

Dispatch #10 'Packet #3

09.27.06 East Africa Mission Dispatch #10 'Packet #3" From Nigeria...

Although back from Nigeria I will be sending you these "packets" which accumulated while I was out of touch. Your fervent prayers were miraculously answered and you should not have to wait to heaven to know the victory and the coming rewards as a result of your faithful ministry.

1_ O Lord God Bless Your Holy Word..."

2_ Books Distributed - a high point for conferees

3_ "All the good books I have, have come from you. We just can't find books like this here

4_ At the end of this dispatch is a section from my lectures on The Word of God entitled, "Attributes of the Word of God" I include this section from my lecture notes for your edification and to bolster your faith in an age when the Word of God is being questioned and belittled.

I. The Ministry of the Word of God - empowered by prayer

II. The Ministry of the Word of God - Clearly taught

III. The Ministry of the Word of God - Distributed

IV. The Ministry of the Word of God - Thankfully received

V. The Ministry of the Word of God - Empowered by prayer

II Thessalonians 3:1 "Finally, brethren, pray for us that the word of the Lord may spread rapidly and be glorified, just as it did also with you;"

A. Before preaching or teaching I call upon God to bless His holy Word.

Please join with me in asking that the ministry of the Word of God would be blessed in used in the lives of both speaker and listener...

Ø "O Lord God, This is your Holy Word (II Peter 2:21),

Ø Speak to us this hour telling us great and mighty things (Jeremiah 33:3)

Ø Feed us from your Holy Word (I Timothy 4:6; Jeremiah 15:16)

Ø Sanctify us in Truth, Thy Word is Truth - set us apart this day for your glory and service. (John 17:17).

Ø Prepare now the hearts of all who hear. Let not Thy Word fall upon barren ground (Mark 4:13-19)

Ø Let Your Word not go and return to us void, rather accomplish this day that purpose for which it is being sent out (Isaiah 55:11).

Ø Let Your Word be to us the Sword of the Spirit (Ephesians 6:17) - cut to the dividing point of soul and spirit

Ø Judge now the thoughts and intentions of our hearts (Hebrews 4:12).

Ø Be a lamp to our feet and a light to our paths. (Psalm 119:105)

Ø We are your servants O Lord, give us understanding that we might know Thy Testimonies. (Psalm 119:125)

Ø We submit to it as the final and ultimate authority (I Thessalonians 4:8; 2:13)

Ø and pledge our obedience to Your holy Word because of our love for You. (John 14:15)"

B. Below is a selection of verses taken from my prayer note book from the Word of God section. I pray over these and others daily asking God to make

me a man of His Word. Please join with me in praying these verses for my life and ministry.

1. Psalm 119:18 Open my eyes, that I may behold Wonderful things from Thy law.
2. Psalm 119:35 Make me walk in the path of Thy commandments, For I delight in it.
3. Psalm 119:38 Establish Thy word to Thy servant, as that which produces reverence for Thee.
4. Psalm 119:102 I have not turned aside from Thine ordinances, For Thou Thyself hast taught me.
5. Psalm 119:108 O accept the freewill offerings of my mouth, O Lord, And teach me Thine ordinances.
6. Psalm 119:124 Deal with Thy servant according to Thy lovingkindness, And teach me Thy statutes.
7. Psalm 119:125 I am Thy servant; give me understanding, That I may know Thy testimonies. (Where it all began - first verse to go in my prayer notebook, fall 1971, Q.T. overlooking freshman field outside University of Texas' old San Jacinto Dorm - Gene Warr shared at student rally the importance of having a prayer notebook the night before.)
8. Psalm 119:135 Make Thy face shine upon Thy servant, And teach me Thy statutes.
9. Psalm 119:169 Let my cry come before Thee, O Lord; Give me understanding according to Thy word.

Dear Prayer Warriors,

Because of your faithful and sacrificial prayers the Word of God is empowered and spreads. This truth is taught by none other than God the Holy Spirit in II Thessalonians 3:1 "Finally, brethren, pray for us that the word of the Lord may spread rapidly and be glorified, just as it did also with you;" Through your prayers and by your prayers the "word of the Lord" both spreads rapidly and is glorified. Thank you so much for your co-laboring with me. You pray, I preach, the Word of God spreads rapidly and is glorified - now that is what I call teamwork!!

The clear purposeful teaching and exposition of the Word of God to adults is our primary ministries. Although many worthwhile mission endeavors are carried out for youth, for children, for building and material needs, ours is a ministry of the Word aimed at laboring adults, and more specifically "heads of households". The reclaiming of the family for Christ and the renewing of the conviction of the husband, as head of the house leading his family spiritually as a man of the Word, a man of prayer, a man committed to service in his church and the home as a center for personal evangelism and discipleship is the cornerstone of our ministry. Although often asked to speak or lead conferences on The Word of God, The Word and Ministry of the Holy Spirit, Testing the Spirits, Evangelism and Discipleship - it is our Family Discipleship Seminar and Marriage Covenant Seminar that is most often requested. No matter the subject though, it is the clear teaching of the holy and inerrant Word of God which characterizes our ministry.

