



Go!

Praying beyond our walls

“When Your people go out to battle against their enemy, wherever You send them, and when they pray to the LORD . . . then hear in heaven their prayer . . . and maintain their cause” (1 Kings 8:44–45)

May 2005

Opportunities to “Go!”

Every month:

2nd & 4th Sunday of each month, 3-5 pm, and every Wednesday, 6-8 pm—Hidden Homeless at All-Round Suites. Contact Keturah Ogletree (kosblessed@hotmail.com) or Ron Brackin (Ronald.brackin@hughessupply.com)

3rd Sunday of each month, 9:30–10:15am—Pray for Central Asia (1st upstairs classroom on left)

1st & 3rd Mondays—Steve and Kelly Munro visit the Marietta Youth Detention Center. Please be praying for their time spent with teenagers.

1st & 2nd Tuesday of each month, 5:45–8:00pm — Pray at Norcross Co-op, 2275 Mitchell Rd, Norcross

Every Wednesday, 9:00pm — Pray with Frank & Sandra, 678-957-1519 (Duluth)

Mission Bridge Siberia: Praise God! Out of a needed \$43,000, we only need \$9,000!!! And still 6 weeks to go! *Please be praying for us!* Pray for unity among our team and as we join Russian teams to reach out to the lost of Borodino. The outreach is July 2–17.

Being built up

“You also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ” 1 Peter 2:5

Website

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If we obey, they will come.

One of the things that missionaries learn pretty quick is to listen to and obey the voice of the Lord. When we do, then we find that He’s already set things up to get His will done. Read the following story from our Steve and Liz Iliff in Wisconsin and be encouraged:

“We are trying to do more Spirit led evangelism in the local community. The other day, Steve and a couple other guys from staff sat and prayed asking the Lord who, what and where. After sitting and listening a while, we thought we heard 2 things: ‘low rock wall’ and ‘bakery.’ We asked the Lord where these places might be and we heard the Lord say a town about 40 min. from here called Barron. We packed up the car with some instruments and ourselves and set off for Barron. Steve had been there once, one of the other guys had never been there, and the other guy just a few times. It’s a town of about 3000 ppl. We drove down the main street, looking for the bakery and the low rock wall. We passed the bakery and, wouldn’t you know it, the low rock wall was right across the street. The rock wall surrounded the county administrative building and courthouse! We prayer-walked around the building and felt the Lord’s presence very strongly at a certain corner. Right across the street was the police station and caddy-cornered to that was the county newspaper office. Pretty strategic point, huh? The city of Barron is the county seat. One of our guys went across the street to ask the police for permission to do some worship and evangelism. The cop he talked to, who was not normally on duty at this time, was a born-again Christian. He directed us to the county administrator. We went to his office and he gave us permission. The cop had directed us to pray over the HUGE methamphetamine problem in the county. Barron and its surroundings have more meth houses where the drug is made than anywhere in WI. Most of the drug supply for WI cities and much for Minneapolis and St. Paul comes from Barron county. AS we worshipped and prayed, a woman came up to us and introduced herself. She said, ‘Hi, I’m the mayor of the city. I love what you are doing.’ She is a born-again Christian and ended up standing there and praying with us for her lunch hour! A couple of minutes after she introduced herself, another woman came up and introduced herself, ‘Hi, I’m the editor of the newspaper and I love what you are doing.’ She ended up standing with us and praying for a while, too! So there we were, standing at the corner of the county administrative building and courthouse, across the street from the police station, next to the newspaper office, praying with the mayor and the editor of the newspaper about the meth problem in the county. Is that a God thing, or what? On top of that, the mayor invited us to come and play at several summer festivals and the editor said she would come out and visit us at the campus to see what we do. Oh, and remember the bakery? WE did. We went in and ended up getting a dozen fresh, made from scratch, doughnuts for free. Ah! Our God is gooooood!

Grandchild is ready for transition

In 1998 John and Carrie Clemence, from the Grand Rapids (Michigan) Vineyard, joined Ralph and Vicki Hale, from the Atlanta Vineyard, to plant a church in Perm, Russia. In 2002, John and Carrie moved to Ufa to plant a Vineyard there, so, in essence, the Ufa Vineyard is the grandbaby of the Atlanta Vineyard.

