

Voice of Thanksgiving

Calling a Company of Believers Together for Prayer

For the Week of November 4, 2007

How God needs, how the world needs, how the Church needs the flow of the mighty river more blessed than the Nile, deeper, broader and more overflowing than the Amazon's mighty current! and yet what mere rills we are! We need, the age needs, the Church needs, memorials of God's mighty power, which will silence the enemy and the avenger, dumbfound God's foes, strengthen weak saints, and fill strong ones with triumphant raptures.—EDWARD BOUNDS

The Life of Prayer

Working for Success

David Williamson

All over the world there are Christians working. Most live quiet lives; they are unknown by the world, Christian or secular. They deal with the struggles of life, yet day-by-day they walk in God's grace and mercy. They walk by faith and demonstrate the love of the Lord. They are Christians in action, not just name. Their immediate goals vary, but their goals are part of the broad goal of winning this generation for Jesus. Some do work where groups of people hear and respond to the Gospel message. Others are winning men and women one at a time. Some preach and teach. Others live by the old adage, "Tell everyone you meet about Jesus, use words if you must". Many of us fit in one or more of these categories; Christians working.

With all this work going on it may seem the job will soon be done. This has happened before, think of the first generation of Christians and the work of the ministry of the first years of the Christian era. Jesus went about doing good, healing all who were sick and oppressed. He was followed by the great exploits of the first disciples; some of these are recorded in the book of Acts. The faith spread rapid throughout the region of the Middle East and beyond. It appeared the job would soon be done. However, Jesus knew there was much to do then and there is much for us to do now.

***Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me,
and to finish His work. Do you not say,
'There are still four months and then comes the harvest'?
Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields,
for they are already white for harvest!
And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life,
that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together.***

John 4:34-36 (NKJV)

As we look around the world and close to home, things look very much the same today, the fields are white for harvest. There is our generation to win for Jesus. The question is, are we up to the

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task? We can work and even work hard, but will it be enough? If we are going to be successful, we must work the way Jesus worked.

If we work like Jesus worked, we will make a difference for the people of our generation. One of the keys to His work was prayer. Jesus was and is the man of prayer. When He walked as a man here on earth, He was the man of effective, fervent prayer. Effective, fervent prayer made the difference for Him. It is the agent of change that will make a difference for us as well. If we pray, I mean learn to pray effective, faith filled prayers; we will see change in our life, family, church, neighborhood, and in our cities and the nations. This will be real change, not a cosmetic cover, but a change of hearts and actions. Prayer changes the times and seasons. It brings workers to the harvest fields. It brings provision to meet the needs of ministries. It opens doors that have been closed. Prayer is a force of change. If we will dedicate ourselves to prayer, we can effectively work and reach this generation with the Gospel.

Jesus is looking for men and women who will pray. His call is to those who will not be satisfied with ordinary prayer. He wants people who will learn to pray prayers that change the world. Jesus was a man of this type of prayer. There have been others, for example Elijah.

***Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another,
that you may be healed. The effective,
fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.
Elijah was a man with a nature like ours,
and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain;
and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months.
And he prayed again,
and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit.***

James 5:16-18 (NKJV)

Please note that the effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. Jesus is calling men and women to prayer. For some people response to His call will be their first steps at prayer. For others their response is to a more regular and consistent prayer life. For still others, their response is to take up the challenge to learn and practice effective, fervent prayer. Will you respond to one or more of these calls? Are you willing to learn how to pray and how to learn to pray more effective prayers? Are you willing to take your place, praying for the spread of the Gospel; praying for people in need? Are you willing to pray for opportunities to preach and for the change of heart of men and women? In other words will you join with others in praying for the reaching of our generation with the Gospel message?

Let us Pray!

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A Call for Prayer

*Now this is the confidence that we have in Him,
that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.*

1 John 5:14 (NKJV)

Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem

*Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you.
Peace be within your walls, Prosperity within your palaces."*

For the sake of my brethren and companions,

I will now say, "Peace be within you."

Because of the house of the Lord our God I will seek your good.

Psalm 122:6-9 (NKJV)

Pray for the church in Belarus and Lithuania – Pray for the growth of these churches.

Joyce Abrahamson – Pray for supply of daily needs for the students of the school.

Jacek Gromadzki – Pray for Jack for opportunities to share the Gospel message.

Marianne and David Dean – Pray for David and Marianne and opportunities for them to share the Gospel message freely and boldly.

Marek Kaminski – Pray that God would continue supply for Marek and his family.

DK Limbu Daniel – Pray for Pastor Daniel and work in and around Nepal.

1. *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 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.

2. 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. 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.

Mark Spencer – Pray for continued faithful obedience to God's call and command.

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.

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Pray for the Inntal Prayer Initiative – Pray a new understanding of God’s plan for the Inntal Prayer Initiative in Germany and throughout Europe.

Bernhard and Lisa Prumbach – Pray for the supply of every need.

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.

*And my God shall supply all your need
according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.*

Philip. 4:19 (NKJV)

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