



Lifeline

...a prayer letter from John and Jackie

September 21, 2000



Dear friends,

Jackie and I greet you once again in the lovely name of Jesus! You may think you just got a letter from us. "That's because the last one was almost two weeks later than we usually write. So, this one's more on time by our reckoning.

"The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the Lord"
Psalms 97:5 Do you have any mountains that need moving? This solution sounds like a great one, don't you think? Let them melt by welcoming the presence of the Holy Spirit!

We are always amazed that the mountains of problems in our minds melt away when we get into the presence of the Lord. Sometimes it doesn't happen right away, and we have found it is necessary to break through in aggressive praise and declaration of His Word before the change comes in our minds. Exalting the Lord until we are more aware of His presence than anything else is a great way of changing our perspective!

But even more than melting the mountains in our minds, something happens to the mountains of problems as we spend time in His presence. He goes to work on those mountains, and somehow they begin to melt. It is not hard to know when you are in the presence of God. The atmosphere changes. His love, His joy, and His peace fill your heart and your mind. When you are filled with those things, and linger there with Him, He goes to work behind the scenes to do what you could never do. The mountains begin to melt.

Ukraine, October 6-25

The mountain of provision needed to get to Ukraine again is melting! **Our tickets are paid for and our visas are in hand!** We are expecting the rest (see the list below) to come in before we leave. Thanks for agreeing with us in faith and giving as the Lord directs you. We believe these mission projects are excellent places to sow financial seed. You will be blessed, and the work in Ukraine will be blessed!

1. **\$500 more to feed the Bible School Students in Oct.**
2. **\$2800 more for planting the new church in Dnepropetrovsk**
3. **\$500 for vitamins for expectant mothers and infants**
4. **Our living expenses while in Ukraine**
5. **A major release of funds for our personal support**

Beyond these financial goals, here are some other prayer requests:

1. **We want to carry a fresh word from God**, and fresh vision to encourage the churches and the leaders. Pray that our hearts and minds be renewed by the Spirit of the Lord, so that we can impart faith and clear Biblical foundations to help them live a victorious life in Christ

2. **Pray for the ministry in the Bible School**, where many new evangelists, pastors, church planters, missionaries, and those with help ministries are being trained. They need to be well grounded in the Word.

3. Pray also for the evangelistic outreach and church planting in Dnepropetrovsk while we are there. With 2.5 million people, this city has fewer than twenty gospel preaching churches. The vision is that the new church will grow quickly and soon give birth to other churches and another Bible School in that city.

4. Pray for our team of four: Jackie and I, Dave Gladen from Church Upon The Rock, and Marcia LaRock from YWAM in Holland. Pray for our health and safety, unity, communication, all issues relating to travel, and that each of us will fulfill the purpose for which the Lord is sending us.

Argentina, October 27-November 6

On the heels of the trip to Ukraine, we will attend a City Reaching conference with Harvest Evangelism and Ed Silviso in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Pastors Gregori and Galina along with Constantine and Olga (translators) from Krivoy Rog will join us in Argentina. The conference will be followed by participation in several days of city reaching evangelism. This conference is born out of the great twenty year Argentine revival. Pray that we will all receive an impartation from the Lord -- to be envisioned and empowered to work with others in taking our cities for God!

We have wanted to attend this annual conference for several years, and we believe it will be a divine connection for the Ukraine leaders, who are working to evangelize their cities. God has provided for all six of us through the vision and sacrifice of a businessman. Thank you Jesus!

The story of this movement of prayer evangelism, which has changed whole cities and brought millions to the Lord, is found in the book [That None Should Perish](#), by Ed Silviso. His organization -- Harvest Evangelism -- has been very active in our own Twin Cities for several years.

A special invitation to friends of Scarlet Thread Ministries:

You are invited to our home for six Sunday evenings, 7 p.m., starting November 12, right after we return from Argentina. We'd like you to join us for any -- or all -- of these six Sunday evenings before Christmas holidays. The purpose of the meetings is to enjoy your company, enjoy His Word, and enjoy His presence -- and let our "mountains melt like wax"!

It is an informal time, and we will be blessed to see you! We have enclosed a reminder card for you to keep.

Thank you!

We appreciate you more than ever! Thanks for praying for us and supporting us financially as the Lord leads you. May His blessing increase in your home, in the work of your hands, and in all the ways that He has called you to serve Him.

With love,

John and Jackie