It has recently been announced that Russian pastors will be taking over the church plant in Ufa. Sergei and Lena Shirokov, from the Perm Vineyard, have been working as interns at the Ufa Vineyard for the past year. In September, they will take over as pastors of the church. John and Carrie will return to Perm to help with the pastors’ training school that has been established there by Ralph Hale. Keep these families in your prayers as they make the transition.

Praise Reports

The 'T' family: This kids are doing well in school and have just taken entrance exams for their internet classes for next year. The kids are sterling! We are so proud of the way they have adjusted to Southeast Asian culture. They have made a number of good friends and connected with kindred spirits.

Kairos Prison Ministry: Thanks to everyone for all their prayers. They were felt and appreciated. God truly showed up and showed out. I was scheduled to give a talk on Saturday and at the moment I began my talk, the rain, thunder, and lightning became so loud that at points the men struggled to hear me. The rector stopped me in the middle of the talk and they reconfigured microphones, etc. to try to deal with the situation. By the time the talk was over, I was feeling very discouraged with the situation. I returned to the prayer room and prayed with the prayer team. I gave God glory and praise for what He was doing and asked Him to use my efforts. Upon exiting the prayer room, one of the team members came up to me to share that despite all the problems with the storm and sound, he felt the witness in my talk had made an impact on the inmates at his table family. He said that several of the men had not participated in the discussions after the previous talks, but those same men were quick to begin discussing the talk I had given. Praise God, He still turns water into wine!

Abba House Ministry: Over fifty volunteers gave their time and talents to the workday on Saturday, March 19th. Laborers and craftsmen from the First United Methodist Church in Cumming and the Atlanta Vineyard Christian Church in Norcross assisted in over twenty separate projects at the ministry. Some of the day's accomplishments include framing in new office space, landscaping, gardening, electrical repair and painting. Carpentry work, building a porch and trailer skirt for Agape House, the recently added double-wide home, moved this new home closer to completion and obtaining a certificate of occupancy. Agape House will enable five new women to be added to the ministry. This will bring the ministry family to fifteen women and children.

The 'M' family: The drama team is back. Though they didn't do "prayer therapy," this time around, the Lord gave them awesome times in schools and other groups to perform the trauma drama. People loved it so much, that they screamed and swarmed the team as if famous movie stars had come to visit them!

Brooke Redwine: Most recently, I had the privilege to go on a short holiday on a hiking trip through Tasmania. While it was quite treacherous at times, the trails also gave me stunning views of mountains, rainforests, valleys, and all sorts of greenery. I also had loads of time to think, pray, and reflect on the past couple of years. All in all, I think I came away with a larger perspective of God, with a bit more insight into the future He's got ahead of me, and with a few bumps and bruises, too.

The Clemence family: God is so good. Since we sent out our request we have received several pledges toward our debt. At last count, we have received pledges totaling \$6,000! We have also gained on new monthly supporter.

The Coffin family: God has provide over 75% of our support so far. We have been blessed in many ways. Some people want to use their specific gifts and abilities to help us, including dentists, motorcycle donations, frequent flyer miles for tickets, etc. We have received so many prayers by the laying on of hands, prophetic words, and encouragement. It has been a great experience.

Please pray for our missionaries

'D' in Southeast Asia: I have made several contacts. Pray that friendships will form and we will draw closer and I will be able to reach them for Christ. Pray for the obstacles that surround my upcoming marriage.

The 'M' family: Pray for a woman who has gone into a catatonic state of severe depression over the abandonment of her husband 2 years ago. An occult practitioner said of her, "No one will ever be able to cast out that spirit." This "case" is way beyond us. We feel powerless to even get her here and started in a prayer session, let alone see her delivered. But the Lord loves to put us in situations that are absolutely impossible, so we will desperately hang on to Him.

Brooke Redwine: I appreciate your prayers for the healing of sickness, favor and wisdom with the base newsletter, as it's been more of a headache than it should be, joy and delight this next month or so in the office as I help with correspondence, student visa's, etc. Also, please pray that I will hear from God about what steps to take once I am at home regarding work, understanding and provision about a place to live, a car to drive, and other necessities, and for smooth transitions between Melbourne and Atlanta, traveling mercies, and the ability to enjoy all the changes that come with this new season.

The Coffin family: Please pray for us as we enter out last month before we go, that the remainder of our support be raised, that we sell Rick's '97 Accord, that we begin learning the Hindi language, and that we find an apartment in Delhi in a friendly neighborhood.