

Voice of Thanksgiving
Calling a Company of Believers Together for Prayer
Inner Court Ministries

For the Week of May 22, 2005

A Call to Prayer

“If Jacob’s desire had been given him in time for him to get a good night’s sleep he might never have become the prince of prayers we know today. If Hannah’s prayer for a son had been answered at the time she set for herself, the nation might never have known the mighty man of God it found in Samuel. Hannah wanted only a son, but God wanted more. He wanted a prophet, and a saviour, and a ruler for His people. Someone said that ‘God had to get a woman before He could get a man.’ This woman He got in Hannah precisely by those weeks and months and years there came a woman with a vision like God’s, with tempered soul and gentle spirit and a seasoned will, prepared to be the kind of a mother for the kind of a man God knew the nation needed.”—W. E. BINDERWOLF

This Week in Prayer

- ***Rise Up O People of God! – A Seminar on Prayer*** this is the theme of the ICM e.V. conference, June 2005. The conference plans are coming together; please continue to pray for this conference. Pray for those who will speak at this conference, pray that His message will burn in their hearts, and burst forth as a mighty fire at the conference.

*And they said to one another,
“Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road,
and while He opened the Scriptures to us?”*

Luke 24:32 (NKJV)

*This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you,
that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.*

1 John 1:5 (NKJV)

*For this is the message that you heard from the beginning,
that we should love one another,*

1 John 3:11 (NKJV)

- Pray for the ***Brotherhood Beyond Boundaries Conference***. Pray for support for the conference and continued support for the pastors supported by this outreach. This meeting of East and West is a very powerful opportunity for growth and strengthening of the church.

that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love,

*and attaining to all riches of the full assurance of understanding,
to the knowledge of the mystery of God, both of the Father and of Christ,
in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.*

Col. 2:2-3 (NKJV)

- Pray for Israel, they long for redemption from their troubles.

Praise the Lord!

*Blessed is the man who fears the Lord,
Who delights greatly in His commandments.
His descendants will be mighty on earth;
The generation of the upright will be blessed.*

Psalm 112:1-2 (NKJV)

Continue Earnestly in Prayer

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.

Marek Kaminski – Marek has responsibilities in many areas as a husband and father, as pastor of his church, as a leader of his denomination in Poland, and as leader of Brotherhood Beyond Boundaries and the work with pastors. Please pray that God will direct him and give him wisdom.

Mark Spencer – Mark has responsibilities in many areas as a husband and father, as pastor of his church, as leader of *Brotherhood Beyond Boundaries* and the work with pastors, and as leader of the German Verein ICM e.V. the sponsor of the *Rise Up O People of God! – A Seminar on Prayer*. Please pray that God will direct him and give him wisdom.

For “who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?”

But we have the mind of Christ.

1 Cor. 2:16 (NKJV)

Marianne Burns – Marianne is getting married! She and David Dean will be married May 28, 2005.

A quick update: Just two weeks ago, my bosses Jeff and Sandy sat me down and encouraged me to consider leaving East Asia a little early to give me more time to rest and plan the wedding without having to hurry as much. I really prayed about the decision-my pride said "No! You can do this, you need to stick it out to the end," but I knew in my heart that this was the Lord "making me lay down in green pastures," (Psalm 23). After I made the decision, it was amazing the way every detail fell into place-from getting a plane ticket, to getting rid of two-years worth of stuff, to saying goodbye to my Chinese friends (definitely difficult), to winding up with my team and making sure every responsibility was taken care of. I am still amazed at the way the Lord got it all done in such a short period of time! In the midst, the ministry on our campus continues to flourish (just showing that God uses me when he wants to but certainly doesn't NEED me in order to do great things in East Asia!). We sent 15 students on a 5-day mission trip to a nearby village (last year only 4 students were interested and able to go!), and I haven't heard

all the details yet, but it seems they saw a lot of fruit and will come back with hearts full of faith in what the Lord can do! As I hear more details about this trip, I will send them out! That is just ONE example of the BIG things we see the Lord doing, and I get to be one of YOU now as I pray for the things that are happening over there from the other side of the world. :)

DK Limbu Daniel – Pray for Pastor Daniel and his ministry in Nepal. Pray for, church buildings, training school, support for new pastors and missionary families in new areas of Nepal, adoption of a little girl, and travel into eastern Nepal to meet with the churches there.

Your Home Church – Pray for your home church, that it would have great fruit in the work of saving people in your city. Pray for your church to be active in the work of saving people.

*For He says: "In an acceptable time I have heard you,
And in the day of salvation I have helped you.
Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.
2 Cor. 6:2 (NKJV)*

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. Pray for the outreach of this church in their town and area of Poland.

Joyce Abrahamson – Joyce is a missionary working in Brazil. She runs a school for children and a Bible school. Pray for protection, anointing, and provision.

Imperative Importance of the Work of Prayer

Blessing of Prayer David Williamson

It is difficult to live in a fallen world. It is a world of tragedies, death, and destruction. Satan kills, steals, and destroys. Daily we confront results of the fall. With this confrontation comes a realization of the helplessness of humans. We cannot stop the tragedies, as humans we stand impotent before the onslaught of death. Many people come to realize the state of man and fall into a state of despair. Is there no hope for me, no hope for mankind?

Into this desperation comes the ray of light, God has made provision for man. He has opened the door to a new and wonderful world, the world of His kingdom and domain. For now, we live in the world of death and destruction, but we no longer are a part of its sting. Yet, though we are part of something better, we still see death and destruction around us. This can be so frustrating. The best of the social Gospel is a response to the pain and suffering of our fellow man. It is impossible to see their suffering and not respond; help must come and work to alleviate the suffering. The great works of man have come from the social Gospel motivations. Christians reaching out to help those in need founded the great hospitals, schools, and social works.

This is good and another indication of how the Gospel of Jesus Christ changes people. However, there is more. God has put compassion in our hearts, compassion to reach out to others, but He has

given much more. He has given us prayer. He has made prayer the foundation for compassionate outreach. To reach out to this world, filled with death and destruction, takes more than just work, it take prayer. By prayer, God reaches out with us and through us to make a true difference in our lives. It is by prayer men begin and sustain the great compassionate acts. It is prayer that makes the outreach possible.

***If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you,
you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.
By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.***
John 15:7-8 (NKJV)

Your call to prayer is a call to bring life to the dead, hope to hopeless, and salvation to the lost. The blessing of prayer is that God moves by prayer, He touches lives in response to our plea. No longer must we stand by and watch as people suffer, no longer must destruction rule. The men and women who will pray will not meekly watch as life goes by. The blessing of prayer is provision, hope, and life.

God is calling you today, will you pray. Will you invest your life, touching Heaven for the world around you? The prayer closet is not the place to hide, but the center of power that opens the doors for salvation and deliverance. Christianity is among many things, a call to serve our fellow man, but the fulfillment of this call is by the empowerment of prayer.

The blessing to man is help. The source of help is prayer. Today, as the world watches hoping for some deliverance from destruction, men and women are crying for Christians to be a real tangible source of assistance. The world may not know where help will come from, but they are desperate for deliverance. The power to reach out, the power to effect change, the power to save, comes from prayer. The blessing of prayer is seeing the power of God change, life-by-life, men and women, from kingdom of darkness to Kingdom of Light.

Blessing of Prayer

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 david@innercourt.com

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I would like to hear from you. Post your prayer requests and answers and pray for the requests of others.

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