

Prayer Dispatch 03.08.18 / Report On Coming Mission Trip To Nigeria



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In this Prayer dispatch...

(pictures are from last year's mission trip to Nigeria)

- I. Preparations are under way – Praise God we have the tickets and visa
- II. Conferences: Two years ago, 30 pastors attended-- last year 500-- what will your prayers and gifts do this year!?
- III. Delivering the holy, eternal, inerrant written Word of God – not haphazardly but to pastors who will own for the first time in their lives a leather study Bible
- IV. Prayer requests: As you pray, please allow the accompanying passage 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. **Ask God to bless the teaching and preaching** of His holy, eternal, inerrant written Word. This is our ministry – training pastors, equipping them with the Word of God, building up the church and training the next generation of Christian families – all through the teaching and preaching of God's holy Word. It is your prayers and your gifts which make this ministry possible. Please continue to stand with us while the door is still open to minister in Nigeria. Please claim - *Isaiah 55:11 "So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth; It will not return to Me empty without accomplishing what I desire and without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it."*

B. **Pray that God would go before us and prepare hearts for the Word of God. Ask for "good soil."**

Matthew 13:23

23 "And the one on whom seed was sown on the good soil, this is the man who hears the word and understands it; who indeed bears fruit and brings forth, some a hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty."

C. Call upon God to bless our fundraising, that we, in turn, might bless impoverished and persecuted pastors and teachers in Nigeria.
That God would bless the ministry materially, that we might bless those to whom we minister.

Psalms 67:1-2

*God be gracious to us and bless us,
And cause His face to shine upon us — Selah.*

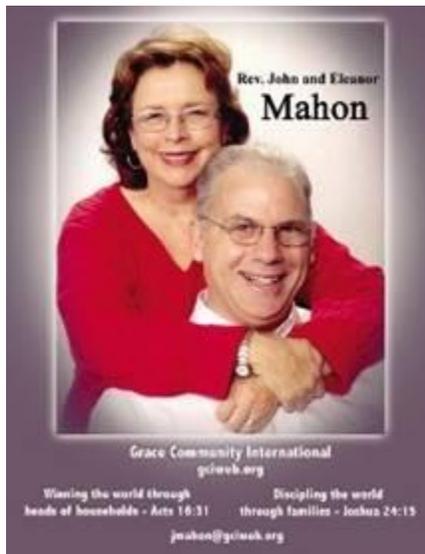
*2 That Your way may be known on the earth,
Your salvation among all nations.*

Psalms 67:6-7

*6 The earth has yielded its produce;
God, our God, blesses us.*

7 God blesses us,

That all the ends of the earth may fear Him.



Dear Prayer Warriors,

As I prepare to depart for Nigeria, we are asking God for special one-time gifts totaling \$5,000.00. This will be used exclusively to train and equip pastors and ministers through conferences and by supplying them with quality study Bibles. Please consider a one-time gift for this need. Just select the “donate” button on our Facebook page or follow this link to www.gciweb where you can also select the donate button. These donations are protected through the PayPal system. If you choose, you may mail your donation to **Grace Community Int. /P.O. Box 8576 / Champaign, IL 61826-8576.** (Please specify bibles for Nigeria.)

Conferences – Over 500 pastors attended the conference pictured. Two years ago, there were 30 pastors--last year 500. With the increasing numbers, comes the need to rent a meeting facility large enough to hold these faithful servants of the Lord. Your sacrificial gifts make the equipping and training of pastors possible. Most have had no formal ministerial education and they are hungry to go deeper in the Word.

Delivering the holy, eternal, inerrant written Word of God to pastors, lay-ministers and student workers. To the left, I am departing (last year) for Nigeria with Bibles you supplied. To the right, a pastor of a church of over 500 members holds--for the first time--a leather study Bible supplied by your generous gifts. We are asking God for 250 leather study Bibles.

I close this email, 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. - Preparing for departure for Nigeria

Please allow me to close this dispatch with a hymn from my prayer notebook which 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:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TAZrT8SVYBM>

Break Thou The Bread Of Life

Break Thou the bread of life, dear Lord to me,
As Thou didst break the loaves Beside the sea;
Beyond the sacred page I seek Thee Lord;
My spirit pants for Thee, O living Word

*Bless Thou the truth, dear Lord, To me, to me,
As Thou didst bless the bread By Galilee;
Then shall all bondage cease, All fetters fall;
And I shall find my peace, My all in all.*

Thou art the bread of life, O Lord, to me,
Thy holy Word the truth That saveth me;
Give me to eat and live With Thee above;
Teach me to love Thy truth, For Thou art love.

*O send Thy Spirit, Lord, Now unto me,
That He may touch mine eyes, And make me see;
Show me the truth concealed Within Thy Word,
And in Thy Book revealed I see Thee Lord.*

(Mary Artemesia Lathbury; 1841-1913; Daughter of a Methodist minister. Active in the women's temperance movement and wrote for several Christian periodicals. Of her gift for poetry she said she felt the Lord had impressed upon her these thoughts concerning this, "Remember, my child, that you have a gift of weaving fancies into verse and a gift with the pencil of producing visions that come to your heart; consecrate these to Me as thoroughly as you do your inmost spirit.")

