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The God Who Hears

One of our most frequently asked questions is, “How can I be certain that my prayers will be answered?” The answer is quite simple: pray that God’s will be done in every situation, and 100% of your prayers will be answered. Pray according to the truths revealed to us in His holy Word, and you will never be found wanting!

Many false teachers have promised that we can obtain anything we want now if only we would pry our wallets open wide enough and sow into, you guessed it, their ministry. It can’t just be any old sum. It has to be something substantial, something that hurts, something that you’ll notice has gone missing from your bank account.



When will we prioritize our prayer life in such a way that it would mirror the priorities that God has established in the Book? When will we learn to submit in our entirety to our Sovereign, the One who “works all things according to the counsel of His will?” Let us move away from our prayers of persuasion to ones of submission to an Omniscient God.

Philippians 4:6-7, “Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”

Why are we anxious? One might say, “How can you not be? Have you seen what’s happening in the world? Have you noticed how everything seems to be spiraling out of control? A better question is how can you not be anxious?” Easy: He is in control. Our Lord will neither sleep nor slumber!

The Word tells us to bring everything before Him in prayer and supplication – with thanksgiving! It has been too long since I have thanked Him for the affliction in my body that keeps me dependent on Him for strength! That very thorn in my body that I’ve asked to be removed is, in fact, a great blessing that keeps me tethered to Him. Whatever the temporal situation or light affliction you’ve asked Him to remove from your life, please prayerfully consider what eternal weight of glory it might be producing, and thank Him for it!

When we bring everything before Him, He promises this: that the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, not might, but will guard our hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. It is His promise, and you can take it to the bank!

That heavenly peace is available for you today!

We will always come up short frantically white-knuckling our wants; true peace, all-surpassing peace, the peace that only He can give, is found in our surrender to Him.

As I was speaking to Valentin Pintilie, I knew within seconds what the name of this article would be. Valentin shared countless testimonies of over a couple of decades of answered prayers.

From the moment he heard the Gospel and came to the Lord, crying out for forgiveness and repenting of his sin, Valentin knew that his service unto the Lord would not be something added to his life but would be the very center and purpose of his life going forward. “How else could I respond to the love I have found in Christ?”



Without a penny to his name and his parents unable to support his desire to be equipped for ministry at the local Bible school, Valentin signed up, trusting that the Lord who called would also be the One who provides. Our brother shared how the names of those who had not paid their tuition were called out every day as an incentive to make their payment, and he was frustrated that he was among them with no resolution in sight.

Just as the deadline approached, someone from the college contacted Valentin to inform him that an anonymous donor had paid for his tuition – not only for the semester but for the entire three years of schooling!

The Lord heard Valentin’s prayers for a wife and brought him a helpmate who not only loves the Lord but desires to serve Him with the same fervor and self-sacrifice.

Valentin and Liudmila live in the college dorms with the three daughters the Lord has blessed them with. The road for them has not been easy, but it has been a blessing.

With tears in his eyes, Valentin shares that though they have come close to going hungry, the Lord has always come through!

“During a time when we were struggling financially and had run out of all our savings, my wife called and told me to buy bread for the children’s breakfast the next morning. I came home without bread, not because I had forgotten, but because I didn’t have enough money to buy a single loaf. We prayed and went to bed. As we slept, a brother who lives abroad and had my account information wired me some money. It was by no means a large sum, but it was an incredible answer to prayer. That morning, when I got up, I saw that a deposit had been made into my account with the money I needed to buy bread for my children. This is how the Lord has provided in our lives time and time again.”

At one point, this young family had managed to save \$2,000 towards the purchase of land to build a home. When the war started, and there were not enough vehicles to go to eastern Ukraine for evacuations, they didn’t hesitate. They donated all their savings toward the purchase of a vehicle, and Valentin started making the long treks east to help those desperate to evacuate the warzone.

Valentin has numerous testimonies of God’s protection as he has traveled to the most remote and dangerous parts of Ukraine, delivering emergency relief goods and pulling evacuees from damaged homes. His team has been under bombing and escaped certain death by minutes or even seconds.



Life in the small dorm with three children has been difficult, to say the least. The influx of students and the housing of refugees since the war began has made family life near to impossible for the Pintilies.

They had the opportunity to flee themselves, but they are confident that their home and mission field are with the people in Ukraine.

After many years of praying and waiting, the opportunity to purchase a home at a discount has arisen. We would love to help this family of faithful servants out with as much as possible to serve as a down payment on the home the Lord has provided for them.

Valentin would’ve never shared this need if I had not asked him. He remains firm on only bringing his petitions before the One who always hears.

