



So far we have had good internet service here in Yaoundé. If you will like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/gciweb you will be able to track our ministry almost on a daily basis. It is more reliable to do a single post of pictures and reports (and even video clips) on Facebook than to send them out in emails.

In this Prayer Dispatch...

- I. GCI Team Arrives
- II. Ministry Week
- III. Ordination Service
- IV. Fruitful Sunday Ministry
- V. 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. Call upon the Lord to protect and sustain the ministry - terror attacks in the north; the Ebola virus in countries to the east - claim

Psalm 121:1-3, 7 & 8

- 1 I will lift up my eyes to the mountains; From where shall my help come?*
- 2 My help comes from the LORD, Who made heaven and earth.*
- 3 He will not allow your foot to slip; He who keeps you will not slumber.*
- 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.*

B. Ask the Lord to grant strength and stamina while ministering in Cameroon. I have spoken over 35 times this past week and a half. El, too, is speaking and ministering alongside me. Now the team has arrived and they also have a demanding speaking and ministry schedule. Please claim...

Isaiah 40:30-31

- 30 Though youths grow weary and tired, And vigorous young men stumble badly,*
- 31 Yet those who wait for the LORD Will gain new strength; They will mount up with wings like eagles, They will run and not get tired, They will walk and not become weary.*
- Galatians 6:9 Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary.*

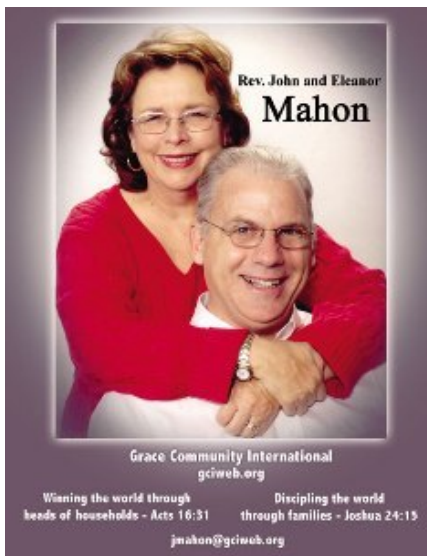
- 2 Thessalonians 3:13 But as for you, brethren, do not grow weary of doing good.*

C. Pray for the empowerment of the Word of God as it is taught and preached. It is upon the proclamation of Christ and the teaching of the holy, eternal, inerrant written Word of God that this ministry stands or falls.

- 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.*
 - Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.*
- 2 Thessalonians 3:1-2*
- 1 Finally, brethren, pray for us that the word of the Lord will spread rapidly and be glorified, just as it did also with you;*
 - 2 and that we will be rescued from perverse and evil men; for not all have faith.*

D. Petition the Lord of the harvest 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."*
- Psalm 67:1-2*
- God be gracious to us and bless us,*
 - and cause His face to shine upon us-- .*
 - That Thy way may be known on the earth,*
 - Thy salvation among all nations.*
- Psalm 67:6-7 The earth has yielded its produce; God, our God, blesses us. God blesses us, that all the ends of the earth may fear Him.*



Dear Prayer Warriors,



GCI Team Dan McCollum and Rich and Kathy Smith have arrived. They brought 5 boxes of Bibles and reference materials and immediately went to work teaching the Word of God and giving their testimonies. The second picture is them leaving to minister. They are teaching this week at the Navigator Training Center in Yaoundé and then depart with us Wednesday for Bamenda, where they will be teaching at a four-day national leadership conference attended by pastors, ministers, lay ministers, Bible teachers and leaders in the Navigator's University Student Ministry.



Eleanor and I have been hard at work teaching and preaching the holy, eternal, inerrant written Word of God. I have given over 35 messages in various venues this past week, with Eleanor assisting me in logistics, as well as meeting with the women to teach and instruct.



One of the highpoints of the week was being asked to be involved with the ordination of Taniform Peters to the Ministry of the Gospel. Pastor Rene Nsom was in charge of the service.



It was a privilege to give the ordination message and the charge to the Peters before his ordination. This message will appear next month on our website for those who are interested.



