

**Mahon Kenyan Dispatch 06 07.31.09 - A literal "Snapshot" of the ministry week**

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  - A. God would bless as I study the Word  
*Jeremiah 33:3 Call to Me and I will answer you, and I will tell you great and mighty things, which you do not know.'*  
*Psalms 119:125 I am Your servant; give me understanding, That I may know Your testimonies.*
  - B. The Lord would bless the proclamation of the gospel  
*1 Thessalonians 1:9-10 For they themselves report about us what kind of a reception we had with you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God, and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, that is Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath to come.*
  - C. University students would be gripped by a love for the Word of God  
*Jeremiah 15:16 Your words were found and I ate them, And Your words became for me a joy and the delight of my heart; For I have been called by Your name, O LORD God of hosts.*
  - D. Young professionals would remain excited about the ministry  
*Psalms 119:139-140 My zeal has consumed me, Because my adversaries have forgotten Your words. Your word is very pure, Therefore Your servant loves it.*
  - E. The teams would be both blessed and protected  
*Psalms 121:5-8 The LORD is your keeper; The LORD is your shade on your right hand. The sun will not smite you by day , Nor the moon by night. The LORD will protect you from all evil; He will keep your soul. The LORD will guard your going out and your coming in From this time forth and forever*
  - F. Our ministry would build up the church  
*Ephesians 4:12-13 for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; until we all attain to the unity of*

*the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs*

G. God would bless the teams as they share their testimonies and teach the Word of God

*Acts 1:8 but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.*

Dear Prayer Warriors,

The ministry week is in full swing and God is blessing the Guthrie Oklahoma Team as they minister the Word of God throughout the greater Nairobi area. I thought I would send you these pictures as a literal "Snapshot" of my ministry week...

### **1\_ My week is spent ministering the Word of God**

This is our ministry – the Word of God. Whether large group preaching, small group teaching or one on one training we spend the week ministering the Word of God. Many times, as in this picture it is in a room filled to capacity. I have little confidence in programs and institutions. Even less confidence in my own words and wisdom. By contrast I have great, unlimited confidence in the holy, eternal, inspired, inerrant written Word of God to change men's lives. It is this conviction that shapes our ministry. It is on this that we stand or fall, the holy Scriptures, the Word of God.

### **2\_Kenyan lay evangelists going deep in the Word of God**

I had the privilege of teaching the leadership team of the Nairobi Commissioners for Christ this past week. The Commissioners For Christ are laymen and women who feel called to go out into the villages of Kenya each week putting on evangelistic campaigns. The resulting fruit brought them to the conviction that they needed to learn more about Follow-Up. It was my privilege to spend Saturday teaching a half day conference for them on Follow-Up. I found them both zealous for the Word and for lost souls which made my job all the more easier.

### **3\_Kenyan University Students - One Day Conference**

Early Saturday morning I gave the opening message for a University One Day Conference. I spoke on the Hand Illustration emphasizing the disciplines of the Word of God – Hear, Read, Study, Memorize and Meditate. It was at conferences like this throughout my University studies that I made key Lordship decisions concerning the Word of God. I feel a great burden to proclaim the excellencies of Christ and the joys of the Word of God with the same effective zeal as was done for me.

### **4\_Young Professionals With Bibles (25 SM to get one)**

That night I met in a home filled to capacity with young professionals. We have been studying together on a weekly basis and as each one is able to recite the 25 verses presented they receive a McArhtur Study Bible. Scripture memory is a required discipline in all the studies I have the privilege of leading.

Everywhere I go I hear the same. Young professionals will not get up in the morning to do Bible study and young professionals will not do Bible study preparations nor memorize the Word of God. Everywhere I go I find the same, young professionals, serious about God, willing to get up in the morning, bringing with them a prepared Bible study and willing to be checked on their verses – learning them word perfect.

It is a sad day when the burden of Bible study and Scripture memory is born by University students, high school students and children in the church. It is a sad day when the standards are higher for elementary school children in AWANA's than for adult men serving in leadership positions. All the men serving with GCI on short term mission assignments submit to a rigorous program of Scripture Memory, Bible study, Message and Testimony preparation and prayer.

