

Voice of Thanksgiving

Calling a Company of Believers Together for Prayer

Inner Court Ministries

For the Week of June 4, 2006

A Call to Prayer

In the Sermon on the Mount, Christ lays down constitutional principles. Types and shadows are retired, and the law of spiritual life is declared. In this foundation law of the Christian system prayer assumes a conspicuous, if not a paramount, position it is not only wide, all-commanding and comprehensive in its own sphere of action and relief, but it is ancillary to all duties. Even the one demanding kindly and discriminating judgment toward others, and also the royal injunction, the Golden Rule of action, these owe their being to prayer.

Christ puts prayer among the statutory promises. He does not leave it to natural law. The law of need, demand and supply, of helplessness, of natural instincts, or the law of sweet, high, attractive privilege—these howsoever strong as motives of action, are not the basis of praying. Christ puts it as spiritual law. Men must pray. Not to pray is not simply a privation, an omission, but a positive violation of law, of spiritual life, a crime, bringing disorder and ruin. Prayer is law world-wide and eternity-reaching.

from the *Reality of Prayer* by E. M. Bounds

Continue Earnestly in Prayer

There is a great stirring in many of the areas of our prayers. God is hearing and responding to our prayers. Now is the time for great diligence in prayer for these nations, ministries, and people, as well as other projects you are a part. This time is one of great darkness coming over people and a time of the great light of the Gospel setting men and nations free. People and nations hang in the balance, will you pray?

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

Isaiah 62:7 (NKJV)

Mark Spencer – Pray for Mark and the teams coming home from the BBB Conference, Poland, and Belarus. Pray for safety and protection provision.

The Brotherhood Beyond Boundaries Conference – Pray for everyone returning from the BBB Conference.

The Inntal Prayer Initiative – Pray for upcoming seminars on prayer. Pray for the Inntal region.

DK Limbu Daniel – Pray for Pastor Daniel and the pastors he works with in Nepal. Pray for the necessary paper work for his up coming trips. Pastor Daniel wrote a few days ago:
Greetings in Jesus' Name!

*We are thankful to God and you for taking us to the throne of Grace.
By the mercy and grace of God we are fine and enjoying His protection and blessing.
In these past few weeks, we saw and experienced His loving kindness and power on our behalf.
God has blessed us with many souls. In this first week of May alone we had 21 baptisms in our ministry. Hallelujah! There are many new fellowships begun in different parts of country. Our missionaries are laboring hard to bring people in His Kingdom.*

Yesterday House of Representatives made historical declaration and people of Nepal applauded that and vehemently welcomed that. Some of the features are:-

- 1. Nepal is henceforth no more a Hindu kingdom but a secular country by constitution (we need to pray that religious freedom most be endorsed to preach, convert and church/ministry registration etc)*
- 2. No more His majesty's government but Nepal Government.*
- 3. No more Royal Nepalese Army but Nepal Army.*
- 4. House of Representatives will have sovereign power over all national issues.*
- 5. The people of Nepal will be source of power not king and any other. Nepalese are citizens no more subjects.*
- 6. King is ceremonial rules only but does not and cannot interfere the issues and matters of government.*

Still there are many challenges lying before this people's mandated government. To bring Maoist in mainstream, manage their weapons, establish peace and harmony, to assure citizens of peace and security, to meet aspiration of people, to present blue print of peace and development are primary.

Our Prayer matters:

A, We have our ministry's eastern regional leaders and pastors conference in one of the church in mountain in May 23 and church visit from 24 to June first week.

B, I have meeting in east Nepal in 24th and visit.

C, I will be going for west Bengal, India to visit our new mission field and to Sikkim to minister in churches.

D, Our building construction work is in progress, construction material cost is shooting up because of unstable economy in country. We are in need of miracles from God for 36000\$ to complete our project. Please list us in your prayer!

E, In this changing situation in New Nepal, the door for opportunity is opened to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ more powerfully. READY FOR THAT.

So please pray for Nepal and for conferences, training nationals, seminars, to teach Bible school, Mission trekking, prayer walks, revival/healing meetings and pray and support our mission efforts, gospel literatures printings etc.

*We wish you spiritual and physical blessing as well as growth.
May God give you sound understanding of His plan and purpose, In Him,
Pastor Deu K Limbu*

Marianne and David Dean – David and Marianne are close to having all of their support.

Pray that the Lord would help us find balance while we invest in friendships here in the States yet remain focused on our goal of returning to East Asia in August. Pray that the Lord will bless our times in his Word and prayer.

Jacek Gromadzki – Pray for Jack and his church in Kolobrzeg, Poland, pray for outreach in Kolobrzeg and this northern part of Poland.

