

Voice of Thanksgiving

Calling a Company of Believers Together for Prayer

For the Week of September 30, 2007

Lord Jesus, cause me to know in my daily experience the glory and sweetness of Thy name, and then teach me how to use it in my prayer, so that I may be even like Israel, a prince prevailing with God. Thy name is my passport, and secures me access; Thy name is my plea, and secures me answer; Thy name is my honour and secures me glory. Blessed Name, Thou art honey in my mouth, music in my ear, heaven in my heart, and all in all to all my being!—C. H. SPURGEON

The Life of Prayer

Responsibility

David Williamson

When I was a boy it was my job to mow the lawn. It was a good job for me and while we had a good sized lawn it was not too hard to do. Every week I was required to check over the mower, fill it with gas, and then mow the lawn. At our house everyone had jobs, things like washing dishes, taking out the trash, or taking the laundry to the laundry room. As the children got older they got jobs they were required to do. One of my jobs was mowing the lawn. Someone, my dad or a bother, would fill in for me if I was away or sick, but most of the time if the lawn was going to be mowed, I had to do it. I was responsible for that part of the family jobs.

This same practice has been followed in God's family as well. The Father has given His children "jobs". This is true for every member of the family, that is, the members of the Body of Christ, young or old everyone is given a job. Please do not confuse this with a trade or occupation. Jesus sets some members of the family in a occupation of working for the family. Look at Ephesians 4; here we see a list of occupations that Jesus assigns to some people. Their positions are given to help all the members of the Body to do their job.

***And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists,
and some pastors and teachers,
for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry,
for the edifying of the body of Christ,
Ephes. 4:11-12 (NKJV)***

It is just the same as when I was first doing my job mowing the lawn. I was too young to drive, so when I needed gas for the mower I had to have help from my dad. He would take me to the gas station and buy gas for the mower. I was responsible for the completion of the job, but I needed help. Dad took me to buy gas and he would take me to the man who sharpened the blade for the mower. Dad even bought a new mower for me to replace the old one.

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Paul was one of the people Jesus gave to the Body of Christ for the equipping of the saints for the work of the ministry. He has been edifying men and women for centuries. As a member of the Body of Christ and as a gift to the body of Christ, Paul had a two fold job. He ministered to the members of the Body and he ministered as a member of the Body. To the Body, as an apostle, he made known the mystery to the Gentiles, of Christ in you, the hope of Glory. He had an occupation of telling the world that salvation was available and it was for the Gentiles as well as for Jews.

***For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men,
the Man Christ Jesus,
who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time,
for which I was appointed a preacher and an apostle
I am speaking the truth in Christ and not lying
a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.***

1 Tim. 2:5-7 (NKJV)

Paul was given this occupation and his job within the Body. In these areas he was responsible. Just like I was responsible to my family for the lawn, so Paul was responsible to the Body of Christ and to the people of the areas where he was sent, to do what he had been told to do.

***of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God
which was given to me for you, to fulfill the word of God,***

Col. 1:25 (NKJV)

In the New Living version, this verse is translated, “God has given me the responsibility of serving His church by proclaiming His message in all fullness to you Gentiles.”

Paul was responsible. Responsible means, “Liable to be called as the primary cause, motive, or agent”. When I was growing up, if we had company come to our house, my mother might mention that the lawn needed to be mowed. Every member of the family might hear what she said, but the responsibility for getting the lawn mowed rested on me. I was responsible.

The question now before us is simple to ask, but more difficult to answer, that is to answer with our actions. As a member of the Body of Christ, what are you responsible. Part of your responsibility is general in nature; like the general cleaning of our rooms, everyone was responsible for their room.

***To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory
of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.
Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom,
that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.***

***To this end I also labor,
striving according to His working which works in me mightily.***

Col. 1:27-29 (NKJV)

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Another part of your responsibility is specific. We are given assignments by God and He expects us to complete the job. This is true for things like sharing the Gospel message and living out the Christian life before the world. Today far too often Christians live out a worldly life in front of the world. Our realm of responsibility extends as well into prayer. We have been assigned the job of praying. This job is not just praying for me, but is praying for the Body of Christ and for the world. We have a responsibility to pray for the Gospel message to go to our neighbors and to every language group, tribe, and nation.

God has assigned you a specific task. For some of you this assignment comes from the pages of *Voice of Thanksgiving*. For the last five years people have read the section *A Call for Prayer*. This has been a reminder to pray for these ministries and ministers of the Gospel. This has been a call to prayer for people and nations with a need to hear and respond to the Gospel message. For many of you there have been other requirements God has place before you for prayer.

Paul was responsible. Will that be your epitaph? So and so was responsible to God for the assignment given. King David was responsible. He served his generation faithfully.

***For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God,
fell asleep, was buried with his fathers, and saw corruption;***

Acts 13:36 (NKJV)

The call to prayer is a call to be responsible for getting the job done. We are called to follow in the footsteps of Paul and many others to bring the Gospel to the nations. This requires many things; among these are men and women who will be responsible in prayer for answers. We need men and women to go. They come by prayer. We need men and women to be senders and supporters. They come by prayer. We need massive amounts of money. It comes by prayer. We need open doors of opportunity. They come by prayer. We need oppositions defeated. This comes by prayer.

