

Prayer Dispatch / God is Blessing His Church in Answer to Your Prayers



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In this Prayer Dispatch: A pictorial report on our ministry to churches in Cameroon

I. Please ask 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 that He would continue to hold the doors of ministry open in Nigeria, Cameroon, Russia and the other countries in which we minister. Please claim...

1 Corinthians 16:9 "for a wide door for effective service has opened to me, and there are many adversaries."

Revelation 3:8 "... Behold, I have put before you an open door which no one can shut..."

Colossians 4:3-4

3 praying at the same time for us as well, that God will open up to us a door for the word, so that we may speak forth the mystery of Christ... that I may make it clear in the way I ought to speak."

B. Pray for protection as we minister in parts of the world which are openly hostile to Christ, to the gospel and to the Church.

Psalms 121:7-8

7 The LORD will protect you from all evil;

He will keep your soul.

*8 The LORD will guard your going out and your coming in
From this time forth and forever.*

Isaiah 41:10-11

10'Do not fear, for I am with you;

Do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God.

I will strengthen you, surely I will help you,

Surely I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.'

11 "Behold, all those who are angered at you will be shamed and dishonored;

Those who contend with you will be as nothing and will perish.

C. Please intercede on behalf of the churches in which we minister. Ask God to bless the ministry of the Word, that we might bear lasting fruit.
John 15:16-17

16 " You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and that your fruit would remain, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you.

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Mark 4:14 & 20

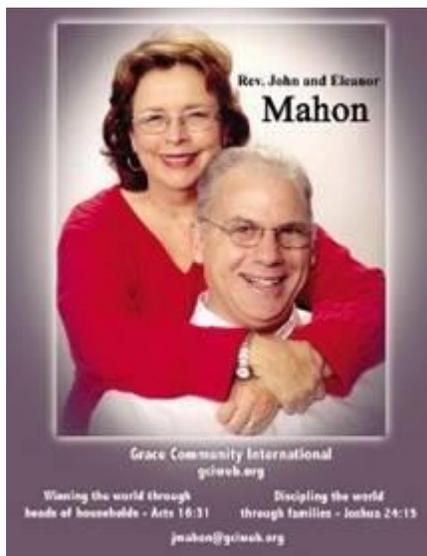
14 "The sower sows the word.

20 "And those are the ones on whom seed was sown on the good soil; and they hear the word and accept it and bear fruit, thirty, sixty, and a hundredfold."

D. Ask that God would bless the ministry materially, that we might, in turn, bless those to whom we minister. This month we will begin raising support for our ministries to churches in Russia, Nigeria and Cameroon for the year 2018. It is our goal to have the entire ministry year's finances raised so that we can respond with confidence to the Macedonian Call. Please pray for a generous response on the part of those who receive this appeal.

2 Corinthians 9:12-15

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,

Grace Community International's commitment to the ministry of the local church is uncompromising. All team members must serve actively in a local church and all ministries of GCI must in some manner build up a local church. Sometimes this is directly – by ministering in the church--and sometimes, indirectly, by ministering to pastors in conferences and seminaries. In both cases the church is built up.

In the year 2017, we have ministered to over 15 churches. If this number were to include the pastors who have attended our conferences and seminars, it would be over 500. Our recent ministry in Cameroon is an example of this. From the attached pictures, you can see:

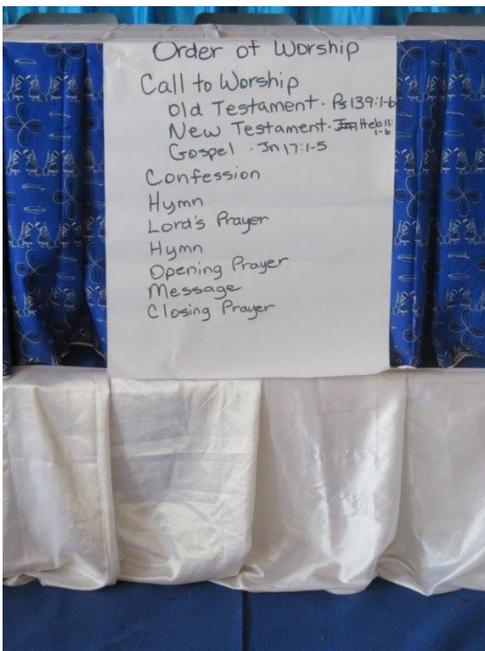
- 1- The congregation is gathering expectantly to hear the Word of God.



- 2- Inside, before the service, the pastor receives a leather study Bible -the first he has ever owned.



- 3- & 4 We ministered to Campus Crusade for Christ staff, including the Sunday chapel service. Here are gathered, not only CCC staff but the church which uses its facilities on Sundays.



- 5- & 6 Is a picture of Faith Baptist Church, where we taught on marriage and family.



- 7- On mission trips, each team member will speak at a local church on Sunday. Here, Board of Director member Richard Smith speaks at Salem Baptist Church.



- 8- In obedience to the command of God in Matthew 28:19 & 20, we baptize all who repent and trust Christ as their Lord and Savior. We do not “re-baptize” but, instead, call all those who come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ to submit to the ordinance of baptism.



- 9- In addition, GCI is committed to building up the church. We do this by training pastors and elders, by establishing marriages and families upon the foundation of God's holy written Word and by equipping leaders in the church to witness and then disciple those whom they lead to Christ.



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. -

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: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jotNbcFelX4>

The Church's One Foundation

The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord,
She is His new creation
By water and the Word.
From heaven He came and sought her
To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her
And for her life He died.

*She is from every nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation,
One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy Name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses,
With every grace endued.*

The Church shall never perish!
Her dear Lord to defend,
To guide, sustain, and cherish,
Is with her to the end:
Though there be those who hate her,
And false sons in her pale,
Against both foe or traitor
She ever shall prevail.

*Though with a scornful wonder
Men see her sore oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder,
By heresies distressed:
Yet saints their watch are keeping,
Their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
Shall be the morn of song!*

'Mid toil and tribulation,
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore;
Till, with the vision glorious,
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.

*Yet she on earth hath union
With God the Three in One,*

*And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won,
With all her sons and daughters
Who, by the Master's hand
Led through the deathly waters,
Repose in Eden land.*

O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly,
On high may dwell with Thee:
There, past the border mountains,
Where in sweet vales the Bride
With Thee by living fountains
Forever shall abide!