

## **Dispatch #10 'Packet #4**

Mahon: 10.01.06 East Africa Mission Dispatch #10 'Packet #4" From Nigeria...

(I am now in Jos and have not been able to find an internet cafe from which to send my reports. Like the payer warriors of old, you will receive a packet of dispatches, which will arrive when means of delivery are found.

In days long gone by, missionaries would faithfully write letters regularly to prayer warriors, supporters and loved ones back home, carefully maintaining them in a packet, waiting for some traveler or ship bound homeward to which they could entrust their precious cargo. These packets of dispatches, often tied together with twine or ribbon would then make the long journey home, reporting events weeks, months if not years past.

Missionaries of old did this because of their keen sense of stewardship in light of the sacrificial ministry of prayer being faithfully carried out

back home. In the same way I will continue to "report" following the example of these saints of old. Rather than tying them with twine or securing them in an oilskin packet, I will keep them safe "cyber style" in a folder which waits for the opportunity of sending them on to you. Yes, I will continue writing them for you, as I know you take a keen interest in this ministry and are praying as best you can - under the prodding and guidance of the Holy Spirit.)

Jos "packet" continued

### Pictures (see below)

5\_ A conference blessed of God

6\_ Men's 6 a.m. Bible Study

7\_ Michael: A young man's zeal for the Lord

8\_ Nigeria's future

I. A conference blessed by your prayers

II. A conference tradition - Men sacrificing to meet with God

III. Michael: A young man's zeal for the Lord (Excerpts from his and other emails)

IV. The FDS and Nigeria's future

V. Prayer Requests

A. That God's Word, when preached would accomplish the purpose for which it is being sent out. Please claim...

Isaiah 55:11 "So shall My word be which goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to me empty, without accomplishing what I desire, and without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it."

B. That God would bless the sacrifice which men made each morning to go

deeper in the Word. That these studies would bear lasting fruit in their lives. Please claim...

Luke 8:15 "And the seed in the good soil, these are the ones who have heard the word in an honest and good heart, and hold it fast, and bear fruit with perseverance."

C. That God would continue to raise up zealous young ministers such as

Michael to teach the Word of God to a new generation of Nigerians. Please claim...

II Timothy 2:1-2 "You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, these entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also."

D. That God would raise up a new generation of Christian parents who

would in turn impact Nigeria for Christ. Please claim..

1. "Winning the World Through Heads Of Households") Acts 16:31 "And

they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you shall be saved, you and your household."

2. "Discipling the World Through Families" Joshua 24:15 "And if it is

disagreeable in your sight to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves today whom you will serve: whether the gods which your fathers served which were beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."

Dear Prayer Warriors,

I can feel the enabling power of your prayers as I minister here in Jos. It is an exhilarating schedule and I praise God for the opportunity to labor hard in teaching and preaching the Word of God.

Each day begins at 4:45 as I rise to prepare for the days coming ministry.

6 a.m. finds me meeting with the men in a special "key men's" study Mid-morning I teaching two one hour sessions on Biblical Principles of Child Raising - the early years Afternoon finds me teaching the same theme but as it concerns teens In the evening I teach my seminar on "The Covenant of Marriage"

Each breakfast, lunch and dinner is already booked with individuals and couples who have questions.

It is truly a blessed time and I praise God for the empowerment of your prayers!!

The 6 a.m. men's special study is a conference tradition. It is born out of my own early experience in conferences of being offered the opportunity to go deeper with the speaker in an optional early morning

study. Remembering what a blessing this was to me I as well offer this. It is pretty much the same. The conference organizers always try to prepare me for little or now turnout. No problem, I assure them, I am going to be up meeting with the Lord either way. But it is always the same, there are always men who want to get up early and go deeper in God's Word. The picture testifies to this truth as we had a full turnout all four mornings.

Another high point for me at conferences are the meal appointments where I am able to meet one on one or in small groups with conferees who schedule these times with me between sessions. During these times, with Bible open we can go deep into God's Word. In photo #7 Michael is to the left, a zealous young staff man with a keen mind for the Word of God and zeal for the ministry. He had excellent questions and I enjoyed the time with him delving into the truths of the Word of God. (Let me share with you an excerpt from an email I have just now received)

" I will work hard at keeping my promises trusting God to help me. My wife and I have started listening to the messages. I also made a copy for a new couple who are our friends and have a 1 year old child.... We met today again for our study with the young workers and it was a rich time... We are rounding up our study which I prepared on THE EFFECT OF THE WORD. We had done The Origin of the Word and The Nature of the Word earlier."

Last but not least I would like you to pray for the future of Nigeria. It is in the hands of the young families like the one in photo #8. At each meal this devout young couple and their new born "piggy backed" with whoever I was meeting with listening in on the questions and benefiting from the answers. As you pray for me pray for young couples like this, some of whom traveled 12 hours or more, to learn the Biblical Principles of Christian Parenting, Marriage and Home.

As always I minister by the grace of God and by your effectual prayers.

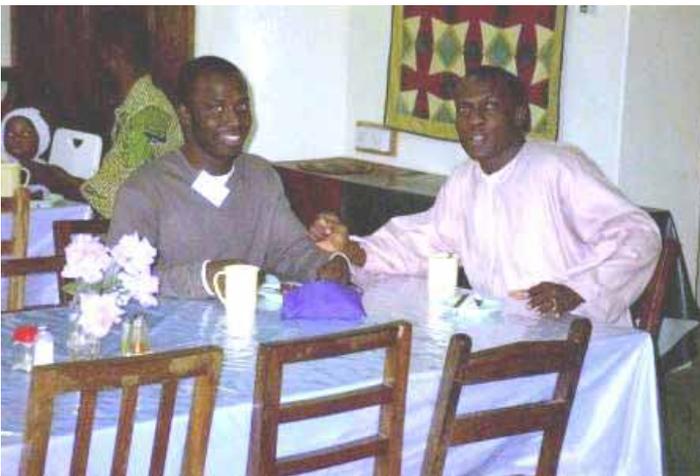
By His mercy,  
II Corinthians 4:1  
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**Picture Five**



**Picture Six**



**Picture Seven**



**Picture Eight**