#### **5\_Briefing Guthrie OK Team For Week of Ministry**

Such a team is the Guthrie, Oklahoma Team lead by Richard Price. These men all learned over 30 Scripture passages word perfect. They have a five minute testimony which includes 12 verses quoted by memory so that it can be given on a moments notice in under five minutes. They have spent hours upon hours studying the Word of God that they might in turn teach it to others. They have had a daily quiet time alone with God over the Word of God every day. They are in everyway prepared for their ministry. Is it any wonder that they have seen five individuals come to Christ in the first few days of their ministry and that all five have signed up for Bible study.

#### **6\_Dandora Baptist Church with Guthrie OK Team**

Dandora Baptist Church is in the largest slum in the world which itself sits atop a vast garbage dump that services the city of Nairobi. Our ministry is the same – whether to University students, whether to successful and affluent young professionals or to the impoverished and disenfranchised of the World – the gospel is preached, the Word of God sounds forth and the church is built up. All three of the men from the Guthrie team gave their testimonies during the service. In this picture team leader Richard Price quotes his 12 verses, delivers his testimony and then passes the baton. Three men, 15 minutes and the Word of God as it pertains to their salvation and the salvation of the listeners clearly sounded forth.

#### **7\_Greg & Tuesday 630 a.m. Bible Study**

This past week I had Bible studies Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday morning – in addition to other ministry responsibilities. I spoke to differing groups Saturday morning, afternoon and evening and at two different churches on Sunday morning. With me each morning is Greg. He has given his testimony

as well as his teaching topics. It is a privilege to share the teaching responsibilities with men so well prepared.

This is our ministry – the teaching and preaching of God's holy, eternal, inspired, inerrant, written Word. We are empowered for this ministry by you our prayer warriors and we depend upon your fervent and effectual prayers. We do not take this ministry lightly and seek to honor your labors through these dispatches

By His mercy,

II Corinthians 4:1

Rev. John S. Mahon

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Please allow me to close with dispatch with two hymns from my prayer notebook that has been especially meaningful to me this past week...

*(Psalms 104:33-34 "I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have my being. Let my meditation be pleasing to Him; As for me, I shall be glad in the LORD."*

### **More Love To Thee**

More love to Thee, O Christ, more love to Thee!

Hear Thou the prayer I make on bended knee.

This is my earnest plea: More love, O Christ, to Thee;

More love to Thee, more love to Thee!

*Once earthly joy I craved, sought peace and rest;*

*Now Thee alone I seek, give what is best.*

*This all my prayer shall be: More love, O Christ to Thee;*

*More love to Thee, more love to Thee!*

Let sorrow do its work, come grief or pain;

Sweet are Thy messengers, sweet their refrain,

When they can sing with me: More love, O Christ, to Thee;

More love to Thee, more love to Thee!

*Then shall my latest breath whisper Thy praise;*

*This be the parting cry my heart shall raise;*

*This still its prayer shall be: More love, O Christ to Thee;*

*More love to Thee, more love to Thee!*

(Elizabeth Payson Prentiss Born: October 26, 1818, Portland, Maine. Died: August 13, 1878, Dorset, Vermont. Prentiss wrote these words during a period of illness, but kept them to herself. When she showed them to her husband 13 years later, he encouraged her to publish them. Howard Doane saw the resulting pamphlet, and wrote music for the words.)

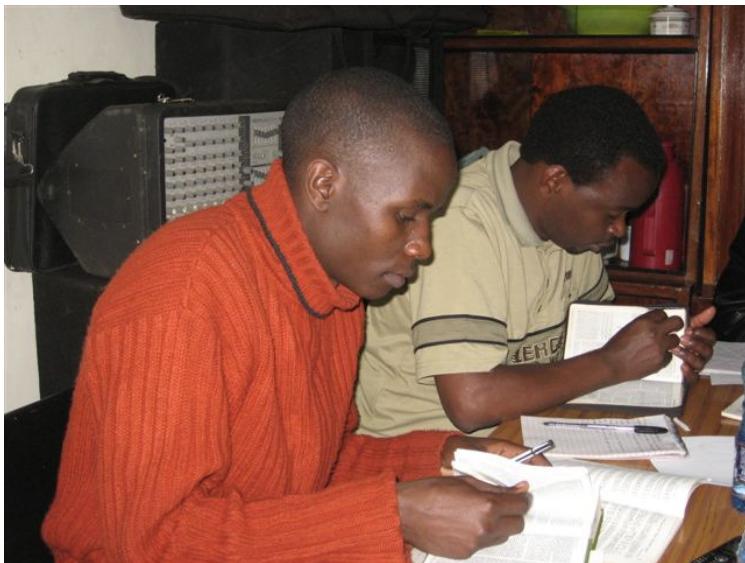
### **My Jesus, I love Thee**

My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine;  
 For Thee all the follies of sin I resign.  
 My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou;  
 If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.  
*I love Thee because Thou has first loved me,  
 And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree.*  
*I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow;*  
*If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.*  
 I'll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death,  
 And praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath;  
 And say when the death dew lies cold on my brow,  
 If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.  
*In mansions of glory and endless delight,*  
*I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright;*  
*I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow;*  
*If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.*

