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John 15:7 "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you."

A. Ask God to bless with stamina as we adjust to being back in the U.S.
Isaiah 58:11 And the LORD will continually guide you, And satisfy your desire in scorched places, And give strength to your bones; And you will be like a watered garden, And like a spring of water whose waters do not fail.

B. Eleanor and I have been married for 35 years. We have four grown children, all walking with God and active in their respective churches, as well as six grandchildren. Petition the Lord to protect us and our families from the attacks of the world, the flesh and the devil
1 John 4:4 You are from God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world.

C. Please pray for the VanZante Family. Ask the Lord to raise up prayer warriors from this dispatch. Also pray for their financial support that God would honor their willingness to labor for Him in Japan.
Philippians 4:19 And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

D. Call upon the Lord to go before us and prepare the way to Africa. Join with us in asking that He supply Bible, Bible study aids and Bible reference works for the missionaries, staff and pastors to whom we minister.

2 Corinthians 9:8 And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed;

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Dear Prayer Warriors,

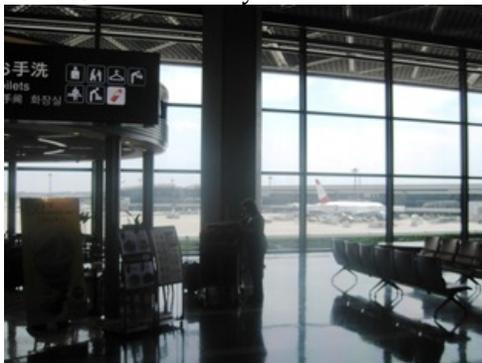
The 21st Time At Home

Eleanor and I were driving across town yesterday to meet with Rob and Pam Stephens when Eleanor mentioned to me, “You know when we got home it was the 18th time we packed and unpacked on this trip. This intrigued me so we counted it up and actually we packed and unpacked for the 21st time when we got home this past week.



(El packs for the 20th time as we prepare to depart)

I say “we” kind of like I used to say, “we had a baby”, because Eleanor does the packing and unpacking. Not because I am insensitive but because we both want to have what we need on this trips. My contributions is to lug the stuff around. On this trip we started out with ten bags and arrived home with three, leaving one bag of Bibles, Bible study aids and materials at each stop along the way.



(El checks over the baggage as we prepare to depart from Tokyo of the U.S.)

Wyman Mitchell, the pastor who did our pre-marital counseling (and had earlier led me to the Lord) said to me aside after our last session, “You know John, I once told you that a pastor’s wife will either double his ministry or half it, but Eleanor will easily triple yours!” And you know, he was right. This is on my mind as this past Monday we celebrated our 35 Anniversary.



(El gave me a trip to see the Astros play Tampa Bay for our 35th Anniversary present and yes we were able to stay awake through the whole game - though slightly jet lagged.)

Rob and Pam Stephens - Holding Down The Home Front



(Rob is a Captain with Contentinal Air Lines. He serves on the Board of Directors as well as travelling and speaking with me thoroughout the world)

Rob and Pam Stephens have been an invaluable addition to our ministry team. Rob has served on the Board of Directors for a number of years and gone on multiple mission trips to such diverse locations as Belarus and Kenya. Pam meanwhile has given literally thousands of hours of volunteer work to Eleanor and GCI in the home office.



(El and Pam go over GCI accounting procedures)

We are excited that God has blessed the ministry to the point that we are not able to reimburse Pam for her labors. Although this reimbursement represents only a small fraction of what she should be paid for all the long hours she puts in when Eleanor is on the mission field with me, and though she has insisted that she desires nothing more

than the privilege of serving the Lord through her gifts, never-the-less both the Holy Spirit and Eleanor are adamant in this area

1 Timothy 5:18 *"For the Scripture says, 'YOU SHALL NOT MUZZLE THE OX WHILE HE IS THRESHING,' and 'The laborer is worthy of his wages'."* One or the other is plenty to get my attention but when both speak in unison you can be sure that I snap to.



(When El is out of the country Pam handles the administrative duties of GCI stateside)

Brian and Margery Van Zante - a unique ministry

As we settle in to our routine back here in the States my thoughts continually return to our last port of call with Brian and Margery VanZante. I could not be more impressed with the VanZante's ministry, family and work ethic. If you are considering supporting a ministry Asia and particularly in Japan I can recommend Brian without reservation. Unlike so many ministers who labor in difficult fields he has lost neither his confidence in the Gospel of Christ nor in his calling. You will not find Brian representing himself as a full time missionary while he pursues a secular vocation, you will not find Brian putting his wife to work and children in day care while he pursues his ministry hobbies, you will not find Brian hesitant to proclaim the gospel of Christ, trusting instead in cultural manipulation. I heartily recommend this servant of the Lord who is ministering unwaveringly for the cause of Christ in a very difficult land. If you would like to support Brian with your prayers, your finances or to just send him a word of encouragement, you may do so by simply clicking on the email below. Think of the encouragement to this young couple if they were to receive scores of short emails expressing love, support and prayer!!

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(Brian and Margery Van Zante - good marriage, home in order, a clear conscience and Christ centered ministry - as Gene Warr would say, "A rare bird indeed".

Looking To The Future

We now look to the future. Cameroon calls. South Africa calls. Nigeria calls. Namibia calls. In the coming month we will be contacting our prayer and support team, laying these "Macedonian Calls" before them. No one sends us anywhere, we only go where we are called. We do not build up a "Hope Chest" by laying aside money given to one project for some future need, but rather invest every dollar given for a mission trip in that field of service. We will be looking take boxes of Bibles, Bible study aids and Bible reference works to Africa. We will be sponsoring pastors and full time staff to conferences they would otherwise never be able to attend. We will spend and be spent in the cause of Christ and we will give others the unspeakable privilege of joining with us in this glorious time of co-laborship in the harvest fields of the world.

I close this e-mail as always with a deep and abiding thankfulness for your sacrificial and effectual prayers which empower and drive this ministry ever forward in the cause of Christ.

By His mercy,
II Corinthians 4:1
Rev. John S. Mahon
Grace Community Int. -

Please allow me to close with dispatch with a hymn from my prayer notebook that has been especially meaningful to me...

(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.")

Nothing But The Blood

What can wash away my sins
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
What can make me whole again
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Refrain: O precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow
No other fount I know
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

*For my pardon, this I see,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
For my cleansing this my plea,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
Refrain:*

Nothing can for sin atone,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;

Naught of good that I have done,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
Refrain:

*This is all my hope and peace
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
This is all my righteousness
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
Refrain:*

(Robert Lowry *Born:* March 12, 1826, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. *Died:* November 25, 1899, Plainfield, New Jersey. Lowry attended the University at Lewisburg (later renamed Bucknell University), where he became a professor of literature. He was ordained as a Baptist minister and pastored a number of churches in the north east U.S. .He wrote about 500 Gospel tunes and hymns.)