

# Voice of Thanksgiving

## Calling a Company of Believers Together for Prayer

Inner Court Ministries

For the Week of December 18, 2005

### *A Call to Prayer*

A desire for God which cannot break the chains of sleep is a weak thing and will do but little good for God after it has indulged itself fully. The desire for God that keeps so far behind the devil and the world at the beginning of the day will never catch up.

E. M. Bounds from *Power through 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 reaching nations for Jesus Christ. Pray for open doors of opportunity for the Gospel.

*And give Him no rest till He establishes  
And till He makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth.*

Isaiah 62:7 (NKJV)

**Joyce Abrahamson** – Pray for Joyce who is committed to the vision of sharing Jesus with the poor, neglected children in the jungle settlement of Proto Velho, Rondonia, Brazil. Pray especially for laborers to be called to this ministry, for finances, and for the children, the students in the first five grades of the school Joyce directs.

**DK Limbu Daniel** – Pray for Pastor Daniel and his ministry in Nepal. Nepal is in the mist of a great move of God; continue to pray for this land. Pray for pastors, churches, and training schools. Pray for pastors and the work in new areas of Nepal. Pray for protection for Christians and favor with the government.

*Editor's note: This is a very special time in this part of the world. God is moving in powerful ways across the region of South Asia.*

- *Please spend extra time in prayer for Pastor Daniel and the many ministries in the region.*
- *Several members of the **Voice of Thanksgiving** Company will be in India in the next few months. Please be praying for outreaches in India in addition to your prayers for the rest of the area.*

*For as the earth brings forth its bud,  
As the garden causes the things that are sown in it to spring forth,  
So the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.*

Isaiah 61:11 (NKJV)

**John Coon** – John will be returning again to Poland May 1 through 9, 2006. This will be a special time of ministry with pastors from Poland and with a friend of John's from fifteen years ago.

**The Inntal Prayer Initiative** – Continue to pray for revival in the Inntal, our prayers are making a difference. From Innsbruck, Austria to Rosenheim, Germany people are praying for revival, join in this prayer for the Inntal. It is a very important time for Germany, as it is for all of Europe, the times demand Christian prayer. Pray for revival, pray for the church, pray for men and women to be saved.

The churches started with a monthly prayer meeting with all the free-churches together. It is always at the last Friday of the month. The meeting in November is in Brothaus church and the meeting in December is in a Lutheran church. The main reason they started these prayer meetings is a big evangelistic crusade in some European countries called "Pro Christ". The main meeting will be in Munich in the "Olympia Halle" from there the program will be transferred via satellite to hundreds of cities in Germany and to some European countries. Pro Christ will be every evening from March 19 to 26th 2006.

**The Brotherhood Beyond Boundaries Conference** – It is time to begin praying for the 2006 BBB conference. Pray for the men and women who will come to the 2006 conference, this is the time of God's preparation. God has great plans for this conference and plans for touching the nations through this event.

**Jacek Gromadzki** – The church in Kolobrzeg, Poland continues to reach out to the community. Pray for their boldness of faith and ministry.

**Marianne and David Dean** – Marianne and David are traveling in the United States meeting with people sharing their vision for ministry. Pray for men and women to embrace their vision for reaching East Asia and support them with finances and prayer.

**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 of your church this holiday season.

**Pray for Israel** to see the Messiah who has come. Pray for their eyes to be opened and behold Jesus Christ, the Messiah.

*From the end of the earth I will cry to You,  
When my heart is overwhelmed;  
Lead me to the rock that is higher than I.*

Psalm 61:2 (NKJV)

## *Imperative Importance of the Work of Prayer*

### **Standing Perfect and Complete**

David Williamson

The Christmas tree is a beautiful symbol of the Christmas season. There is something special, an excitement that comes with a Christmas tree. Perhaps the excitement is based on memories from when we were young, daily watching presents gather under the tree. Perhaps the tree has other memories, special gatherings of loved ones or special church services. The Christmas tree evokes memories and thus is a special part of the Christmas season celebration.

Part of my memories of Christmas comes from memories of special Christmas trees. Some times these memories come from events that surround getting the tree. One year my family had a permit to cut a tree in the National Forest, so we walked deep into the forest and found just the perfect tree. My Dad and I cut down the tree, carried and slid the tree through deep snow back to our car.

As a boy several other trees have stuck in my memory and although it has been many years these trees are still listed in my memory as great trees. For example, when I lived in Greeley Colorado there were some people up the street who always had great trees. Their trees were very beautiful and unusual. They often had very large trees and they used Ponderosa Pine. Most of the Christmas trees I have seen were a short or relatively short needled tree; this tree was a long needled pine. They would decorate these large trees with lights, ornaments, and huge dark red cloth bows.

For me one of the features of a great Christmas tree is the way it is decorated. Sometimes the tree is just so beautiful that any decoration would be okay, on most trees it is the decorations that makes it special. The rules of decoration of trees vary from family to family. My Dad always had a very specific progression that we followed, which included first placing the lights, each placed for maximum coverage of the tree, all the way to the final step where each plastic icicle had to be placed carefully and hanging properly. Only then would the tree be perfect and complete.

The perfectly decorated Christmas tree is for me a great memory; it is also a good picture for what God is doing in the life of each Christian. He is making us into the image of Christ, perfect and complete.

***And having been perfected,  
He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him,***  
Hebrews 5:9 (NKJV)

***looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith,  
who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross,  
despising the shame,  
and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.***  
Hebrews 12:2 (NKJV)

The Author of our faith is working to arrange every aspect of our life and there is much that needs correction and change. Just like the Christmas tree every branch must receive His special touch. Jesus purchased us by His death and resurrection. This is like my Dad and I finding that special

Christmas tree, cutting it and bringing it home. The Father and His Son sought us out and have brought us into the Father's home. Once Dad and I got the tree home my family had to decorate it from top to bottom, every branch needed work. The Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit are working on every branch of our life to perfect and complete us.

My Dad wanted everything perfect on the tree; the Father wants everything perfect in our life. This is true with every aspect of our life, including prayer. The Father would like to bring us to a place of abiding with Him in prayer. He is bringing us to the place where we are like Jesus, where we can say with confidence in any situation; Father I know you always hear me.

***And I know that You always hear Me,  
but because of the people who are standing by I said this,  
that they may believe that You sent Me."***

John 11:42 (NKJV)

We can and must come to the point where our prayers are perfected to be just like Jesus'. This is not a sudden fix, but a process. Dad and I cut the tree down in just a minute, it took hours to perfect and complete the tree. In a moment you were born again, however perfecting is a process of a lifetime.

***Epaphras, who is one of you, a bondservant of Christ,  
greet you, always laboring fervently for you in prayers,  
that you may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.***

Col. 4:12 (NKJV)

### **Stand Perfect and Complete in All the Will of God**

Editor note: ***Voice of Thanksgiving*** has a new home! VoT now has a website of its own, [www.voiceofthanksgiving.com](http://www.voiceofthanksgiving.com). This website has the current and a past issue of VoT and an archive of articles from the section *Imperative Importance of the Work of Prayer*. The monthly issues of ***Stimme der Dankbarkeit***, the German monthly version of VoT are also available here.

### **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 [dave@voiceofthanksgiving.com](mailto:dave@voiceofthanksgiving.com)

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