

Prayer Dispatch 02.06.15/ Back In the USA Part One Family and Friends



We have just posted our most recent blog - The Four Issues Facing Modern Missions - #3 & #4

#3 Devaluation of the Word of God; #4 Para-nothing ministries. To access our blog follow the link and look at the task bar at the top and then choose "blog"...

<http://www.sermonaudio.com/gci>.

At this same location you can access our most recent series from Cameroon Knowing, Understanding and Teaching the Word of God. It is in English with French translation. Don't let the dual language format deter you. Many actually have shared with me that they prefer this because the lectures go at a slower pace allowing them to digest the material.

In this Prayer Dispatch...

- I. Back In the USA - Family
- II. Back In the USA - Friends
- 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."

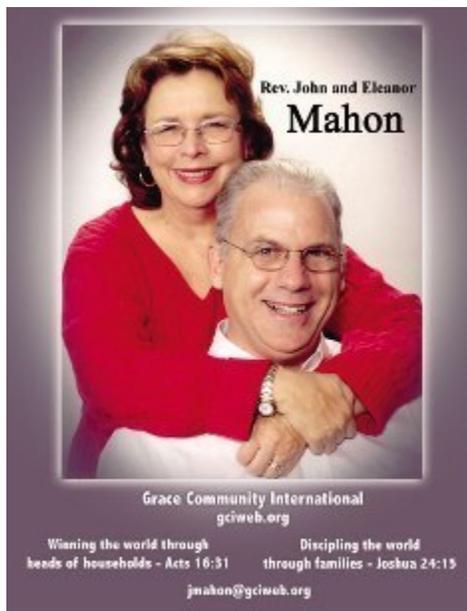
- A. That God would bless the ministry materially, that we might in turn bless those to whom we minister. Please allow this passage to guide your prayers as you claim principles from it for the worldwide ministry of Grace Community International.

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

- 6 Now this I say, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.*
- 7 Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*
- 8 & 9 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; as it is written, "HE SCATTERED ABROAD, HE GAVE TO THE POOR, HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS ENDURES FOREVER."*
- 10 & 11 Now He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the*

harvest of your righteousness; you will be enriched in everything for all liberality, which through us is producing thanksgiving to God.

- 12 For the ministry of this service is not only fully supplying the needs of the saints, but is also overflowing through many thanksgivings to God.*
- 13 Because of the proof given by this ministry, they will glorify God for your obedience to your confession of the gospel of Christ and for the liberality of your contribution to them and to all,*
- 14 while they also, by prayer on your behalf, yearn for you because of the surpassing grace of God in you.*
- 15 Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!*



Dear Prayer Warriors,

What a joy to be back in the USA visiting and fellowshiping with family and friends. This first Dispatch will catch you up on this and the next which follows will be a ministry report.

Back In the USA - Family

Becca & Aaron- though far away they are in our hearts

Becca and her family have moved to North Carolina. They could not be with us this Christmas but sent us this beautiful wreath. We put it on our front door and every time we looked at it we thought of them.



Sam & Anne - Christmas

We had one of our three Christmas's with Sam and Anne grandchildren and Megan. What a joy to have such a loving, affirming and supportive son and daughter in law.



Megan- Christmas and Thursday lunches

Megan and El have loved cooking and doing fun girl stuff together (peddies, bling shopping, etc.). We also really enjoy our Thursday dinners with Megan.



Joe & Liz - Christmas

We drove up to Illinois with Megan to spend Christmas with Joe, Liz and grandchildren Rebekah and Eleanor. Joe led us in our Advent readings from the Holy Scripture and we played games every night. Was a blessed time.



Aunt Loretta

I have always shared a special relationship with my Aunt Loretta (Uncle John, after whom I am named is with the Lord.) We always make a point of visiting her in Waco. Here she is showing me pictures of herself in her uniform when she served in the WACs.

Uncle Jon & Aunt Mary

What a delight and joy to have my sister and brother in law, Jon and Mary Bucher come down for an extended weekend from Colorado Springs. Here they are with Megan at her favorite Mexican food restaurant.



Grandma Kern's 90th Birthday

El's mom celebrated her 90th birthday last week and we went up to Oklahoma City to celebrate with her. Here is El with her mom, brother, sister and sister in law.

Back In the USA - Friends

I could kick myself for not taking any pictures during our visit in Fort Worth with good friends, prayer warriors and supporters Ron and Jessica Cheek. They have sponsored a number of Family Discipleship Seminars and Prayer Desserts in their home and church. They have been true and faithful friends over the years.



Rick & Karen Kley

One of the joys of being home is reconnecting with friends. Here we are with Rick and Karen Kley. Rick is a great friend, prayer warrior and supporter of our ministry. It has been Rick's burden to build a Parsonage/Home Church/Ministry Center in Siberia, while it is Karen's burden to supply quality leather study Bibles to pastors and teachers in impoverished countries. Between them, through GCI, they have blessed ministries throughout the world.



Hugh Thompson

Hugh and I have been friends since our college days. We get together regularly for lunches whenever we are in the country. Hugh is a supporter and prayer warrior besides being a good and faithful friend.



Brian & Kimberly Robinson and Brother Mark White

We have served on staff in a number of churches in the greater Houston since we moved here in 1990. Brian was in a Bible study with me when I ministered at Spring Memorial Baptist Church while Kimberly sang in the choir with El. Here we are at Kimberly's surprise birthday party. Was great to connect with Brother Mark White at this event. I was Education Minister while Brother Mark was Evangelism Minister during our years at Spring Memorial.

We love the drop in

One of the joys of our being back in the US is the "Drop In" and we love it. Friends and family just dropping by for fellowship, coffee and a good visit. Space and bandwidth does not permit the collage of pictures which would go in this spot. You can visit our Facebook page and scroll through many more pictures of the "drop ins". Better yet, yall drop on in, put up your feet and sit a spell.

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/f/b/fbeauty.htm>

For The Beauty Of The Earth

For the beauty of the earth (Romans 1)
For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies. (Psalm 139:13; Romans 5:8; I John 5:17)

Refrain

Lord of all, to Thee we raise,
This our hymn of grateful praise.

*For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above, (Clyde; Bose; Mom; Aunt Mable; Mitch)
For all gentle thoughts and mild.*

Refrain

For Thy Church, that evermore
Lifteth holy hands above,

Offering up on every shore
Her pure sacrifice of love.

Refrain

*For the martyrs' crown of light,
For Thy prophets' eagle eye,
For Thy bold confessors' might,
For the lips of infancy.*

Refrain

For each perfect gift of Thine,
To our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine,
Flowers of earth and buds of Heaven.

Refrain

Folliot Sandford Pierpoint *Born:* October 7, 1835, Spa Villa, Bath, England. *Died:* March 10, 1917, Newport, Monmouthshire, England. Pierpoint graduated from Queen's College, Cambridge University, in 1857, and later taught classics at Somersetshire College. He later lived at Babbicombe, Devonshire, and elsewhere, and occasionally taught.