

# *Voice of Thanksgiving*

Calling a Company of Believers Together for Prayer

For the Week of March 18, 2007

***Lord, You have heard the desire of the humble;  
You will prepare their heart;  
You will cause Your ear to hear,***  
Psalm 10:17 (NKJV)

## ***The Life of Prayer***

**Answers Even with a Wait**  
David Williamson

We all have memories of Christmases past. There are many things that can make a Christmas special and all of our special memories include some combination of these. For me there was very special year. It was a Christmas to remember; at least it is one I will always remember. It was not the year of beautiful snowfall or a lovely home perfectly decorated. It was not the year of special visits from family and friends or even wonderful food and treats. It was the year I wanted a Chemistry lab. As a boy I was blessed with a great Christmas year after year. My parents were great to all of us kids; they asked us for a list of things we wanted and most year we got it all or at least they got deep into the list. Christmas mornings, when we open our gifts, were joyful celebrations.

The celebration one year was nearly overwhelming. Early in the fall of that year I made out my Christmas list. There were some of the usual items; most years I asked for a car (even though I would not be driving for years). I asked for some other things now long forgotten. However there was one item on my list I will always remember. I saw a chemistry lab in a catalog and began to long for this. Throughout the fall I fell in love with mixing chemicals and doing experiments and my desire grew and grew. By Thanksgiving I wanted this lab! I can remember asking my Mom about this lab and the likelihood that I would get it for Christmas. I also remember that the days before Christmas just drug along so slowly; I did not think that Christmas would ever come. I had to wait and wait.

Prayer often includes dealing with long waits. We pray for some things that come quickly. It is great to see God move in response to our prayers quickly. The times of God moving suddenly, times of quick answers to prayers, are wonderful.

***It shall come to pass  
That before they call, I will answer;  
And while they are still speaking, I will hear.***  
Isaiah 65:24 (NKJV)

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There are other times when answers seem so slow to come. These are times when prayer is hard work. These times are filled with long waits.

*To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.*

*I waited patiently for the Lord;*

*And He inclined to me,*

*And heard my cry.*

Psalm 40:1 (NKJV)

*Then he said to me, "Do not fear, Daniel,  
for from the first day that you set your heart to understand,  
and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard;  
and I have come because of your words.*

*But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days;  
and behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me,  
for I had been left alone there with the kings of Persia.*

Daniel 10:12-13 (NKJV)

No matter how hard these times seem, no matter how long the wait, if we will persevere in prayer we will receive our answers.

*And shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him,  
though He bears long with them?*

Luke 18:7 (NKJV)

*To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.*

*I waited patiently for the Lord;*

*And He inclined to me, And heard my cry.*

Psalm 40:1 (NKJV)

*And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask,  
we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.*

1 John 5:15 (NKJV)

God has declared His intent concerning answers to prayer; we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him. If we stand firm, asking in faith with no doubting, we will receive the answers we need.

*Because He has inclined His ear to me,  
Therefore I will call upon Him as long as I live.*

Psalm 116:2 (NKJV)

*But let him ask in faith, with no doubting,*

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*for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.  
For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord;*  
James 1:6-7 (NKJV)

Let us pray!

(Just incase you are wondering, I have very good parents, I got the Chemistry lab!)

## **A Call for Prayer**

*Ask of Me, and I will give You the nations for Your inheritance,  
And the ends of the earth for Your possession.*  
Psalm 2:8 (NKJV)

**Pray for Israel and the peace of Jerusalem** – Pray for this land that has been the turning point of so much of history. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

**Bernhard and Lisa Prumbach** – Pray for their move to Germany and transition to living in Germany. Pray for their new home and jobs. Pray for the provision of all they need. Pray for their ministry to the young people of Germany, that God is opening for them.

**Marianne and David Dean** – *Please be praying for our good friends, Erin-Ashley and Andy Huffman. They also work here in Asia with Crusade, and are expecting a baby in June. The doctors noticed about a month ago that one of Erin-Ashley's kidneys was slightly swollen, as a complication of the pregnancy. This past week, it has gotten much worse, and now our friends are in Beijing waiting to get in and see a doctor to find out how serious this is.*

*Pray for us to transition back to a regular schedule of language class and campus ministry. Pray for us this week, as David is mostly starting from scratch--making all new friends whom he will share the Gospel with this Spring. Pray for me as I try to organize the Christian girls I work with into Bible study groups I will lead this Spring, in order to balance my time well between ministering to believers and doing evangelism. This coming week is key to starting things off well!*

*Praise the Lord because we had a group come on a week-long mission trip last week from the States, and through that around 30 students heard the gospel!! Also, we spent time last week praying and talking with our student leaders about what we all want to see God do this semester, and it was amazing to see that the very things he was laying on our hearts as staff, he was laying on their hearts as well!*

*Thanks so much to all of you for your prayers, your love and support! You really have no idea how much it means to us!! - Marianne*

**Jacek Gromadzki** – Pray for Jack and his church in Kolobrzeg, Poland. Pray for outreaches with an American team in Poland this summer.

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**Marek Kaminski** – Pray for Marek and all the arrangements for ministry trips and meetings including the BBB conference and trips to Eastern Europe.

**Joyce Abrahamson** – Pray for Joyce and the children of the school.

**DK Limbu Daniel** – Pray for Pastor Daniel and the pastors under his care. They are reaching out to the nation of Nepal; pray for open doors for the Gospel message to go forth.

**John Coon** – Pray for all the arrangements for John's trip to Poland in May.

**Pray for the Inntal Prayer Initiative** – Pray for the prayer seminars and ministry in the Rosenheim area of Germany in the summer of 2007.

**The Brotherhood Beyond Boundaries Conference** – Pray for the plans for the BBB Conference.

**Mark Spencer** – Pray for clarity in Patty and my hearing the voice of the Lord concerning personal direction, His leading for the church and ministry as well as His provision clearly seen and manifest. Also that we would take full advantage of the Spirit's declaration that the year 2007 would indeed be a year of open doors and of fruitful obedience. Thanks!

**Pray for your Home Church** – Pray for abundant provision for your church.

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