

Voice of Thanksgiving

Calling a Company of Believers Together for Prayer

For the Week of July 29, 2007

*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)

The Life of Prayer

Lessons in Prayer

David Williamson

Babies and infants are great fun. This is especially true from the grandfather perspective. This is where you get to enjoy playing with the child and then when there is a need, like changing a diaper, you can hand the little one off to someone else. It is amazing to watch a child growing up. There are wonderful milestones along the way. One of these is learning to walk. This can be a difficult task to master, but children are well suited for mastery of this undertaking. We can learn important lessons by taking note of how children learn to walk.

Most of the lessons are so simple even a child could do it, well of course, if we are going to learn from a child then the lessons must be simple, but there is a great deal we can learn, if we will. Our first lesson is so simple we often overlook it. A child learning to walk does not give up. You never hear a child saying, "I quit, I can't do this. It is just too hard. I tried that and it did not work" or anything like that. The downfall of many Christians is they give up. They try something and when they fail or run into an obstacle, they quit.

The Apostle Paul was a very wise and learned man. He had had some of the best education available for the time. However, wise as he was, he did not know how to quit. Most people who had been beaten until everyone thought you were dead, would only need to experience this once. Most people would have decided that this was not for them and quit. Not Paul, he just kept going to town-after-town preaching the Gospel and getting treated poorly. The Christian life is a lesson. We are learning all the time, or at least we should be. The person who thinks they have arrived is kidding themselves. If we are good students of the Christian life and good students of prayer we must learn this simple lesson. I will not give up.

A band once had a song that expressed the second lesson we can learn from a child learning to walk. Their song was, *Help I need somebody*. A child learning to walk reaches out to people, friends, family, strangers, to everyone for help. There is no hesitation to seek, receive, and use help in learning their lessons. Adults get all kinds of strange ideas about help. Taking help is a sign of weakness, help is

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demeaning, or other ideas that keep us from getting the help we need. The lesson here, we need help and so we must reach out and get help, receive it, and use it.

***The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears,
And delivers them out of all their troubles.***

Psalm 34:17 (NKJV)

God has provided us with help in many forms. There is some form of help that is just right for you. He has given us the Bible, pastors and teachers, churches and fellowships, books and magazines, even *Voice of Thanksgiving*, all there for your help. It would be a shame not to reach out for help.

Falling down would have to be on any list of the lessons on how to learn from children. A child learning to walk falls down a lot. Sometimes it seems that is all they will ever do. However, falling down as they may, they get back up and try again (sometimes with tears and needing comfort). We all make mistake and have problems. The lesson to be learned is to get back up and try again. Too often adults will avoid situations were they might fall down, or once they have fallen they will not get back up and continue on. So we must pick our self up, dust our self off, and start all over again.

When it was time for Jesus to go to Jerusalem, the Bible says he set his face like a flint. Nothing could stop him, not Satan, not the voice of the crowds, not even the pleas of his disciples. He would not be stopped by fame or fortune. Nothing would stop him from the task his father had given him. This is an important lesson for us to learn; the child knows, Jesus knows, and we must know not to quit, to ask for help when needed, and determine to complete the jobs and assignments God has put before us.

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 Jerusalem and Israel – Pray for the leadership of Israel, pray for them to be obedient to God's command.

Marianne and David Dean – Pray for new Christians, saved thru this ministry, to grow and mature for disciples of Christ.

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Jacek Gromadzki – Pray for Jack and his church. Pray for the construction and remodeling of their church building and the grounds. Pray for revival for this city and region.

The Brotherhood Beyond Boundaries Conference – Pray for the work of the Holy Spirit going from the BBB Conference to the church and communities of Eastern, Western Europe and the United States. God is building His church, may we work with, not against Him.

Marek Kaminski – Pray for protection and safety as Marek and his family travel in the near future.

Pray for the church in Belarus and Lithuania – Pray for opportunities for the sharing of the Gospel and the message of hope for the people of these countries.

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. Pray for his quick, full, and complete healing.

Pray for the Inntal Prayer Initiative – Pray for opportunities to minister in Germany and throughout Europe.

Joyce Abrahamson – Pray for outreach to the families of the region.

DK Limbu Daniel – Pray for Pastor Daniel and the work of planting new churches across the region. “Would you pray for our needs as churches are growing we need a place for worship. We are going to lease land for the two churches and build temporary facilities. That costs us 1000\$ each. May God bless you, In Him, Bro. DK Daniel”

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 guidance for him, what he should do and when, in response to the many open doors of opportunity.

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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