



Our next Prayer Dispatch will be a report on the Marriage Covenant Seminar which we gave at Big Sky Fellowship in Helena, MT. In the meantime you can visit the GCI Facebook page to see a pictorial report on how God answered your prayers – just “like” us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/gciweb

In this Prayer Dispatch...

- I. Back In the USA - Ministry
- II. 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. Petition the Lord to continue to broaden the our ministry here in the U.S.

Isaiah 43:4 "Since you are precious in My sight, Since you are honored and I love you, I will give other men in your place and other peoples in exchange for your life."
 - B. While in the US we always try to be teaching God's Word. We are in the process of recruiting a Marriage Covenant Bible Study. Ask God to bless us with a handful of key couples who are serious about conforming their marriages to the Word of God.

John 15:20 "Remember the word that I said to you, ' A slave is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you; if they kept My word, they will keep yours also."
 - C. We are asking God for multi-year / multi-entrance visas for a number of countries. The most difficult will be Russia. Ask God to go before us and work in the hearts of those administrators who will be making these decisions.

Proverbs 21:1 "The king's heart is like channels of water in the hand of the LORD; He turns it wherever He wishes."
 - D. Pray for wisdom as we balance ministry, fund raising, family, preparations for Africa and Russia and last but not least much need R & R (rest and recuperation)

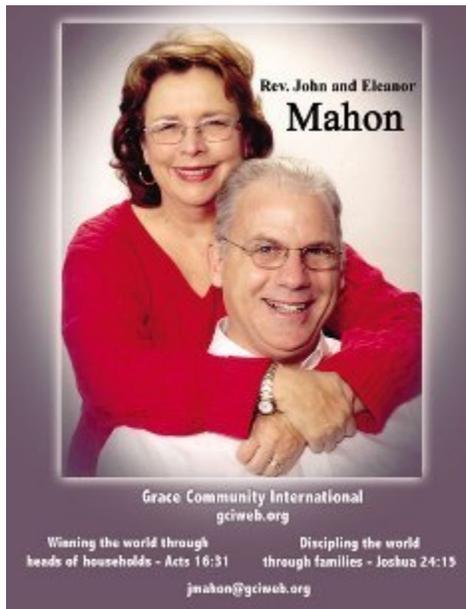
James 1:4-5 "And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. But if any of you lacks wisdom,

let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him."

- E. 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.

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."

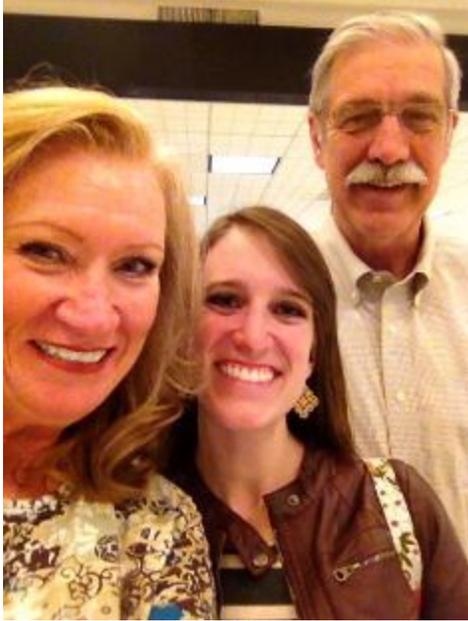
Philippians 4:19 "And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus."



Dear Prayer Warriors,

Back In the USA – Ministry

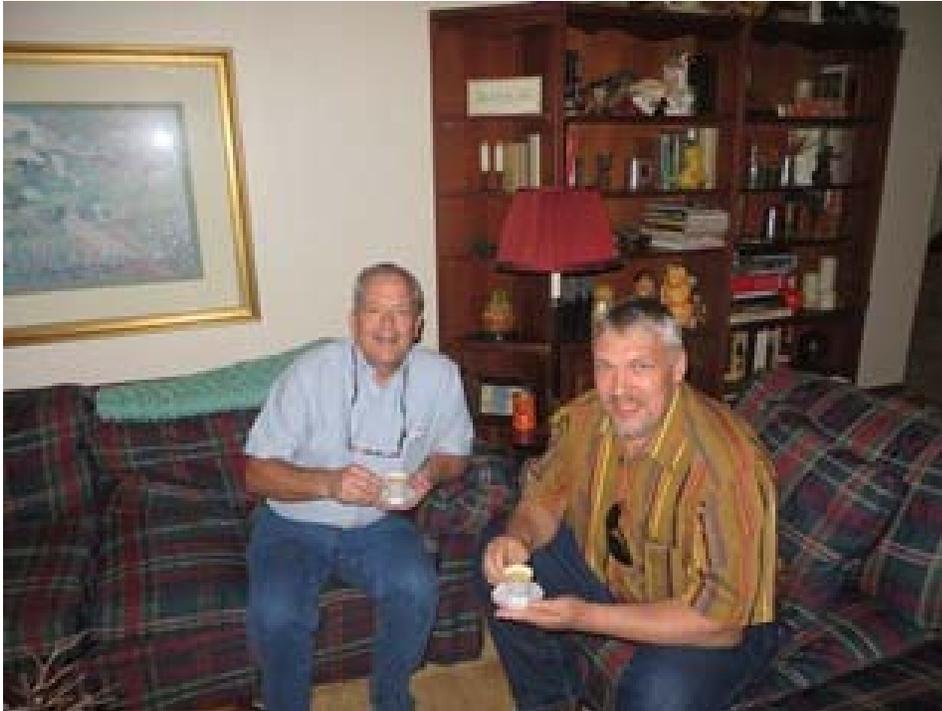
Our time, when in the US, is not only filled with friends and family but packed with ministry. We praise God that with our maturing age, not only have ministry opportunities at home and abroad not shrunk, but they continue to expand.



