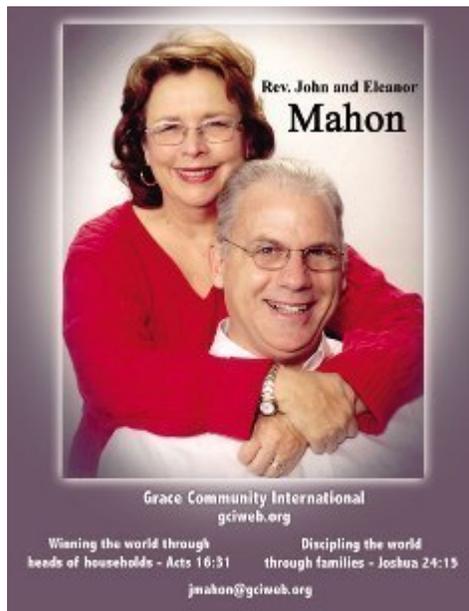


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2 Corinthians 1:11 "you also joining in helping us through your prayers, so that thanks may be given by many persons on our behalf for the favor bestowed on us through the prayers of many."

- A. Ask the Lord to grant stamina and strength of mind, body and soul.

Please claim

Isaiah 40:29-31

29 He gives strength to the weary, And to him who lacks might He increases power.

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.

- B. Jet lag can be a real drain and nothing encourages you more than a good night's sleep. Pray for us all, that God would give us deep and relaxing sleep each evening.**

Psalms 4:8 In peace I will both lie down and sleep , For You alone, O LORD, make me to dwell in safety.

- C. Ask God to use the teaching of His Word to set men and women apart for His glory and His service.**

John 17:17 Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth.

- D. Oppose satan and claim the promises of victory over him and his demons as we minister in Cameroon.**

John 17:15 I do not ask You to take them out of the world, but to keep them from the evil one.

James 4:7 Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

1 John 4:4 You are from God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world.

Dear Prayer Warriors,

How we praise God for your sustaining prayers. We rejoice to report that we are safely in Cameroon and already actively ministering. Taniform Peters, our host, has done an outstanding job of putting together the schedule and we have hit the ground running.

I. Safe Arrival





In this first picture, Eleanor is preparing to board our Air France flight. We had a tight layover and spent much prayer over our bags, that they would make the flight. What a joy to watch them come down the conveyor belt one by one. Your prayers did the trick and all nine boxes arrived safely.

II. Wonderful Welcome



When we arrived at Peters' home, there was a crowd waiting to greet us. We feel so loved and accepted by the Cameroonian ministry. What a privilege and joy to minister to such eager and attentive hearts.

III. All Bibles and Boxes of Bible Study Aids Arrive





The next morning we went right to work continuing to stock the library and divide Bibles up for pastors, lay ministers, ministry leaders and staff. The joy in the faces of those who are receiving study Bibles can be clearly seen. How we praise God for your generosity, faith and vision.

IV. **Already Ministering**



We have already begun to minister, with a packed schedule these first two days. The Rich Smith family made it in tonight with their eight boxes, so the ministry will continue to expand. The first two days of all-day conferences has gone well, with attendees from a number of churches. Taniform Peters and the Navigators have done an outstanding job of organizing the schedule and conference, which is being held at the Navigator Headquarters in Yaoundé. On both days there have been overflow crowds, with men and women gathering around windows to hear the lectures and take notes from the outside looking in.

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 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.")

We rest on Thee, our Shield and our Defender!

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We go not forth alone against the foe;
Strong in Thy strength, safe in Thy keeping tender,
We rest on Thee, and in Thy Name we go.
Strong in Thy strength, safe in Thy keeping tender,
We rest on Thee, and in Thy Name we go.

*Yes, in Thy Name, O Captain of salvation!
In Thy dear Name, all other names above;
Jesus our Righteousness, our sure Foundation,
Our Prince of glory and our King of love.
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We go in faith, our own great weakness feeling,
And needing more each day Thy grace to know:
Yet from our hearts a song of triumph pealing,
"We rest on Thee, and in Thy Name we go."

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"We rest on Thee, and in Thy Name we go."

*We rest on Thee, our Shield and our Defender!
Thine is the battle, Thine shall be the praise;
When passing through the gates of pearly splendor,
Victors, we rest with Thee, through endless days.
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Edith Gilling Cherry 1872-1897 This hymn has a stirring story associated with it. In January 1956, five missionaries sang it before entering the Ecuadorian jungle to bring the Gospel to the Auca Indians. Their names were Nate Saint, Ed McCully, Jim Elliott, Roger Yoderian, and Peter Fleming. After the men reached the Aucas, the Indians murdered them on the Curaray River. However, the story does not end here. Years later, contact with the Aucas was re-established, and many came to Christ, including the killers, which is how first hand details of the missionaries' deaths came to light. One of the best known of the five martyrs was Jim Elliot. A number of his sayings are still quoted (e.g., "He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep, to gain what he cannot lose"). Elliot's wife Elisabeth went on to considerable fame as an author and radio broadcaster. Her book *Through the Gates of Splendor* describes the encounter with the Aucas; its title comes from a line in this hymn.
