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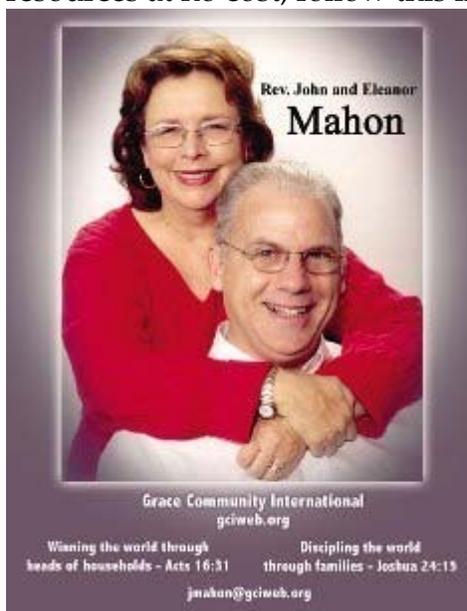
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In this Prayer Dispatch...

- I. The Blessing of a Godly Wife
- II. Eleanor's Ministry In South Africa and Beyond
- III. Prayer Requests: As you minister with us throughout the world through your intercessions please allow the accompanying passages from the Word of God to guide your prayers

2 Corinthians 1:11 "you also joining in helping us through your prayers, so that thanks may be given by many persons on our behalf for the favor bestowed on us through the prayers of many."

A. This is the passage which Eleanor uses to guide her teaching. God the Holy Spirit supplies in these teaching points in Titus 2:1, 3 – 5. Pray both that her teaching might be empowered by the Holy Spirit and that this would result in women's lives being transformed by the holy, eternal, inerrant, written Word. Please pray over each point and ask God to make these truths come alive in the lives of the women who attended the conference.

- But as for you, speak the things which are fitting for sound doctrine.*
 - Older women likewise are to be*
 - ✓ *reverent in their behavior,*
 - ✓ *not malicious gossips*
 - ✓ *nor enslaved to much wine,*
 - ✓ *teaching what is good,*
 - so that they may encourage the young women to*
 - ✓ *love their husbands,*
 - ✓ *to love their children,*
 - ✓ *to be sensible,*
 - ✓ *pure,*
 - ✓ *workers at home,*
 - ✓ *kind,*
 - ✓ *being subject to their own husbands,*
 - so that the word of God will not be dishonored.*
- B. That God would bless the ministry materially, that we might in turn bless those to whom we minister.
- Philippians 4:19 "And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus."*
 - Luke 6:38 "Give, and it will be given to you. They will pour into your lap a good measure – pressed down, shaken together, and running over. For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return."*

Dear Prayer Warriors,

One of the great joys of the ministry is having a wife of one heart who supports you and co-labors with you in the ministry. I praise God for my wife Eleanor who gave up her

career as an educator and translator to be my wife, my helpmate and the greatest blessing of my life (save that of the blessing of salvation through my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.) Wyman Mitchell the Music and Education Minister who led me to Christ once told me, "John, a minister's wife will either double his ministry or half it, there is no in-between." After the first session of our pre-marital counseling he took me aside and said, "John, this woman will double your ministry!". That has truly been the case and I praise God for Eleanor and her loving sacrificial heart.



(From left to right - El waiting at Houston Intercontinental Airport for flight to South Africa; Eleanor in plane at 30,000 feet above the north Atlantic, Eleanor eating breakfast at Heathrow Airport, Eleanor waiting for departure from Heathrow Airport)
At a time in life when many women are settling in to enjoy the fruits of a lifetime of sacrifice of service in the church, of raising four children and blessing nine grandchildren, Eleanor willingly travels the airports of the world with me. I have never hear her complain of the sacrifices this entails in terms of extended family, church, health, and friends.



(Eleanor and Gertrude Idemeter)

One of Eleanor's many ministries is that of encouragement and blessing to the wives of pastors and missionaries whom we visit. One missionary told me, "John, my wife says you cannot come unless you bring Eleanor." Another shared with me, "John, my wife told me the only reason she has lasted this long on the mission field is because of the regular visits of Eleanor." Again a national pastor told me, "So few of my fellow ministers and congregants have Christian mothers, your wife's example and teaching are what shapes and molds their roles as Christian wives and mothers. Thank you for bringing Eleanor with you."



(Eleanor teaching wives of pastors, ministers, missionaries and lay leaders in South Africa)

God has greatly used Eleanor to teach the holy, eternal, inerrant written Word to wives, mothers and single women. She has done this in over 25 countries of the world.

Eleanor is a much sought after speaker when in the US at ladies luncheons, conferences and Bible studies. If you would like the ladies in your ministry to hear instruction and

exhortation from a missionary wife who truly believes the Biblical injunctions concerning the role of women in home, family and church feel free to contact us.



(Eleanor leading wives in prayer and then teaching from the holy, eternal, inerrant written Word of God)

Prayer and the Word of God – this is her ministry and by these tools she has transformed the lives of many women throughout 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 this 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.")

Link to music/tune for this hymn: <http://nethymnal.org/htm/w/h/e/whenisur.htm>

When I Survey The Wondrous Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

*Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.*

See from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

*His dying crimson, like a robe,
Spreads o'er His body on the tree;
Then I am dead to all the globe,
And all the globe is dead to me.*

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

(Isaac Watts Born: July 17, 1674, Southampton, England. Died: November 25, 1748, Stoke Newington, England. Buried: Bunhill Fields Cemetery, London, England Watts' father was Nonconformist imprisoned twice for his religious views. As a youth he showed great promise and was offered many opportunities for advancement but declined them all to follow his father into the dissenting ministry. Here he labored selflessly both in the pastorate and with pen, until shattered in health he departed to be with his Lord.)