs. Prayers of believers are powerful. I'd like to ask you about next information of our church in "Voice of Thanksgiving". We're still praying in faith about more people. We'd like to see the saving of new people in our city. We work on it, but we need God's grace, more and more. I can see that people in our church need help in that work, encouragement, support, and to see fruits of work. Prayers are powerful so, please, remember us. Jack

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

### **"3Rs" of Prayer**

A building must have a good foundation if it is to last. Jesus taught the fate of any building lacking this key ingredient, destruction. The same is true for prayer. Without a firm foundation, prayer will be ship wrecked and fail when facing difficulties and pressure. There can be no other foundation in all of our Christian life than Jesus Christ. However, beyond Him some basics build on this foundation. Basics that makes a prayer life possible and successful. Like many basics, these are simple, summed up in short phrases, but take a lifetime to plumb their depth and breadth. The simple phrase the "3Rs" is the basics of education. Reading, writing, and arithmetic are the basic building blocks of education. Students from kindergarten to those earning a PhD, still learn based on these basics. In prayer, the basics are relationship, regular, and reality.

***And he said unto them, When ye pray, say,  
Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.  
Luke 11:2 (KJV)***

### **Relationship**

When the Disciples asked Jesus to teach them to pray, He began with relationship, "Our Father". We joke that everyone prays. For example, "They will never take prayer out of schools as long as there are tests in schools." However, although everyone prays, few people really pray. Prayers for most people are just words, words said at various times. Prayer, real prayer, is relationship. Our Father listens to His children. He would like to listen to all children, but He listens to His children. When you study the life story of great men and women of prayer, one of the constant aspects of their life is their close relationship with their heavenly Father. If we desire to pray, if we choose to pray prayers for answers, we must build our prayer life on relationship with our Father.

### **Regular**

When Jesus taught His disciples to pray He said, "When you pray." The second point of our basics of prayer is regular prayer. Success in prayer comes from regular times of prayer with the Father. When we spend time with Him, regular time, there is a growth in prayer. Often people's prayer life is

based on emergencies. They pray when they have an emergency. Growth in prayer comes not from the emergency, but the regular practice. God hears even one prayer, but prayer is also learned. We learn to pray, striving to pray like Jesus, by regular, constant prayer.

***Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication,  
with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;***

Philip. 4:6 (NKJV)

***Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving;***

Col. 4:2 (NKJV)

### **Reality**

There is a lot of talk about reality today. The reality craze has even swept across American TV. People are placed in unique places and situation, then the audience watches them deal with problems. This is called reality. It is not real, but a new form of the dare devil shows that have been around for years. People will do anything for a price and people will pay to watch them do it. This is not reality; true reality is what God says in His Word. Reality is He is who He says He is. Reality is we are who He says we are. Success in prayer comes to those who learn His reality. It is for those who walk and talk with God in reality. Prayer is agreeing with God. Prayer is agreeing with God regardless of the situation. Bills are due, someone is sick, or someone needs salvation, no mater what the situation, reality in prayer says God and what He says is true. This brings answers to prayer.

**Are the “3Rs” of prayer in place in your prayer life?**

### **Joining This Company**

All Christians who will pray are welcome. Voice of Thanksgiving is available by e-mail to all who will commit to prayer as members of this company. Voice of Thanksgiving 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. Also, tell your friends and prayer partners about Voice of Thanksgiving. We are gathering a company of believers who will pray. Together we will reach nations for Jesus Christ.

To receive Voice of Thanksgiving  
Send an e-mail with word JOIN in the subject line to  
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Visit our interactive forums located at: <http://www.feargod.com/forum/>

There you will find information about many of the people and outreaches of Inner Court Ministries. Explore what God is doing with this ministry; ask questions, find answers, post your prayer requests and answers to prayer. The forum is growing as a source of information and as an interactive tool for Christians around the world. Our friends “talk” to one another, sharing what God has done, is doing, and will soon do. Come explore the forums and link up with other Christians and ministries. This is another tool used in

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