

Prayer Dispatch 08.23.14/ Ministry Report - Bamenda - Part One



I am sorry that you have not heard from us via email. The connection in Bamenda was simply too slow to send out a dispatch. We are now back in Yaoundé and playing catch up so to speak. 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 much easier to post pictures and reports (and even video clips) on Facebook than to send them out in emails.

In this Prayer Dispatch...

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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 of the Word. We spoke to church and ministry leaders at the Navigators Laborers In The Harvest Conference. 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. God allowed us to minister to numerous churches through the Pastors and Church Leaders Conference which followed the Laborers Conference. Please pray

Acts 20:32 “And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

C. We also gave a One Day Marriage Covenant Seminar for pastors, ministers and missionaries. Included in the Laborers Conference, Pastors Conference and Marriage Conference is always a strong emphasis on the Biblical roles of the family. Ask God to bless the marriages and families of these pastors and ministers to whom we ministered. Please allow these passages to guide your prayers

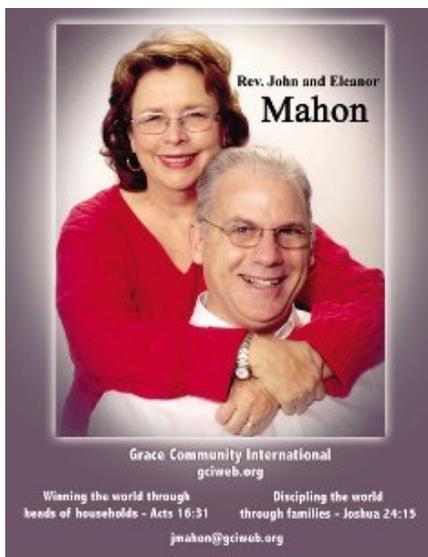
Ephesians 5:24-25
24 But as the church is subject to Christ, so also the wives ought to be to their husbands in everything.

25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her,

- Psalms 22:27 "All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the LORD, And all the families of the nations will worship before You.*
- Luke 1:17 "It is he who will go as a forerunner before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, TO TURN THE HEARTS OF THE FATHERS BACK TO THE CHILDREN, and the disobedient to the attitude of the righteous, so as to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."*

D. Petition the Lord of the harvest that He would bless the ministry materially, that we might in turn bless those to whom we minister. Pray also for those who support this ministry financially that God would honor the sacrifices they are making to build up the church throughout the world.

- 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."*
- 2 Corinthians 9:6-8**
*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 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;*



Dear Prayer Warriors,

We had a great first week in Bamenda ministering to Navigator leaders, pastors, ministers and their wives. I was thrilled to see the zeal and seriousness of the attendees. All team members labored hard, with each speaking four times a day.



The team arrives in Bamenda after a seven hour drive overland through central Cameroon



El teaching the pastors and ministers wives and God has greatly blessed her ministry.



Kathy teaching on The Obedient Disciple In Action using a French translator. Teaching with a translator is not easy and it is a testimony to Kathy's gifts as a teacher that she handled it so well.



Meanwhile her husband Richard teaches on How To Follow-Up A New Believer (also working with a French translator). Richard serves on the Board of Directors of GCI and is a gifted teacher as well. We have ministered together in Oklahoma, Kenya and Cameroon.



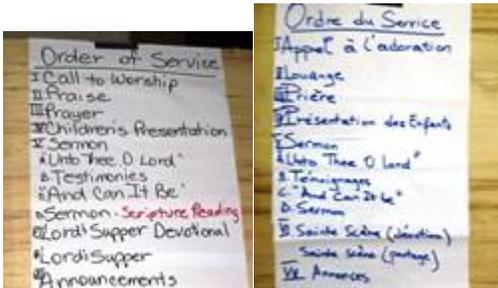
Here Dan McCollum teaches on the Doctrine of Depravity. Dan also serves on the Board of Directors and we have ministered together throughout Texas, Zambia, Cameroon and Kenya.



