

Dear Prayer Agents

It was the spring of 1986 in Florida. I had bought a little notebook to record my prayer requests and then to later record my answers. I decided to be specific with one of my first requests. A friend of mine had been away at a Christian camp and would return on Sunday evening some time. I asked God to lead me at the right time to phone her that evening. As I recall, it was about 9:38 p.m. when I felt led to phone her house. Her mother answered the phone and I asked her if I could speak to Tammy. She said that she was not home, but in her next breath she announced that Tammy had just walked in the door! God had answered a specific prayer. Specific prayers can bring specific answers and God gets specific glory!

Last week we talked about asking for great and mighty things from God. Often God will have us start with little things. Our faith increases as we grow in our relationship with Him. I had been living in London for quite some time and got around my living and work area by either walking or riding bike. My first bike had been stolen. Late one afternoon I decided to spend a couple of hours in prayer and one of my requests was for a bike. I just wanted a bike, even an old one, it did not matter to me. Near the end of my prayer time the name of Jonathan came to my mind. He was a tall Jamaican Christian brother I would stop to see a few times a year to encourage and pray with. After prayer, I decided to go visit him. We chatted for a couple of hours and then prayed some.

As I got up to leave, he said that God had just spoken to him to give me something. He pointed over to a side wall that I had not noticed. There was hanging a like new racing bike! I rode off that night with God's quick answer to my prayer!

It was a warm summer afternoon in Belgium in 1984. Our evangelism team was out doing door to door work but was not having much success. That particular neighborhood had apartment complexes that required security clearances to even get access to upstairs apartments. We were struggling to find people to talk with. As team leader I was supposed to be positive and encouraging but by late afternoon I was discouraged. I went over to the side of the road and just sat on the curb with my head down for a few minutes. Then I simply prayed, '**God help us**'. As I lifted my head up, I saw a young man about 150 feet away walking towards me. As he approached me he asked me what I was doing. I told him that we had a Christian evangelism team in the area. He was a radio disc jockey and seemed quite inquisitive. At the end of our conversation, he asked me if I would come onto his radio station program that week. I was able to talk about Christ and answer some of his questions for an hour on the local radio station. That radio interview led to something much bigger.

Another radio disc jockey heard about that radio interview. He had the most widely listened to radio program in the country at the prime time spot of 4 to 5 p.m. in the afternoon. It was a program that appealed to the younger generation. One of our team members Steve, age 17 from Oregon, had a wonderful opportunity to share Christ with the whole country of Belgium! God had answered a simple gut wrenching cry for help.

Last week Dawson Trotman challenged us to ask God for countries and continents. I have an interest in India. My focus is on one of the larger states called Andhra Pradesh. You may not have a country or region in mind yet. We all can start with one person or family. Who are we asking God to bring to salvation and entry into his kingdom?

On my final Tuesday prayer night this year at Clymer Hill before I left for Florida, I began to gather names from some of you of those you want to come to Christ. Now I want to gather

names from more of you. We all know about the posters in Westerns with a person's picture and the words above: Wanted: Dead or Alive.

Years ago I printed up my own posters. I put pictures of those I was praying for on the paper I had printed that said: Wanted: Alive in Christ
Please send me names of those you want to see come to Christ. The Bible says that one shall chase a thousand and two shall chase ten thousand. Next week we will look at the power of agreement. Let me agree with you for those persons God has placed on your heart. This past week I prayed for one of those people. As I was praying for a young man, God gave me a picture of a wild horse being broken. A cowboy will ride a wild colt until it breaks and submits to his voice and his reins. God is going to ride that young man until he is broken and submitted to the voice of Jesus and his reins. He is WANTED... ALIVE IN CHRIST!

"Until God's people can have definite, remarkable, provable answers to prayer, then we had as well expect that our young people will grow up doubting that there is a miracle-working, prayer-answering God. The remedy for unbelief is for God's people to pray and have their prayers answered." - John R. Rice

John from Florida