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A Time for Everything

Dear Prayer Partners,

A Time of Praise

Praise the Lord! The Myanmar visa has come. Now we need your prayers. I got a note from one coordinator in Burma reminding me of how it can rain during that season. I remember that at the close of our sessions in the north, on my way to the airport, there was a storm like never before. I had great difficulty getting back to the airport on the flooded roads (many were closed). But the pastors traveling back into the mountains would have had an impossible trek.

Please keep praying for the remaining \$6,200and for the plans while in Singapore. I leave in just over 1 month's time - September 4th. As Americans celebrate Labor Day, I will be whisked away to the Far East for His purposes.

A Time of Trouble

Do pray as we reapply for our Federal Tax Exempt Status. An unnoticed change of policy makes this necessary. This means that I need to fill in many pages of a 30 page application, as well as send in ten pages of my own notes. I must admit, however, that I appreciate how they encourage open books. Please pray for me.

Do also keep praying for breakthrough for our website page views. Nothing has changed. It is rather sad, but it also cultivates increased trust in God.

God is my trust. I trust in Him and not Google. It seems silly, but this is a spiritual battle. I need to believe that God can accomplish His purposes with or without Google. Pray that my arms would stay lifted up during this time in order that God's glorious purposes would be accomplished.

It seems that when the Apostle Paul was imprisoned, the gospel would be held back. Freedom would mean more for the purpose of the gospel, right? Wrong. God has His ways and timing. "Now I want you to know, brethren, that my circumstances have turned out for the greater progress of the gospel" (Philippians 1:12). What to pray for? Pray that during this time, God would accomplish more without Google than with Google.

A Time of Rest

Our family (actually just part of our family) is vacationing in New Hampshire. I would not have been able to accomplish much work during that heat wave. How nice to visit friends, supporters and relatives here in this region.

Earlier this morning, my wife came by asking what I was doing on the computer. I told her that it was a study for the Book of Joel. I also added, though, that my original plan was to upload them so readers could embark on a challenging eschatological study during this summer break. Well, they are not quite done. The good side, I thoroughly enjoy going through the study myself.

May each of you have a great summer and close relationship with God! Paul

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