

Making Disciples Aflame for Christ

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"Heaven and earth will pass away, but My [Jesus'] words will not pass away." (Matthew 24:35)



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JANUARY AND FEBRUARY are always extra busy months.

January has heavier than usual administrative paperwork as we close out the previous year's financials; provide all the necessary reports to state and federal government entities; and prepare ministry and financial reports for our Annual Board of Directors Meeting.

THIS YEAR'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING was held on February 5th! We so appreciate our Board members: John Conley, Craig Edmonds, Sal LaMastra and Dr. Gary McCutcheon that faithfully provide input, encouragement and accountability to the ministry.



We are also thankful that our beloved Kaye Johns joined the meeting! Kaye and her husband Jim have prayed over this ministry for 20 years! Their ministry is prayer; and you can find out more about it at TandemPrayer.org. We dearly missed Jim this year as last year the Lord said it was time to take him home. We were greatly blessed to have our precious Kaye pray for us and the ministry!

THE WEEKLY GROUP BIBLE STUDIES are back in full force! We started right back up the second week of January after taking off the weeks of Christmas and New Years. Ray teaches men on Thursday nights. Tressa teaches young ladies on Monday nights; and Ladies of all ages on Tuesday mornings and Thursday nights. Both Tressa and Gwen teach the Hope in God Study [A Biblical Perspective for Understanding, Overcoming & Preventing Depression] on Wednesday mornings. Gwen is teaching a second Hope in God class on Friday mornings.



ONE-ON-ONE BIBLE STUDY AND DISCIPLESHIP has also resumed! All of us meet with various individuals in a one-on-one environment. Some for Discipleship -- some for Bible Study -- whatever the Lord calls us to do! Ray also continues to meet with pastors -- iron sharpening iron.



IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN BIBLE STUDY, PLEASE CONTACT US!

IT IS THE DESIRE OF OUR HEART TO SERVE CHRIST BY SERVING HIS PEOPLE! We labor in the Word to see people come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ; and we labor to see Christians mature and grow in their faith wherein they are filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding so that they will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord to please Him in all respects, will bear fruit in every good work and will increase in the true knowledge of God (Colossians 1:9). **WE LABOR CONTINUALLY TO MAKE DISCIPLES THAT WILL THEN MAKE DISCIPLES!**



DEAR FRIENDS, we hope that you will take the time to read and ponder the enclosed teaching on Matthew 24 about living on the alert as a Believer in Jesus Christ. We are living in difficult and dangerous days. 2 Timothy 3:13 tells us that in the last days evil men will proceed from bad to worse -- deceiving and being deceived! The corrupt world system, our own flesh, and the devil and his emissaries attempt to make fruitless our witness and service to Christ. We pray the message will be an encouragement to you, and that you will become intent on not only growing but also living your faith as the day draws near of our Lord's return.



ALSO! WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO PRAY FOR THE SITUATION IN AND SURROUNDING UKRAINE. We especially need to pray for Believers in the area. These are our eternal brothers and sisters in Christ, and they are in need of our prayers. On the back of this letter are some prayer helps.





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PRAYER FOR UKRAINE, SURROUNDING COUNTRIES, INCLUDING RUSSIA and BELARUS

PRAY FOR BELIEVERS:

- Specifically pray for the pastors for God's wisdom and strength as they shepherd their people with grace and encourage them in their faith through these horrific circumstances.
- Pray for clarity as to what God wants them to do (and not do) in each situation.
- Pray for the missionaries throughout the region to be faithful ministers of the Gospel.
- Pray for the Christian chaplains in the Ukrainian military for wisdom to counsel and bring truth and hope from the Scriptures regarding Christ and everlasting life and hope in Him.
- Pray that believers would fight the good fight of faith and encourage one another in the Scriptures and in prayer.
- Pray that believers would be strengthened by the Holy Spirit to withstand all things; to endure in the faith; and to persevere through physical pain and hardship -- that they would shine as beacons of God's grace and love!
- Pray that believers would not be controlled by fear; that their mind would be controlled by God's Word; and their confidence would be in Him for every situation.
- Pray that believers would take advantage of every Gospel opportunity and speak God's Word and God's Gospel with boldness and confidence.
- Pray for God's protection.
- Pray that God would provide the needed supplies for His people -- especially for warmth as it is very cold.
- Pray that there would be no sickness -- again, as it is very cold and people are in the elements.

PRAY FOR UNBELIEVERS

- Pray that God would use this tragedy to turn to the furtherance of the Gospel.
- Pray for the salvation of souls — including soldiers — from Ukraine as well as Russia and Belarus!
- Pray for God's pastors and missionaries in other countries as they minister to the many refugees coming into neighboring nations.
- May God take the horrors of war to reveal the wickedness of man's heart and lead souls to God's plan of redemption through the cross of Christ.

OTHER:

- Pray for discernment and decisions based on truth. Pray for the revealing of lies and corruption.
- Pray for the ability to communicate as the means of communication are very unstable.
- Pray for those who wish to flee to safety that the Lord would grant safe passage.
- Pray for people to be able to get the necessary medications or to be able to function without.
- Pray for peace.
- Pray for God's will and God's glory!

PRAY, DEAR ONES -- PRAY.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all,

Ray, Tressa & Gwen

Servants of Christ



*Some of these prayer helps have been adapted from HeartCry Missionary Society and The Master's Academy International that have missionaries in the area.

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