Here I am speaking on Convictions, Perspective and Priorities from Hebrews 11:1,2 & 6. This is both El's and my daughter Megan's favorite series. El encouraged me to do this here in Cameroon.



The conference team- from left to right Kathy Smith, Rich Smith, Dan McCollum, Eleanor Mahon, John Mahon, Taniform Peters and Noella Peters



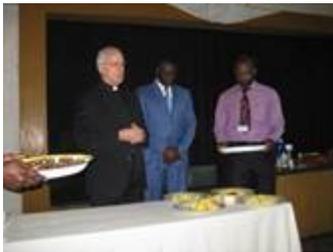
GCI has a policy that worship on Sunday's is not an option both for the team and for those to whom we minister. In a circumstance where the conference is far from church then GCI will perform the Sunday worship service. Here is the order of worship both in English and in French.



My ministry stands or falls on the message of salvation through Jesus and the teaching and preaching of God's holy, eternal, inerrant written Word.



Richard and Dan give their testimonies. Both men can present their salvation testimonies in a crisp five minute time framework, quoting some twelve passages of Scriptures. All those traveling and ministering with GCI must be able to do this and have it ready without prior warning or notice. When I am with either man and I need a testimony I can simply tell them, "You will be giving your testimony during the service" and they are ready to go into action,



Here Rev. Taniform Peters assists with the Lord's Supper. No the Navigators is not a church nor planting churches but rather this is the ministry of GCI. It is though one of the slanders perpetrated on groups like the Navigators and Campus Crusade that they "suck the lifeblood out of the local church". In this conference as in countless others pastors and ministers of churches are built up and trained, they are provided with Bibles, Bible study aids and Bible reference works, their marriages are grounded and matured and their churches grow as a result of faithful service from these para-church organizations. On more than one occasion a pastor has told me that The Navigators or Campus Crusade has been of far greater service to the growth of his church than the home denominational office or mission board.



The conference photo - Navigator leaders, pastors, ministers and their wives came from all over Cameroon to attend this conference.



The team heads back to Yaoundé for their flight home.

The next Dispatch will give you insights to the next week of ministry as Eleanor I continued on in Bamenda. We ministered to pastors and their wives as hosted by Hope Baptist church and was attended by pastors and their wives from around the greater Bamenda area.

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. – Ministering in Cameroon west Africa

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 with Mr. Shea's testimony of the song -
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xk9f8zhTwiI>

I'd Rather Have Jesus

I'd rather have Jesus than silver or gold;
I'd rather be His than have riches untold;
I'd rather have Jesus than houses or land;
I'd rather be led by His nail-pierced hand:

*I'd rather have Jesus than men's applause;
I'd rather be faithful to His dear cause;
I'd rather have Jesus than world-wide fame;
I'd rather be true to His holy name:*

He's fairer than lilies of rarest bloom;

He's sweeter than honey from out the comb;
He's all that my hungering spirit needs -
I'd rather have Jesus and let Him lead:

refrain:

*Than to be the king of a vast domain or be held in sin's dread sway!
I'd rather have Jesus than anything this world affords today.*

Son of a Wesleyan Methodist minister, Shea began his singing career in the choir at his father's church, and the Houghton, New York, College Glee Club. At the age of 23 George Beverly Shea (1909 -) had a hard decision to make. He could accept a job offer in a secular singing position in New York City with RCA records, he would have his own radio show, a great salary and wide respect; or he could continue singing in churches and for Christian radio programs. It was at that time that Billy Graham asked him to begin singing at his crusades. This would preclude a radio and recording career that would rival Tennessee Ernie Ford, also the son of a Methodist Minister who had "crossed over" to secular recording. While sitting at the family piano, he started to prepare a special hymn for the Sunday service. On the piano he found a poem by Mr. Rhea F. Miller which his mother had purposefully left for him during this time of decision. He immediately began to compose the music for the poem and used the song that same morning in his father's church service. He also used those words to direct his life to turn down the riches of the world and instead devote himself to leading worship for the Billy Graham Crusades. He has shared his song, "I'd Rather Have Jesus" with audiences around the world.