Marek Kaminski – Pray for Marek and his church in Poland, pray for his ministry and duties across the region. Pray for all of the arrangements for the 4th annual BBB Conference.

Joyce Abrahamson – Pray for the school children, their education is important and their introduction to the Lord is imperative. Joyce also writes: *“We are still plagued by rain and mud and depending on God’s power and love to move forward each day. His Name is Wonderful.”*

Your Home Church – Pray for your church and its world view. Pray that they will in ever increasing measure see the nations of the world as white unto harvest. Pray for labors to be thrust forth for the nations.

Pray for Israel – Pray for Israel; the times are difficult for this nation and people.

Imperative Importance of the Work of Prayer

Faithful in Prayer

David Williamson

Have you ever considered the conversations around the camp fires the evenings of the days Israel camped before the gates of Jericho? After the, “How was your day?” and “Did I tell you what Sara said?” the conversation had to turn to, Joshua and the walls of Jericho.

*So he had the ark of the Lord circle the city,
going around it once.
Then they came into the camp and lodged in the camp.*
Joshua 6:11 (NKJV)

*And the second day they marched around the city once
and returned to the camp.
So they did six days.*
Joshua 6:14 (NKJV)

Every night they were in the camp. With no TV, radio, computer games, internet or other modern evening fillers, nothing to do but talked. You know the conversation had to center on Joshua and the walls for Jericho. No one had ever walked around walls of a city and no one had ever done this horn thing that God said they were to do. So what do you suppose they talked about? What do you suppose we would talk about?

The opportunity was there to complain. The opportunity was there for doubt. The opportunity was there for turning against Joshua their leader. Yet they remained faithful and stood with Joshua. We know they stayed faithful, because the walls came done by faith. They stood with Joshua without murmuring or doubt, because nothing destroys faith like murmuring or doubt. Throughout the Bible the sin of people is revealed, but the Bible says nothing of the people murmuring or sin; and the

walls of Jericho came down. The question we face today is what would we have talked about if we had been around those campfires? What would have been the main points of our conversations? How about night five or six?

Often people are not as faithful as these people were. Often murmuring and doubt are a common part of conversations. Notice the conversation of a group of Jews at the time of Jesus:

***Then the Jews sought Him at the feast, and said,
"Where is He?"
And there was much complaining among the people concerning Him.
Some said, "He is good"; others said,
"No, on the contrary, He deceives the people."
However, no one spoke openly of Him for fear of the Jews.***
John 7:11-13 (NKJV)

Often people sound like those of Jesus' time, much complaining among the people. However, the people stood faithful with Joshua and the walls came down.

How about you and me, do we stand firm? In work, do we stand faithful to our boss? In our church, do we stand faithful to the leadership? In prayer, do we stand faithful to God? Paul taught the Thessalonians and expected them to stand faithful.

***Therefore, brethren,
stand fast and hold the traditions which you were taught,
whether by word or our epistle.***
2 Thes. 2:15 (NKJV)

In many areas of life we need to stand faithful, this is especially true in prayer. It is easy to slip away from the faith, to slip into ritual instead of prayer, to slip into murmuring and doubt to be ruled by the many forms of unbelief. But, if we are to be successful, if we are to fulfill our call in prayer, we must stand faithful.

Prayer is for those who will be faithful. Day after day there are distractions designed to cause men and women to drift. We are too busy, too tired, too scared, too much of everything, but prayer. It is not surprising that most people drift in and out, if they come to prayer at all. But this is not enough, prayer, real prayer, is for those who are faithful. Like the Jews with Joshua, every day they returned to the camp, every day they were faithful. The stand of prayer is every day we must be faithful to God and His will.

Prayer demands that everyday we stand in faith, firm in the will of God. God has said he answers prayer those who are effective in prayer stands firm with Him. Although the walls seem to stand, strong and secure, yet for those who stand faithful the seventh day always comes and the walls come down.

***Therefore, my beloved and longed-for brethren, my joy and crown,
so stand fast in the Lord, beloved.***
Philip. 4:1 (NKJV)

Stand fast; stand fast, the words of Paul to the Philippians is true for us today.

A generation of Jews wandered in the wilderness until God had an army of people who would stand with Joshua. Today God is developing, nurturing, and raising an army who will stand fast with Him. For this company the call is to stand fast in prayer, no matter the walls that must be overcome.

*Epaphras, who is one of you, a bondservant of Christ, greets 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)

*Who will rise up for me against the evildoers?
Who will stand up for me against the workers of iniquity?*

Psalm 94:16 (NKJV)

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