

Voice of Thanksgiving

Calling a Company of Believers Together for Prayer

Inner Court Ministries

For the Week of January 22, 2006

A Call to Prayer

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Oswald Chamber from *Workmen of God*

Continue Earnestly in Prayer

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

Isaiah 62:7 (NKJV)

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.

William Williamson – Pray for his trip to India, Bill is a pastor in Eastern Colorado, he and his team will be in India February 14 through 25, 2006. Pray for the arrangements for the trip, every connection, every contact, and every aspect of their travels and ministry.

Your Home Church – Pray for outreach to the lost of your town. Pray for new outreach, for your church to share the Gospel message with men and women of your community.

John Coon – Pray for John who has ministered in Europe and Eastern Europe for more than twenty-five years and his trip to Poland May 1 through 9, 2006. Pray for good ministry opportunities.

DK Limbu Daniel – Pray for Pastor Daniel and the pastors he works with in Nepal. Pray for a continuation of revival across this region.

Pray for Israel to see the Messiah who has come. Pray for the people, pray for their eyes to be opened to see the Messiah.

The Inntal Prayer Initiative – Pray for the Pro Christ outreach in cities across Germany March 19 to 26, 2006. Pray for the spread of information about this event. Pray for many to respond. The Inntal Prayer Initiative is an outreach of Inner Court Verein (Inner Court Ministries in Germany).

The Brotherhood Beyond Boundaries Conference – Pray for the men and women (pastors from across Europe) coming to the BBB Conference June 2006 in Poland. Pray for the pastors and their work in spreading the Gospel in their home town and area.

Joyce Abrahamson – Pray for her ministry in the jungle settlement of Brazil. Pray for the finances to take care of the many requirement of taking care of these kids.

Jacek Gromadzki – Pray for Jack and the church in Kolobrzeg, Poland, pray for the outreaches of this church. Pray for a change of climate in this town that many would seek to know God and His Gospel.

Marianne and David Dean – Pray for wisdom from God as to their next step in God’s plan for their ministry. David and Marianne have ministered in East Asia.

Marek Kaminski – Pray for Marek and his church in Poland, pray for opportunities to share the Gospel.

Mark Spencer – Pray for wisdom and God’s guidance in plans for spring and summer.

Imperative Importance of the Work of Prayer

A Passion for Souls

David Williamson

There are many things to be said about Jesus; teacher, preacher, healer, prophet, friend, and so much more. He was and is the ultimate Renaissance man, not that He ever had to have a renaissance, He always was and is, fully the God/man complete in every way. There has never been any one even remotely like Him. He is the guide, the standard, for all mankind, and no one ever measures up to Him. The most compassionate person is still far from His compassion. The most zealous person falls far short of His zeal. The greatest healer among men is far from the level of Jesus. He truly is the greatest of all time, and running through His unmatched greatness, is His passion for souls.

All we know about Jesus reveals His great passion for souls. It is amazing to contemplate that God, the Father, so loved people that He gave His son to redeem people from their sins. This Jesus is so passionate; He died and rose from the dead for souls, passion for souls. Jesus’ passion did not end with his ascent into Heaven; He continues today to make intercession for us, passion for souls.

The question then must be asked, how is your passion for souls?

Passion is a powerful thing in men and women; it is able to carry us to greatness or to great evil. Stalin had a passion to destroy anyone who went against his will or challenged his authority. That was an evil and very negative passion. By contrast the great Christian missionaries of history had passion for the souls of the people of the region where they served. Eric Liddell had a passion for souls. He gave up fame to go to China and serve. C.T. Studd gave up fortune to go to China and then later to Africa in response to this passion for souls. We could list hundreds and hundreds of

people who have responded to the call of this passion for souls. Jungles, mountains, plains, valleys, rural areas and cities have been touched by men and women responding to this passion for souls.

I have a friend who has a passion for souls. He spends time in prayer, praying for opportunities and receptive hearts. He then goes out to the place God has directed and talks to people. Regardless of the starting point of the conversation there comes a time when the conversation come to the state of the person's soul. This conversation leads to sharing the Gospel message and often salvation for the person. He works with people who give food to the needy, why, to share the Gospel. He works with people who help the destitute, why, to share the Gospel. His passion for souls directs what he does. He has this passion for souls.

The question then must be asked, how is your passion for souls?

God has called you to a special place and time; it is special just for you and special for those around you. You are the man or woman that fits in God's plan. His plan is for you to be complete in Christ Jesus. He is, by the work of the Holy Spirit, bringing you to be more and more to completion, making you a full package just like Jesus. Jesus works daily in your life as the author and finisher of your faith. He also has planted this passion for souls within you. No matter where you are in walking though God's plan for your life, His process is fostering in you this passion for souls. Whatever your talent, gift, or ability, all is aimed at coming to an all consuming passion for souls.

Those of you, who read this newsletter, have expressed interest in prayer. For some it is a major part of their life and ministry, for others is a smaller part, but for all of us pray should be an out pouring of this passion for souls. Passion for souls comes for some like a bolt of lightning, for other is begins as an ember deep in the heart. However, lightning or ember, God is fanning the fire of this passion for souls. To share the Gospel this passion must burn. To pray with effect this passion must burn. Let the Holy Spirit cultivate your passion, be obedient as He leads.

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