In Him,
Daniel Boldea



Beyond Judea and Samaria

We did not come into ministry with a precise 12-step program on how to grow based on some study or feasibility plan. We did not have a global strategy or goal in mind other than being faithful to the work He entrusted us. We did not come into ministry with any plan at all. We brought nothing to the table, not even basic English language skills, but we did show up, heeding the call of our Savior. We just did as He instructed, with no thought of the next few months, never mind the next few years or decades.



We are inching towards our 40th year anniversary, a milestone that we would rather call an Ebenezer as it is all the work of our Sovereign God, and to Him alone belongs all glory!

As we move closer to beginning our fifth decade in ministry, we would be entirely content following through with our existing projects and areas of ministry. It's not as though our plate isn't already full to overflowing or that we have much downtime, but we believe the Lord might have different plans.

During our many years of ministry, we have learned that one cannot blindly trust someone in faraway lands. No, I am not talking about the friend you never knew you had asking you to wire emergency funds to a country you have never heard of. I am referring to those who simply

profess faith, those who are, in fact, wolves in sheep's clothing, desiring nothing else but to capitalize on one's suffering.

Without a relationship built over the years, matured and forged through trials and hardships, consolidated in a shared passion and love for God and the Gospel, we would not even consider a new work for this ministry. We've had enough close calls to know that what you see isn't what you get with people, and it's better to be overly cautious than be caught on the back foot. That said, God has not only shown us the need but also established trusted local oversight that will allow us to come alongside this project without hesitation.

Marius, brother of Daniel Iacob, our main project coordinator in Romania, has been serving as a full-time missionary with his wife Ruth for many years now. They began their ministry in Mongolia, but after Covid shut the country down, an opportunity to serve in Ethiopia, an ever-growing mission field, arose, and they did not hesitate.



Their main focus is establishing a missionary Bible school where indigenous people can be equipped to serve the people of Ethiopia.

In their area of ministry, a need for a church building and the opportunity to purchase and renovate one have come up.



The building will serve as a sanctuary and a gospel-centered school alternative for over 120 children who cannot afford to go to public school.

The building has some history, which is the only reason it is within an affordable price range. During some riots triggered by civil unrest, the owners of the home were murdered, and no one wants to come near the home now. The price has kept coming down from \$45,000 to now \$30,000, which we believe is the lowest they will go.

Given the area, the building is quite perfect for the needs of the growing local congregation of Adame-Tulo and the ambitious projects Pastor Mohammed has underway.

The property is fenced in, has a working well, and is connected to the power grid – all hard-to-find amenities in this isolated area of the world.



We are ready to come alongside any good work that is aimed at glorifying God and answer Christ’s final marching orders to his disciples before ascending to heaven, recorded in Acts 1:8, “... you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” Or, in our case, Romania, Ukraine, and to the end of the earth. Need knows no borders, continents, ethnicities, or language. Need is need the world over, and if the Lord has provided an opportunity for us to meet a need half a world away, we will do so with joy and gladness of heart.

In His service,
Daniel Boldea



We pray that we are able to purchase the property, have the locals clean up the yard that has been long neglected, and demolish the interior walls that need to come down in order to create the main sanctuary area before spring. A group of skilled Romanian brothers and my unskilled self are ready to travel there in March and volunteer our time to renovate the facility.



Blessings



Regifting

We are all aware of the ancient art of regifting, and most of us have either been givers or recipients of such gifts. Whether it be an office party gift or a tchotchke, we have no use for it, and it will eventually end up in the donation bin of the local thrift store. You know exactly what type of items I am talking about.



In a pinch, I, too, have been guilty of the occasional impulsive regift when there was no opportunity to purchase a needed present. Some of my most courageous acquaintances have regifted without unwrapping a present – that I personally would never do.



All that to say, that is not the regifting that I have in mind.

Our readers, along with faithful believers around the world, are some of the best regifters, those who have understood that “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.” James 1:17

We can only offer others that which we have received from our heavenly Father, as “For of Him and through

Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen.” Romans 11:36



As we minister to the hurting in Romania or Ukraine, we tell them that the resources that have been entrusted to us to distribute come not from donors who give out of plenty but from brothers and sisters who prayerfully and sacrificially give from that which has been given to them by our Father.

Thank you for your generous self-sacrificial support of our projects!

