

Dearest Brethren,

Greetings in the name of Jesus, God's anointed one! What a great month to be Marching For Missions! Thank you to all who have been praying each day for the various mission fields and for those serving. Your prayers and financial generosity has played an integral role for God's kingdom message to advance around the globe!

Minnesota had a fantastic Missions Conference! Thank you to all who attended. We were blessed to have career missionaries, Carey and Jenny Clark with us. Carey and Jenny have a true heart for missions!



You can be inspired with his Sunday morning message here:

<https://www.facebook.com/145835432616771/videos/179392892594358/>



This month in Pakistan Evangelist Amir has been teaching others the Systematic Theology Lessons.

He requests prayers for himself and the people he is sharing them with, especially for Pastor Naimat Azeem. He is a pastor and is involved in with a Christian training program.

Please pray that Pastor Naimat Azeem and others would see the Father, the only true God, and His Messiah, Jesus. (John 17:3)



I was thrilled to read Amir's words, "Tracy, I have read so many times that Jesus is the son of God. But I finally see that he is not God." This is what I live for! How exciting!! There is no greater high in life than sharing the true gospel with people, introducing them to the only true God and His anointed messiah, and sharing the great news of the kingdom of God!



I continue to be inspired by our dear brother Majo of India. He is working in Oman with a medical company now, but he continues to share the hope that he so cherishes with everyone as he has an opportunity! Last week he asked for prayers because he was sharing the translation of the Coming Kingdom of God (that he did by hand) with two families, one Pentecostal and the other Catholic. He asked us to pray that they would open their minds and hearts to receive this wonderful truth.

May God hear his prayers for these families and for his people!



Brother Uli is one of the first brothers in Russia. He met Maksim at the hospital in Omsk where he had come for treatment of some illness. He received the gospel with eagerness, but in all seriousness, he knew that if he were to follow Jesus it would mean drastic changes for his life.

Upon returning home and after great meditation, more study and reflection, he wrote Maksim a letter that he wanted to commit his life to following Jesus and be baptized. He chose to give up his former lifestyle of alcohol abuse and smoking and was willing to strive to live a biblical lifestyle walking in faith.

When Maksim went to baptize him, in a very small village in northern Siberia, his wife, Tamara, made Maksim sleep in a shed and she wasn't interested in her husband's faith. She didn't believe he was really serious about changing after living with him for so many years.

Praise God she saw the changes and saw that Uli's faith was real, and the next year we gained a sister! Since their lives had changed for the better, they decided to move in with her mother in an apartment in the city, where their daughter Lena also lived.

Unfortunately, not long after moving to town, Sister Tamara died in a car accident and Lena was severely injured. As a result of Tamara's death and Lena becoming bedridden, Tamara's mother had a stroke and also became bedridden. Uli says that without his faith after this tragedy, he would have returned to alcohol, but with God's strength and grace he is able to overcome and be strong for his family.

Brother Uli has had one tragedy after another. Last year he was diagnosed with a brain tumor, but instead of blaming God and losing his faith, he rejoices that he has God to help him through all these hard things in life. He has said that without God he would have been long dead. He is grateful for brethren around the world who are praying for him and he says how blessed he is to have Maksim to talk to him and strengthen him in word and spirit.

Today Uli is in the hospital for more treatment. He is struggling, but he prays for more time with his daughter and mother-in-law and hopes that they too will trust in God as he has. He hopes that he will be able to see Maksim one more time before he dies, Lord willing this spring. His faith has not wavered and his hope is in the resurrection.

PLEASE PRAY for strength and healing for Brother Uli and that his family would repent and be baptized and cling to the same hope and have the same peace that he knows, and that Tamara knew, once he is gone. Please pray for the finances to come in for the airfare for Maksim to travel there once winter is over. They do not know if Uli will be around come this summer when Maksim usually travels to visit the scattered brethren.

PRAISE GOD for the transformation of this life and that, due to your past generosity, their relatives have stepped up to help with those that are bedridden so that Uli could go to the hospital. The money that bought airline tickets not only got Maksim there to encourage Uli, but also opened the door to share more with Uli's family and it convicted the relatives to step up and help since a complete stranger was willing to come such a distance to help. To God be the glory!

It is wonderful what God's people can do to help change lives for eternity! Thank you for being a part of such a transformation! What an amazing party it will be when we sit down to the table with Jesus and all the brethren!

I hope that these stories have encouraged and inspired you as they do me. May we continue to sow seeds as faithful servants and reap a little of the joy that we will know when Jesus returns and we see the full harvest of our efforts!

Rejoicing in His service,

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