

Voice of Thanksgiving

Calling a Company of Believers Together for Prayer

For the Week of May 20, 2007

“If two angels were to receive at the same moment a commission from God, one to go down and rule earth’s grandest empire, the other to go and sweep the streets of its meanest village, it would be a matter of entire indifference to each which service fell to his lot, the post of ruler or the post of scavenger; for the joy of the angels lies only in obedience to God’s will, and with equal joy they would lift a Lazarus in his rags to Abraham’s bosom, or be a chariot of fire to carry an Elijah home.”—JOHN NEWTON

The Life of Prayer

Picking up the Pace

David Williamson

In Rocky Mountain National Park found in Colorado the weather can change very rapidly. The sun can be out and very warm and then in a moment the clouds can blow in and it can rain or even snow. When there is a storm the lightening strikes seem very close and the thunder so loud it shakes you and rumbles on and on through the canyons. If you are on a trail, especially a trail high on a mountain, when a storm springs up, you need to get to a safe place. In some places there is nowhere to go except quickly get on down the trail. The experienced hiker watches for storms and knows to move quickly when needed. If you are on the trail you might need to quicken your pace; double time or even triple time pace might be required.

Life is very much like Rocky Mountain National Park, things change very rapidly. There are the day-by-day activities that demand prayer and faith. We must believe God has, is, and will provide for our every need. So we pray; “Our Father, give us this day our daily needs”. He is our source and provision. As Jesus taught us we spend time with Him praying for our daily needs and for those around us. This is the normal life of the believer, the life of prayer.

We have plenty to do; there is so much to pray for and to pray about. Praying for all the situations I get into requires a great deal of time, not to mention the needs of my family, friends, and church. At times it seems this is all I can do; this takes all my prayer time and my full effort. However, there are storm clouds gathering and we must pick up the pace.

There is a need for men and women who will pray beyond their personal needs. There are people around us who need prayer, there are mission activities that need prayer, there are nations closed to the Gospel message that need prayer, there are places in desperate need of revival that need prayer. This is the storm clouds of prayer; the clouds of need, in need of prayer; the clouds begging us to pick up the pace. Just like our climber who moves quickly down the trail to avoid a storm, we need to increase our prayer; to pick up the pace.

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This is not just putting in more time, but growing and maturing in our efforts, skills, and faith in prayer. We must pick up our pace; not being satisfied with prayer as it has been, but move up to the pace the Holy Spirit has been preparing us for. The need is not for more of the same, but effective fervent prayer that avails much.

... The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

James 5:16 (NKJV)

Just like the man or woman on the trail moving along at a brisk pace when the clouds appear they must move quicker. The clouds are appearing for us in prayer as well. The need has never been greater, the world is waiting. The world is asking; no it is begging, for you and me to pick up the pace and pray.

Let us Pray!

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 the Jewish people; pray that they would come to see Jesus as the promised Messiah.

John Coon – Pray for John's trip to Poland. Pray for the hearts of men and women to be warmed to the Gospel message and life in Christ Jesus.

William Williamson – Bill is a pastor in Eastern Colorado, and a long time member of this company. We have prayed for Bill and the teams he has lead to India for several years. You have been praying for the town he lives in, Holly, Colorado, but now please pray for Bill as well. He was in a car accident and has a broken ankle and wrist. He is home from the hospital now, but faces more surgery. Pray for his quick, full, and complete healing.

Pray for the Inntal Prayer Initiative – Pray for outreach to the people of Germany; sharing the Christian life and prayer seminars. Pray for our ministry across more of Germany and Europe. Pray also for Americans in Germany; there have been several reports of possible terrorist attacks on Americans working and visiting Germany.

Marianne and David Dean – Pray for the spiritual climate in East Asia. There is a need for the fresh breeze of the Holy Spirit to sweep across many regions of this area.

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Jacek Gromadzki – Pray for Jack and his church in Kolobrzeg, Poland. Pray for revival to come to this city.

The Brotherhood Beyond Boundaries Conference – Pray for the BBB Conference, June 22, 23, 24. Pray for the men and women coming to the conference, that God would touch their heart and guide their ways.

Marek Kaminski – Pray for Marek and his church in Koszalin, Poland.

Joyce Abrahamson – Pray for the students at Joyce's school in Brazil.

DK Limbu Daniel – Pray for Pastor Daniel and the work of planting new churches across the region.

Bernhard and Lisa Prumbach – Pray for the transition of their children to life in Germany that it would be smooth, but that they would continue to grow with favor with the Lord.

Mark Spencer – Pray for open doors of opportunity for the Gospel message.

Pray for your Home Church – Pray for outreaches for your church. Pray that each member will do the work of the ministry as God gives them the means to do so.

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