Hand of Help Staff



More Blessings



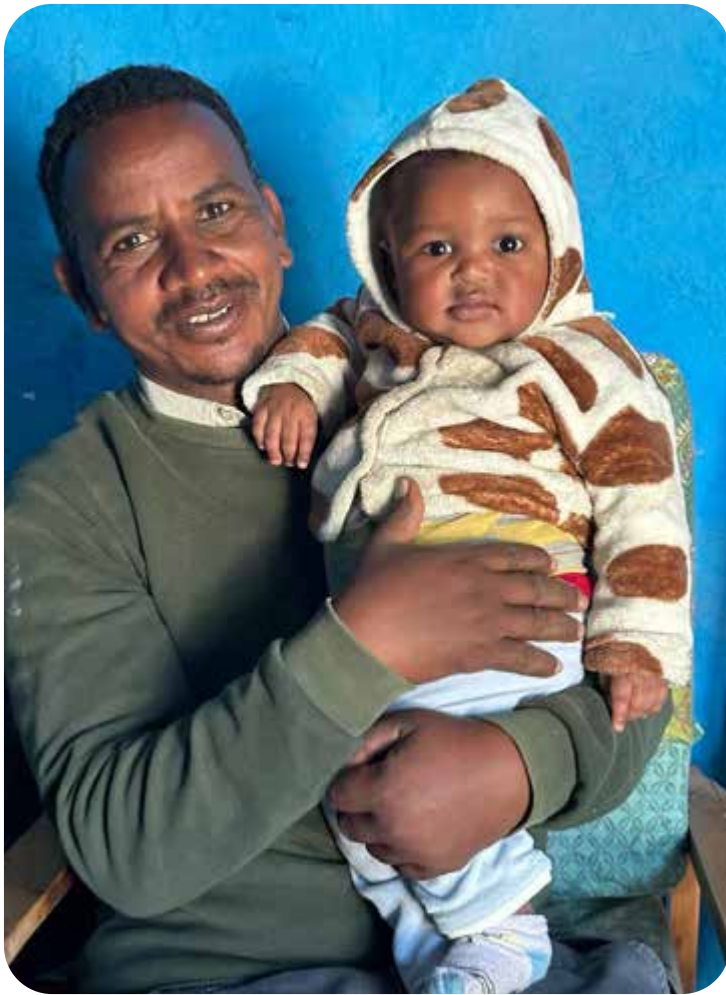
REMINDERS:

Donations must be postmarked by December 31st in order to be included on your 2023 year-end tax receipt.

Michael Boldea's weekly radio show is archived and can be found on Rumble using the following link:

<https://rumble.com/user/handofhelp>

Moses — The Pulled Out One



discovered who had been left to die in an outhouse.

Pastor Mohammed has a reputation for caring for children in the community, so the police officer reached out to see if he could find a home for the child.

After making multiple inquiries to families in the area and being turned down, Pastor Mohammed told his wife that “the Lord has given us a fifth child to raise as our own.”

They named the child Moses – the pulled out one.

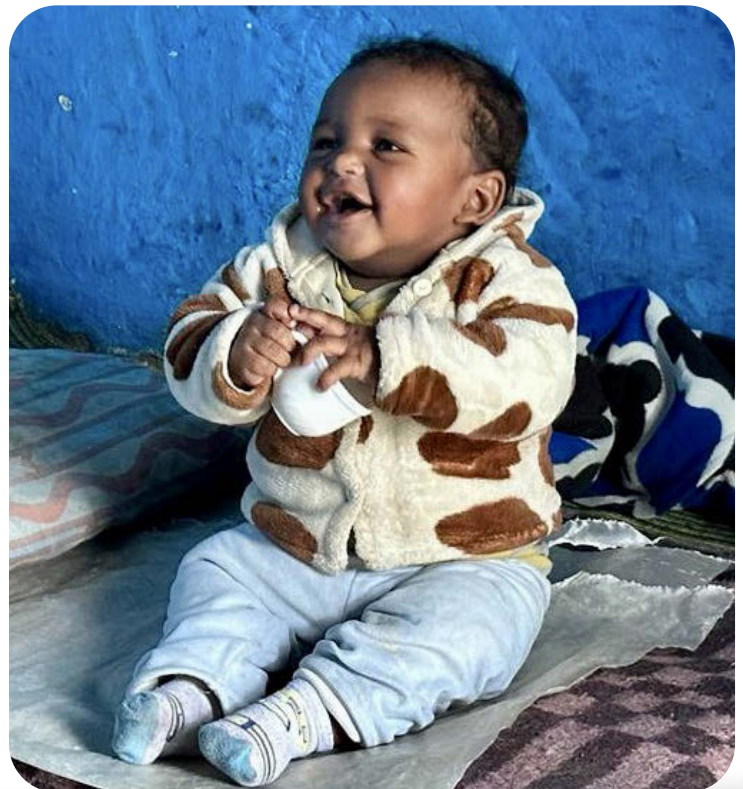
Their prayer is that when Moses is old enough to comprehend, his name will serve as a constant reminder of where the Lord has brought him out and that he will yearn to serve Him.