William R. Featherston 1864; (Featherston was only 16 years old at the time) Born: July 23, 1846, Montreal, Quebec, Canada ; Died: May 20, 1873, Montreal, Quebec, Canada. Little is known of Featherston, except that he belonged to the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Montreal (later renamed St. James Methodist Church, then St. James United Church).



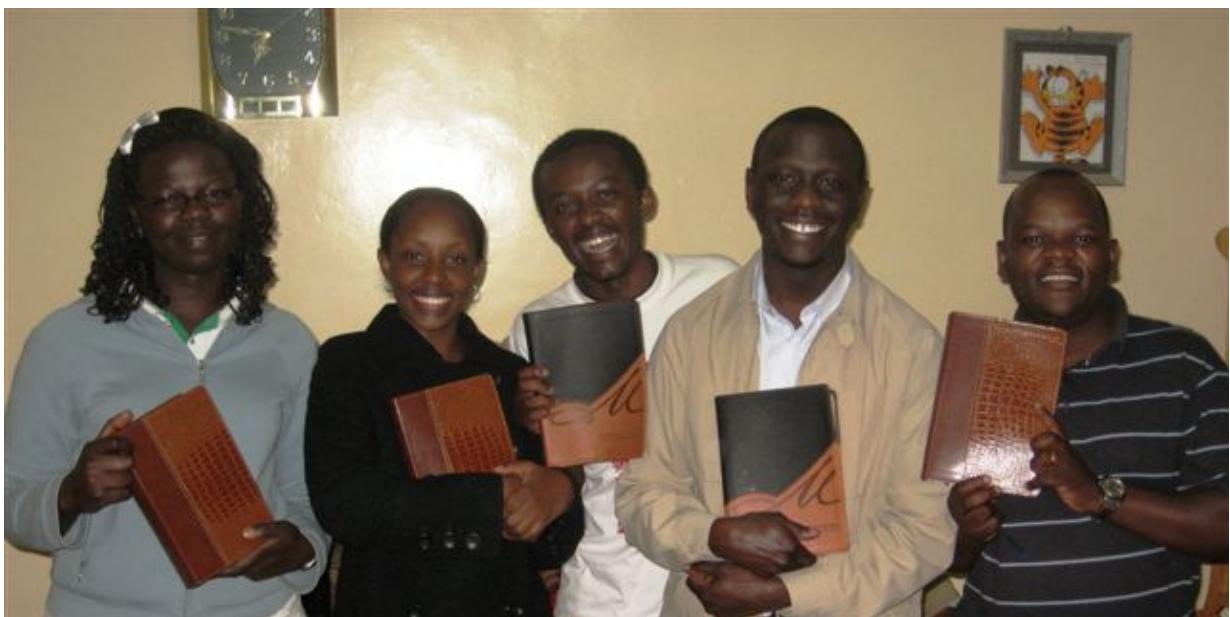
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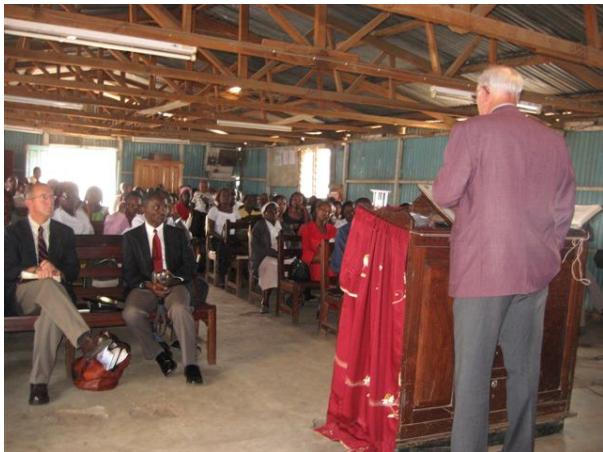
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