

# Voice of Thanksgiving

## Calling a Company of Believers Together for Prayer

Inner Court Ministries

For the Week of August 28, 2005

### *A Call to Prayer*

Prayer reaches up to heaven, and brings heaven down to earth. Prayer has in its hands a double blessing. It rewards him who prays, and blesses him who is prayed for. It brings peace to warring passions and calms warring elements. Tranquillity is the happy fruit of true praying. There is an inner calm which comes to him who prays and an outer calm as well. Prayer creates “quiet and peaceable lives in all godliness and honesty.” E. M. Bounds from *Essentials of Prayer*

### *Continue Earnestly in Prayer*

Pray for these men, women, and ministries. The Holy Spirit is looking for partners who will join with these ministries in prayer and support to reach nations for Jesus Christ.

**John Coon** – John will be in Austria October 4-12. He will be ministering in churches and with individuals including meetings with Christian businessmen in Innsbruck.

**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. Joyce requests prayer for the effectiveness of the outreach and for finances needed for the ministry.

**Marianne and David Dean** – Marianne and David are in school together preparing to return to the mission field. Pray for men and women to embrace their vision for reaching East Asia and support them with finances and prayer. Pray for endurance and energy as they travel around the southeast telling people about what they are doing.

**Jacek Gromadzki** – The church in Kolobrzeg, Poland bought their building in January. They are now restoring the building. They have an opportunity to buy a plot of land next to their property, which would be a great place for children ministry and as a witness to the community.

**The Inntal Prayer Initiative** - Inner Court Ministries e.V. and various Churches of the Rosenheim area sponsored “Rise Up O People of God! – A Seminar on Prayer” June 2005. This seminar called churches of the region together for encouragement and prayer. One result was a renewed and strengthened desire for revival. From Innsbruck to Rosenheim, people are praying for revival, please join in prayer for revival in the Inntal.

**The Brotherhood Beyond Boundaries Conference** - The Theme of the June 2005 conference was “Preparing for Revival”, Pastors and their wives from seven countries (Poland, Germany,

Belarus, Lithuania, Latvia, Scotland, and the United States) gathered together to hear from God and be refreshed in His presence. Please join with these men and women in praying for revival.

**DK Limbu Daniel** – Pray for Pastor Daniel and his ministry in Nepal. Prayer is needed for, church building, 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.

**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. which is 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.

**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. Pray for plans and outreaches for your church for this fall and opportunities for ministry.

**Pray for Israel** – This is a very difficult time for the people and nation.

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

#### **Transforming Dreams into Reality (part 4)**

David Williamson

Prayer and the Christian life must have vision, a vision that transforms dreams into reality. Too many people have no vision for their day-to-day life or for the long range. People drift from this to that with no purpose or plan. When they reach milestones in their life, turning 40 or 50, birth or marriage of a child, the death of a friend or love one, they are confronted with the fragility and shortness of life. It is often very traumatic because they do not have a vision; they have been just drifting along. They have not been transforming their dreams into reality.

***Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.***

Proverbs 29:18 (KJV)

Jesus was and is a man of vision. He was able to look to the end of the age as well as looking to the needs of people for their daily bread. He was and is the practical visionary. He understood and was compassionate to the needs of people, and their daily needs. He was noted for feeding the 4000 and 5000 and He healed people so often that people came from far and wide just to be near Him. One noted example was the lady with the issue of blood; she had heard about Jesus and was convinced that if she could just touch His garments she would be healed. The problem was getting close as there were multitudes there crushing in around Jesus.

Jesus still has a vision of meeting the daily needs of people, He taught us to pray for our daily needs.

*In this manner, therefore, pray:  
Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.  
Your kingdom come. Your will be done  
On earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts,  
As we forgive our debtors.  
And do not lead us into temptation,  
But deliver us from the evil one.  
For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*  
Matthew 6:9-13 (NKJV)

Jesus also has a vision for the future. His life, death, and resurrection were for the future fulfillment of His vision. He willingly endured death on the cross, to be the first born of many brothers. He prepared the way so that men and women everywhere could follow Him.

*For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son,  
that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.*  
John 3:16 (NKJV)

That is a huge long term vision.

Christian history is filled with men and women of vision. They have seen the goal and given all for the obtaining of that goal. The missionaries who sought to reach distant lands for Christ, the hard working pastor who has built a church from scratch, one soul at a time, and the evangelist who has poured out his life, working the fields white and ready for harvest, have been people of vision.

However, the question is; what about you? Do you have a vision for tomorrow and all the tomorrows that will follow? Having a vision and working that vision to transform dreams to reality, is not just for a few select people it is for all of us. Each of us should pursue the transformation of dreams into reality and this is working toward fulfillment of the vision.

Jesus has a vision for you and your working of His vision. He has placed in your heart the desire to do the work that will complete, together with many others, the work of His vision.

*And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets,  
some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,  
for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry,  
for the edifying of the body of Christ,  
till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God,  
to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;  
that we should no longer be children,  
tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine,  
by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting,  
but, speaking the truth in love,  
may grow up in all things into Him who is the head--Christ—*  
Ephes. 4:11-15 (NKJV)

He has equipped you and placed in your heart what you need work your vision which is part of His vision. The working of His vision is not a grievous thing, but a joy. He has tailor made your part and your heart. He has laid down the lines for you in pleasant places.

***The lines have fallen to me in pleasant places;***

***Yes, I have a good inheritance.***

Psalm 16:6 (NKJV)

He knows you and what you can do and what you will enjoy. He also has sent the Holy Spirit to work with you, training and teaching you to successfully complete the full call of God.

Your dreams can be transformed into reality. God has placed the dreams in your heart and prepared a way to walk them through to completion. Find His vision for you and begin to walk it out.

***Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly,***

***nor standeth in the way of sinners,***

***nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.***

***But his delight is in the law of the Lord;***

***and in his law doth he meditate day and night.***

***And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water,***

***that bringeth forth his fruit in his season;***

***his leaf also shall not wither;***

***and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.***

Psalm 1:1-3 (KJV)

Dreams becoming reality, this is possible and is our destiny. The question is, will you walk out your dreams and transform them to reality. The people with excellence of vision, excellence of practice, excellence of choice, and excellence of character cannot be stopped.

### **Excellence of Vision for the Transformation of Dreams into Reality**

#### **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.

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