A secondary ministry and akin to this though is the distribution of Bibles, Bible

reference works, Bible study aids and Bible study workbooks. In these pictures you see conferees each receiving a copy of "The Measure of the Man" as provided by Conroe Bible Church and Show and Tell, a book on personal evangelism, both written and provided by Kirk Humphys of Oklahoma City. Gene and Irma Warr donated a large 70lbs box of books from Gene's Theological library. These went to pastors and staff attending the conference. One minister told me, "All the quality books I have in my library for the study of the Bible come from you. You just cannot find good Bible study works in Nigeria. I thank God every day for this ministry!" As I visited in the homes of pastors and staff I saw at different times copies of the Thompson Chain Reference Bible, McArthur Study Bible, Ryrie Study Bibles, Strongs Exhaustive Concordance, Vines Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words, Mathew Henry Commentary - all with the distinctive GCI bookplate requesting prayer for the one who made possible the donation of this volume. Those of you who regularly contribute to this ministry should know two things. First the volumes are all dog eared and well marked from constant use, second, the recipients are faithful to pray for you and your families, they are truly and deeply grateful.

The more I travel, the more I preach, the more I discover a hesitancy in the clear and public use of the Word of God in the ministry. I cringe as I hear people share with me that they have read or been told not to quote the Word of God when ministering or witnessing as it might confuse or turn off the listener. More and more those coming to our seminars relate that previous speakers have used more surveys, personality tests and psychological diagnostic tools than the Word of God. Our ministry has and always will be firmly rooted in the holy, inerrant Word of God. At the end of this dispatch is a section I have cut and pasted from my lectures on Knowing, Understanding, Studying, Applying and then Teaching the Word of God entitled, "Attributes of the Word of God" I include this section from my lecture notes for your edification and to bolster your faith in an age when the Word of God is being questioned and belittled.

By His mercy,
II Corinthians 4:1
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II. Attributes Of The Word Of God (Taken from the lectures of Rev. John S. Mahon on Knowing, Understanding, Studying, Applying and then Teaching the Word of God)

A. The Actual Word of God - "God said" 572x's; "Word of Lord" 253x's;
"Word of God" 47x's

I Thessalonians 2:13; Hebrews 4:12 I Thessalonians 4:8; Psalm 119:4, 13-16;
Isaiah 1:10

B. Inspired - II Timothy 3:16; I Thessalonians 2:13; 4:2 & 8; I John
4:6

1. How -II Peter 1:20 & 21; I Peter 1:10; II Samuel 23:2; I Chronicles
28:19

2. Old Testament - Exodus 31:18; 32:16; 34:1; I Kings 2:3; Romans 15:4;
Galatians 3:19; Acts 7:53; Hebrews 9:8; Luke 24:27, 49; II Peter 3:2

3. New Testament (Including Paul) - I Thessalonians 2:13; 4:2,8; Acts 22:14, 15; I Corinthians 14:37,38; 15:3,4; Galatians 1:12, 16,17; 2:2; Eph 3:3,4; II Pt 3:15 & 16

4. The Word of God was not only given to us as inspired and inerrant in the original manuscripts but has been watched over and passed down to us, not by man, but by God the Holy Spirit, who has preserved them and now presented them to us today intact, inerrant, authoritative and unbroken.

C. Eternal - Psalm 12:6 & 7; 33:11; 102:18; 105:8; 117:2; 119:89, 152; Matthew 5:18; 24:35; Mark 13:31; Luke 16:17; I Peter 1:24, 25; II John 2

D. Inerrant: There is no scientific test, archeological discovery, nor empirical piece of evidence needed against which we weigh, check or verify the promises of God concerning His Word.

1. Pure (tried, perfect, sure, pure, true, upright) - Psalm 12:6; 18:30; 33:4; 19:7 - 9; 111:7;

2. Unbroken - John 10:35

3. Authoritative - I Thessalonians 4:8; 2:13

4. Sacred - II Timothy 3:14

5. Holy - II Peter 2:21

E. Dynamic

1. Accomplishes its purposes - Isaiah 55:11; II Timothy 2:19

2. Alive, active - Hebrews 4:12

3. Creative Power - Hebrews 11:3; I Peter 1:23; Psalm 33:6

4. Empowers - Joel 2:11

5. Instructs - Romans 15:41

6. Judges - Hebrews 4:12; Romans 7:13

7. Powerful - Hebrews 4:12; Jeremiah 5:14; 23:29

8. Sanctifies - John 17:17

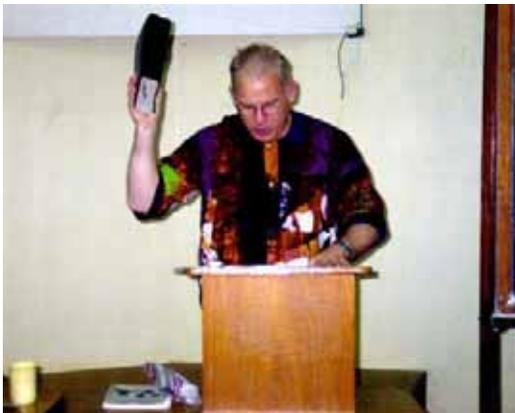
9. Spiritual - Romans 7:14

a. Spiritual Light - Psalm 119:105; II Peter 1:19

b. Spiritual Food - Jeremiah 15:16; I Timothy 4:6; 1 Peter 2:2

10. Tests - Psalm 105:19

11. Sword of the Spirit - Ephesians 6:17; Hosea 6:



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The Word of God clearly taught – Jos Nigeria



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