God the Holy Spirit says in *Proverbs 20:18* *“Prepare plans by consultation, And make war by wise guidance.”* Mark and Rowena Brooks are not only close and devoted friends but we have come to rely upon their wise counsel. Things change very, very fast here in the US and we praise God for Mark and Rowena who keep us up to speed and give us such wise and timely advice on a wide variety of issues that face us on each return from the mission field. Mark has been to Belarus with us teaching the Word of God and we have spent many hours together in Bible study.



Mark also has attended Board meetings as has good friend Mitchell Mauch. Both men offer advice, encouragement and sacrificial support of this ministry in many ways. They represent here the many laymen and women who work behind the scenes to make this ministry possible.



One of the joys of being in the US is opening our home to national pastors who are passing through Houston Intercontinental Airport. Here I share a fond reunion with close friend and co-laborer Oleg Volkov, the Reformed Pastor of St. Petersburg, Russia and also the Rector of the Seminary where I teach. If you would like to give a gift to Pastor Volkov, his church or the Seminary please do not hesitate to contact me and I will give you the details. Those of you who give through GCI may simply make a notation on your receipt the amount you wish to give.



Longtime friends Brian & Margery Van Zante also passed through town. I will always be indebted to the Van Zante's for their ministry to my son Sam. God used them in a great way while they were at the University of Texas and we praise God for their ministry in Japan.



What a joy to have such godly and faithful friends as Dan and Judy McCollum. This couple is devoted to the Lord, to the Word of God and to each other. I often refer to them as the modern day Priscilla and Aquila. Dan serves on the Board of Directors. In this capacity he has traveled with me teaching the Word of God throughout Texas, Kenya and Cameroon with his devoted wife Judy. They are active witnesses and have led many to Christ. Dan also spends countless hours on our accounting and computer systems. In the final picture Dan is sharing spiritual war stories with Rich Smith. Both men have served on numerous spiritual campaigns in Kenya and Cameroon together. What a joy to have such a servant as he on our Board of Directors.



Captain Rob Stephens serves on the Board of Directors and his wife Pam serves in the GCI Office. Rob and Pam have been with us to Kenya and Rob has traveled in Texas, Oklahoma and Montana with me teaching the Word of God. We love the “drop in” and Rob often will arrive with coffee in hand for a time of iron sharpening and fellowship. Rob has facilitated a number of Marriage Seminars and Family Discipleship Seminars in Houston and I have rarely met a man with the perseverance and teachability as Rob.



I had never met Brian Hagler before but I had often heard of him through Rev. Taniform Peters of Cameroon. Brian and men from his church have often gone to minister and encourage Rev. Peters and the ministry in Cameroon. It was a great joy then to be asked by Brian to speak at a Men's Retreat at his church and then at his church Morningside Bible Church, Sioux City, Iowa on Sunday morning. This was a great privilege as this church was planted as a result of a revival that Evangelist Billy Sunday held and the church still remains strong. I praise God for laymen like Brian whom God has raised up throughout the world to labor in the harvest fields of the world.



Whenever we are in the country of anything of time the Board of Directors will gather to pray and plan. I praise God for a godly team of men who labor so sacrificially behind the scenes with GCI to make this ministry possible.



One of the visits we look forward to making when in the US is Heritage Baptist Church. Pastor Marty is always an encouragement and Board of Directors member Rich Smith is an elder while his wife Kathy serves on the Mission Committee. Pictured also is longtime friend and prayer warrior Dennis McGee. Many of the members of the church have gone on mission trips with us and we have given the Family Discipleship Seminar

there a number of times. One surprise was to get a greeting from Mindy Mukolwe, daughter of Board member Dr. Stanley Mukolwe of Nairobi, Kenya.

Next Dispatch: Big Sky Baptist Church Marriage Covenant Seminar

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/b/t/bttblife.htm>

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.")