We would like to introduce pastor Mohammed, who has been ministering to the people of Adame-Tulo and who will be overseeing the church building project we are praying for.

Of the many testimonies of Providence pastor Mohammed shared, the story of how the Lord blessed them with a fifth child stood out.

In the middle of the night, while all was silent, a police officer, during his normal rounds through the village, heard the fainting cry of a baby. After searching the area, a three-month-old boy was



Child of the Month

Delia, Ianis, and Denisa have been with us since September 2018.

Delia is the middle child, born in October 2011. She is very sociable and easily befriends others. Her smile brings so much joy to the people around her!

The three siblings had been alone since their mother left the country searching for work. Despite all the gifts their mother used to send them to compensate for her absence, the children were heartbroken, and one could see the suffering in their eyes. Denisa, the oldest, had to take care of her younger siblings, oftentimes missing school while desperately trying to keep them well taken care of.

The mother quickly understood she needed assistance raising her children and asked for help. We are grateful to God for allowing us to be a hand of help to children such as these, and we thank you for praying for and supporting this work.

Over the years, the siblings have grown very close in their relationship with each other, and Delia is



overjoyed that they can all live together in one of our homes at the orphanage. Delia has embraced our big family with all her heart, and it is a blessing to watch her grow!

In her free time, Delia enjoys drawing, roller skating, and gymnastics. She also plays the violin in our center's orchestra.

Her mother is still abroad and can only keep in touch with the children via phone calls. However, their grandmother was able to visit the siblings at our center. Their father has a new family and does not keep in contact with his children.

We thank you for keeping Delia and her siblings in your prayers. We ask our Lord in His faithfulness to watch over them, restore their hearts, and guide them through all life's circumstances.

There is no greater love than that of our Father, and we pray that Delia, her sister, and her brother will come to understand the precious gift of salvation and become obedient servants of our Lord.

Dear Brethren,


If we want to reach our destination, we must press onward until we do. We must be diligent in pressing ever onward toward the prize. Stopping midway through our journey is not an option, nor is giving up because the terrain has become difficult, and the climb is harder than it once was. We were told it would not be easy before we even started the climb. Jesus Himself insisted that we count the cost and make sure we're willing to pay it, and those who ignored His counsel have long since given up, growing bitter not at themselves but at God, whom they saw as having failed them.

God didn't fail anyone. People just believed other people rather than God Himself and expected the road to be easy and the journey to be pain-free. At the risk of being the contrarian voice amid a sea of voices, the worst is not behind us; blue skies and smooth sailing are not in our future, and as far as difficulty, hardship, and being hated and marginalized for being servants of Jesus, we've only just begun.

I understand it's not what some of you wanted to hear, but we get told things we don't want to hear all the time because they're for our good, and someone cares enough to tell us the truth. Men will flail, falter, and ultimately give up because they expected the journey to be easier than it is. Men will quit the race because they thought it would be shorter than it is in actuality. All the reasons for men's failures can be laid at the feet of their fellow man, and none can be laid at the feet of God because God told us what things would be like before Christ's return and did so in vivid detail.

If you are expecting something different than what the Bible foretold, then you will be disappointed and disillusioned when what you expected never materializes.

For some, this might seem like a bleak, depressing message for this time of year, but if we look into the future with spiritual eyes and understand that in the midst of hardship, the power and presence of God will be all the more evident in our lives, you will conclude



that it's not. Though we know what tomorrow will bring, we were commanded not to worry about it because He who counts the hairs on your head has already prepared your way for you.

Although I'm not looking forward to some of the bleaker events of the last days, I am looking forward to witnessing the manifest power and presence of God so often that it becomes commonplace. When we begin to understand the level of God's protection and provision during the final chapter of the world's story, it's plain to see that what we deem as miracles will not be something so rare and infrequent as to stir amazement but a daily occurrence that will mark the life of the believer.

What will be times of fear and uncertainty for the world will be a season of miracles for the children of God, for we are not orphans. He is a good Father, and He is with us. We are not hopeless, fearful, rudderless, or alone; we are sons and daughters of the Most High God, and He will see us through until the end. Don't give up; the finish line is in sight. Be strong in the Lord and the power of His might, and know that He is coming soon.

With love in Christ,
Michael Boldea, Jr.