



Dear friends,

Jackie and I greet you once again in the Wonderful Name of Jesus! More than ever before, we are seeing that God is gracious, kind, loving and perfect in all of His ways. He is trustworthy and deserving of our complete loyalty. And more than ever before, we are seeing that Satan — God's enemy, and ours and yours — deserves no loyalty, no honor, and very little time ... just enough to tell him where to get off. This enemy is the Accuser, and the Destroyer. Jesus is the Redeemer, the Giver of Abundant Life.

Good Big God...bad little devil. We all live in the conflict between them. Especially in our minds. It takes a continuous inward vigilance of repentance and faith to live in the Glorious Settled Fact: Satan is defeated, and Jesus is Lord. We are IN God's kingdom, made new and righteous by the blood of the Lamb, children of God accepted in His love, destined to reign with Christ, called with a high and holy calling, saved and set apart for God Himself. He deserves all our trust, all our time, and all our energy. He is our joy, He is our hope, and He is our peace. And He is our Strength, our Wisdom, our Provision, and our Hiding and Abiding Place. Warriors we all are, saved for eternity, called to a fight of faith while on this earth. So, let's shake off the darkness and put on the armor of light...

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."

Hebrews 12:1,2, NIV

Well, there. I needed that. Clear out the head, and get in the Spirit. How about you? We send out by faith the power and blessing of the Name of Jesus and His Blood to you, and say to you — like we must say to ourselves — the Word of God and the Blood and Name of Jesus have not, and will not ever lose their power. So take courage and trust in the Lord, and do what He tells you to do!

These comments are my response to the last three weeks of internal spiritual warfare which has made life feel like "wading through molasses in January". It is why this September prayer letter was finished on October 9, and has turned the following prayer request into an **urgency** — but, better late than never....and **thanks for praying and believing with us to be sent to the nations once again.** We are scheduled to leave in three weeks, and airline tickets are due to be paid in one week! **Please pray.** Also, communications with Ukraine concerning visa application have suddenly become difficult. **Please pray!**

By God's Grace! Outreach to Ukraine and Holland, October 31 - November 18.

Harvest time continues in the former Soviet regions, and Ukraine is no exception. Historically known as "Russia's breadbasket", Ukraine became deprived and dependent under Communist rule. Now it is fertile ground for new churches and ministries. In one way it has even started to become "Russia's spiritual breadbasket". We know of several mission hearted young Ukrainians who have planted new churches in Russia, and have gone as far as the China border with the gospel! Yet Ukraine continues to suffer grinding economic deprivation, only made worse through ineffective government. In a very real way, the gospel of Jesus is the only hope for the land.

We are going once again to Krivoy Rog, city of one and one half million people, and very few churches. A church that we helped plant three years ago is now six churches, with plans for more. We are going to encourage these new churches and their young pastors, and to minister in whatever ways the Holy Spirit wants to use us. Preaching, prayer for the sick, leaders meetings, etc. will fill much of our time. Two others are planning to be part of our team, both of whom are attending our school of prayer: One, an enthusiastic young man from northern Minnesota; and Dr. Bev, lady medical doctor, a pediatrician. She and Jackie (who is an RN) hope to have special gatherings for young parents concerning the health and care of their babies and small children. This will be an outreach to unsaved people as well as believers. **Please pray** for this. We hope to take medicines with us, worth their weight in gold to those in Ukraine! **Please pray** for these supplies to be released.

Following our time in Ukraine, we will be a week in Holland, ministering in a Youth With A Mission DTS. (Heidebeek base) Marcia LaRock, missionary from our home church, is directing this school; the students come from many nations. **We will be teaching on intercession and spiritual warfare.** A glorious privilege to touch many nations in one place.

Please pray for this outreach:

1. For communication with Ukraine regarding our visas.
2. For the finances to be released, most of which is still needed — fast
3. For unity on our team .
4. For health and strength.
5. For safety.
6. For anointing of the Spirit in all ministry.
7. For gifted, godly Russian speaking interpreters.
8. For special outreach opportunities for Jackie and Bev.
9. For good supply of precious medicine to take with us.

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School of Prayer Update:

65 people have enrolled in this nine month school, either Monday morning or Wednesday night. These are men and women from many churches. Please pray that each of them will find an increase in their life of prayer, and their foundation in Christ be strengthened. Please pray for protection on our time and hearts, so that we can deliver what is on God's heart for these students. Pray for those who will teach our classes while we are in Ukraine and Holland.

Chantik Prayer Summit Update:

*Sixth annual Chantik Consultation: December 6,7
First Chantik Prayer Summit: December 7-9
Denver, Colorado*

Ten of us from Minneapolis are planning to attend the first Chantik Prayer Summit; we (and Rob Gmyrek) are leading this event. It is a preparation for a larger summit "on site" in 1997. Our goal is to press through to God for a supernatural breakthrough among this unreached people group. Will you pray for this gathering, and for the call going out to various nations to convene in Indonesia next August for the Chantik Prayer Summit II? Will you join us in persistent prayer for this Muslim people of 3.5 million souls for whom Jesus died? Our hearts cry for them is like the young Moravian missionaries on their way to the West Indies over 250 years ago: "May the Lamb that was slain receive the reward of His sufferings" — we ask for the Chantik people as Christ's reward! Lord, rally your warriors, and do miracles among the Chantik!

Our involvement in the Twin Cities:

We are entering a new season of relationship building with ministries in the city — preparation for what is to come. We know the Holy Spirit wants to knit ministries together for a more effective base of cooperative intercession. Please pray that we will be in the right place at the right time for God's divine appointments in the months ahead.

How about a testimony of breakthrough for our home office!?

In a recent letter we requested prayer for new office equipment— a fax machine, desktop computer, new software, and laser printer. The need has been long standing. Someone has just sent us a gift specifically for this need, and enough to get the entire package! WOW! Jehovah Jireh! May the Lord bless this man and his family many times over, and in every way!

A personal prayer request:

We are working on major house repairs, a bigger project than we can handle... will you pray that we can finish what must be finished before we leave for Ukraine and Holland? Perhaps angels take such assignments!

May the Lord bless you and your house. May you dwell in the secret place of the Most High, and abide under the shadow of the Almighty. May the angels have charge over you, to keep you in all your way. May you prosper and abound in every way as you serve Him.

A GREAT BIG THANKS AGAIN!

YOUR PRAYER AND GOD'S GRACE MAKE UP OUR SHIELD AND LIFELINE. THE FINANCIAL GIVING FROM YOU WHO ARE ABLE — THESE SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS GIVE US SHOES AND WHEELS AND WINGS TO DO HIS WILL. WE DEEPLY APPRECIATE YOU.

Yours in Christ,

John and Jackie Matthews