Will you be responsible? Will you be the primary cause of a new outreach or move of God? Will you be the primary cause of renewal or growth of an outreach or move of God? Will you be the primary motivator for men and women stepping into and fulfilling their call of God? Will you be the agent of provision for these men and women responding to His call? Will you be the agent of God bring revival to a people group, nation, or region. Will you be responsible in prayer?

***Now this is the confidence that we have in Him,
that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.
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 5:14-15 (NKJV)

Let us Pray!

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A Call for Prayer

*Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find;
knock, and it will be opened to you.
For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds,
and to him who knocks it will be opened.
Or what man is there among you who,
if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone?
Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent?
If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children,
how much more will your Father who is in heaven
give good things to those who ask Him!*

Matthew 7:7-11 (NKJV)

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem – Pray for Israel for the removal of the veil over their eyes, (over the eye of unbelievers as well). Pray that they would see the good news of the Gospel and come to their messiah, Jesus Christ.

DK Limbu Daniel – Pray for Pastor Daniel and work in and around Nepal. *Editor note: I would normally include a few of these requests over the course of several weeks, but we need to be in prayer for these now!*

1. Our *Word To World School* is begun from 2nd September with 10 students and now 2 more are coming. It is difficult to come to Kathmandu, but they made it. *Word To World School* is a one year practical training school with vision and purpose to produce missionaries, evangelists and ministers of the gospel. Every week students have to go out to witness for three days. Next week onwards our students will be going out to witness Jesus to people. Help, Boldness and Power of the Holy Spirit is needed for this work. We need 6 bunk beds for the students for they are sleeping on floor, now cold is growing. We are constructing classes and dorms for the school, please stretch your faith towards the completion of this work. We also have the needs of the students.
2. We have *Christian Limbu People's Convention* in October 9-11, where I am going to minister the word of God. We need anointing of the Holy Spirit to minister to people.
3. We have *New Life Gospel Church Ministries Youth Convention* in October 22-25th and revival meetings Oct 27-29th in Kathmandu. Pray for a meeting of the financial need for the convention and for power of God to minister to the youth under the power of the Holy Spirit. Pray that the youth will be filled with the vision to reach fellow young people.
4. *Word Explosion Conferences* in Kathmandu and east Nepal in November 4-10th. Pray for peace and safety for all traveling pastors. Participants will come from Nepal, India and Bhutan. May the power of the Holy Spirit be in manifestation and pastors and leaders be exulted and empowered to take the gospel to unreached people's group.
5. *Pastors and Leaders Conference and Healing Rallies* from 9-21st December. This will be held in different parts of east Nepal and mid central Nepal. Pray for the peace and security and for a mighty

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manifestation of the power of the Holy Spirit. We need God's favor for this great work to take salvation, deliverance and healing to the people.

6. At the last but not least; our goal is plant 100 churches by 2010 and so far we are coming up with 42 churches and fellowships. We are thankful to God for He does a new thing and makes everything new. Please pray that things in the world may not distract us from our goal and that the needs and areas of lack may not derail us from our trek to our goal. We need your earnest prayer and prayer and YOUR PRAYER!

7. We are in need of lots of gospel literatures, bibles and New Testaments to distribute; we need large number of it. Please pray for the provision for it.

8. We need your partnership to go beyond our capacity, evangelize the world, planting churches among Nepalese world. Now, Malaysia, Myanmar, Hongkong and Thailand in east and Qatar, UAE, Israel and KSA in the Middle East, are becoming a mission field for us to reach expatriate Nepalese working there. I am asking myself, why am I not been able to go there and preach the gospel to my fellow countrymen? Answer is partnership. I need your partnership; I need your prayer and prayer and YOUR PRAYER!

9. One of the big city in east Nepal, where we are praying to send a missionary, we need a partnership to send a missionary there. We need your partnership and prayer support.

10. Pray for my family, Hope, for Children, and me. We are expecting grandson in December.

**For a great and effective door has opened to me,
and there are many adversaries.**

1 Cor. 16:9 (NKJV)

Mark Spencer – Pray for effective meetings in Nepal in November. Pray for the preparations for travel and ministry. Pray for God's provision for travel and meeting the needs of commitments from the conferences.

Marianne and David Dean – Pray for David and Marianne and new opportunities for outreach on campus and to their community.

Marek Kaminski – Pray for open doors of opportunity for the preaching of the Gospel. Pray for a breaking down of walls and barriers that hinder.

Jacek Gromadzki – Pray for Jack and his church for the overcoming of hindrances to the proclaiming of the Gospel.

Joyce Abrahamson – Pray for a rich supply of the needs of the school and for protection and provision for the students of the school.

Pray for the church in Belarus and Lithuania – Pray for growth and the number of people in these churches and for opportunities to plant new churches.

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Patty Spencer – Pray for completion of a new worship CD. Pray for the details of mastering the final product and the finances to get it produced.

John Coon – Pray for his health and safety.

William Williamson – Bill is a pastor in Eastern Colorado, and a long time member of this company. Pray for his quick, full, and complete healing, he is now walking without crutches.

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

Bernhard and Lisa Prumbach – Pray for opportunities to minister the Gospel.

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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