Board members Dan McCollum and Rich Smith also spoke.



The following Sunday, I was privileged to minister with now Rev. Taniform Peters. I have known Peters since he was a university student, when we would sit up late into the night as he asked Bible question after Bible question after student meetings at the Navigator Center in Yaoundé, Cameroon.



Dan and Rich both gave their testimonies at church. Each did this from memory, quoting 10 to 15 verses each. All GCI Mission Team members are able to share their 5-minute testimony from memory and of the 40 verses they memorize, 15 have to do with witnessing and the personal testimony. It is a privilege to minister with men who model the exhortation of God the Holy Spirit in *1 Corinthians 16:13* ***“Be on the alert, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong.”***



Afterwards we took time to take a picture to celebrate Peters' first service as an ordained minister.



That night I spoke twice in the Sunday evening service. As those who have ministered with me know, we come to the mission field to work. I tell the host we want to work on the "Sucked Orange Principle." When we leave, we want to look like sucked oranges. We come full and leave empty. We come with excess baggage and leave well below our limit. We come to serve and not to be missionary tourists. We come bearing in mind the exhortation of our risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ - *John 9:4 "We must work the works of Him who sent Me as long as it is day ; night is coming when no one can work ."*

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: <http://nethymnal.org/htm/l/i/livingfj.htm>

Living For Jesus

Living for Jesus, a life that is true,
Striving to please Him in all that I do;

Yielding allegiance, glad hearted and free,
This is the pathway of blessing for me.

Refrain

*O Jesus, Lord and Savior, I give myself to Thee,
For Thou, in Thy atonement, didst give Thyself for me.
I own no other Master, my heart shall be Thy throne.
My life I give, henceforth to live, O Christ, for Thee alone.*

Living for Jesus Who died in my place,
Bearing on Calvary my sin and disgrace;
Such love constrains me to answer His call,
Follow His leading and give Him my all.

Refrain

Living for Jesus, wherever I am,
Doing each duty in His holy Name;
Willing to suffer affliction and loss,
Deeming each trial a part of my cross.

Refrain

Living for Jesus through earth's little while,
My dearest treasure, the light of His smile;
Seeking the lost ones He died to redeem,
Bringing the weary to find rest in Him.

Refrain

Words: [Thomas O. Chisholm](#), 1917. *Music:* Lowden, [Carl H. Lowden](#), 1915 ([MIDI](#), [score](#)). Lowden originally wrote the music—to different words—for a Children's Day service. Two years later, he came across the music in his files, and asked Chisholm if he could write lyrics for it. The result has been translated into more than 15 languages. Chisholm was educated in a small country school, and became its teacher at age 16. At age 21, he became associate editor of the weekly newspaper, *The Franklin Favorite*. In 1893, he became a Christian under the ministry of Dr. Henry Clay Morrison (future president of [Asbury College](#), Wilmore, Kentucky). Chisholm moved to Louisville at the persuasion of Morrison and became editor of the *Pentecostal Herald*. He was ordained a Methodist minister in 1903 and served a brief pastorate at Scottsville, Kentucky. In poor health, he moved his family to a farm near Winona Lake, Indiana. He became an insurance salesman, moving to Vineland, New Jersey, in 1916. He retired in 1953 to the Methodist Home for the Aged in Ocean Grove, New Jersey. Chisholm wrote over 1200 poems, of which 800 were published, and many set to music. Another which you may find familiar to this day is Great Is Thy Faithfulness. As for the composer of the tune, Lowden came from a musical family—his father is said to have played the trumpet while rocking Carl's cradle, and his mother played the organ. By age 12, Carl was selling compositions to Hall-Mack Company, and conducting the church orchestra by the time he was a teenager. Lowden was associated both with

the Hall-Mack Company and with music publisher John J. Hood. In 1913, he became music editor for the Reformed Church in America. He later went into business for himself (though he failed during the Great Depression of the 1930s). He then taught at the Bible Institute of Pennsylvania, and was the minister of music at the Linden Baptist Church in Camden, New Jersey.