

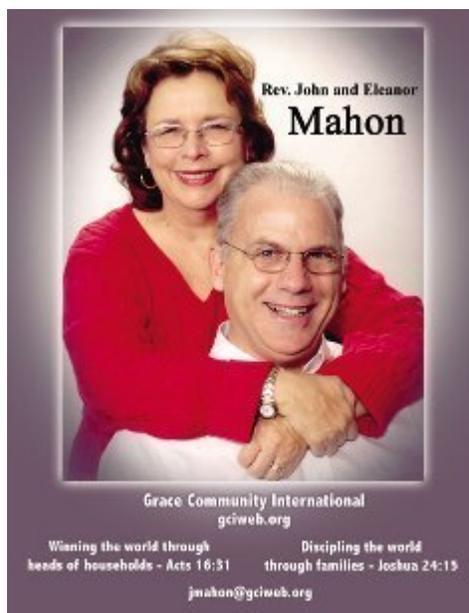
Prayer Dispatch 08.18.12/ Your Prayers and Gifts Are Making A Difference!!!



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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. Oppose Satan and empower the Word Mark 4:14-20

14 "The sower sows the word.

- ❑ 15 *"These are the ones who are beside the road where the word is sown; and when they hear, immediately Satan comes and takes away the word which has been sown in them.*
 - ❑ 16, 17 *"In a similar way these are the ones on whom seed was sown on the rocky places, who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with joy; and they have no firm root in themselves, but are only temporary; then, when affliction or persecution arises because of the word, immediately they fall away.*
 - ❑ 18, 19 *"And others are the ones on whom seed was sown among the thorns; these are the ones who have heard the word, but the worries of the world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things enter in and choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.*
 - ❑ 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."*
- B. Pray for financial blessings, not for ourselves, but that we might bless national pastors, Bible students, churches and ministries**
2 Corinthians 9:10-14
- ❑ *Now He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness;*
 - ❑ *you will be enriched in everything for all liberality, which through us is producing thanksgiving to God.*
 - ❑ *For the ministry of this service is not only fully supplying the needs of the saints, but is also overflowing through many thanksgivings to God.*
 - ❑ *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,*
 - ❑ *while they also, by prayer on your behalf, yearn for you because of the surpassing grace of God in you.*

Dear Prayer Warriors,

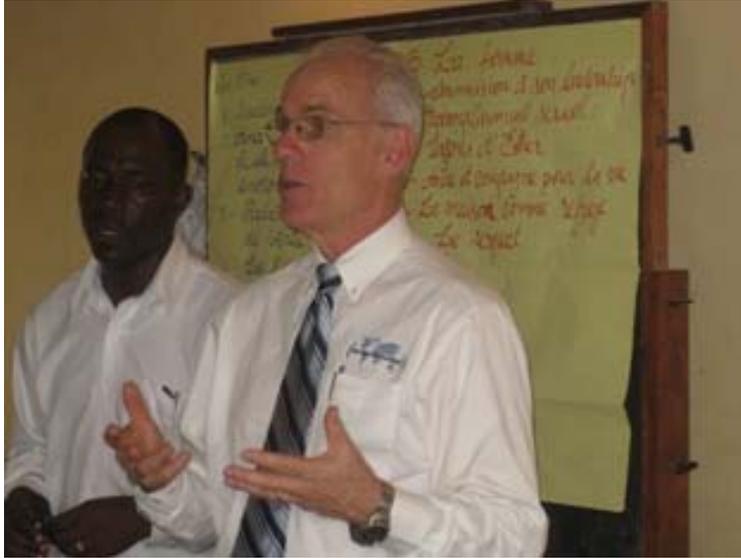
Your Prayers Are Making A Difference

God the Holy Spirit says in 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."* We have no doubt that the great blessings of this ministry are as a result of your prayers. One example is the Family Discipleship Seminar at Etoug-Ebe Baptist Church. We were optimistically praying and planning for about 50 and, instead, the first night we had over 200, with the attendance increasing each consecutive evening. When we left for the conference, we were discussing which Sunday school room to use. By the time we arrived, we were in the main auditorium. At the end of the Family Discipleship Conference, the pastor called for a vote of the church to have us return to give the Marriage Covenant Seminar. The

city Baptist director was there for all the meetings and wants us to give the FDS to a city-wide pastors' and leaders' conference.



Your Prayers Are Making A Difference: Another example is the Marriage Covenant Seminar. Initially we were planning to meet in a home but the response was so great that we had to rent chairs and move the meeting to the Navigator ministry center.



Your Prayers Are Making A Difference: Still another example is the Physicians' Seminar. I first spoke at the Teaching Physicians' and Physicians' Bible study several years ago, when it was first founded. It was primarily students and a few Christian faculty. Because of the way your prayers sustained me during my collapse and my rapid recovery, a number of the most prominent physicians attended, including the leader of the World Health Organization Endocrinologist. I spoke on the Marriage Covenant. It was very well received, with many thoughtful questions.



These are just a few of the examples of how your prayers are making a difference. Space does not permit us to share all the exciting examples of the impact of your prayers but we will be sending more in the days to come. How we praise God for your faithful intercession. As God the Holy Spirit says in *1 Corinthians 15:58*, *"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord."* So you, too, remain steadfast and immovable in your intercessory prayers for *"your labor is not in vain!!"*

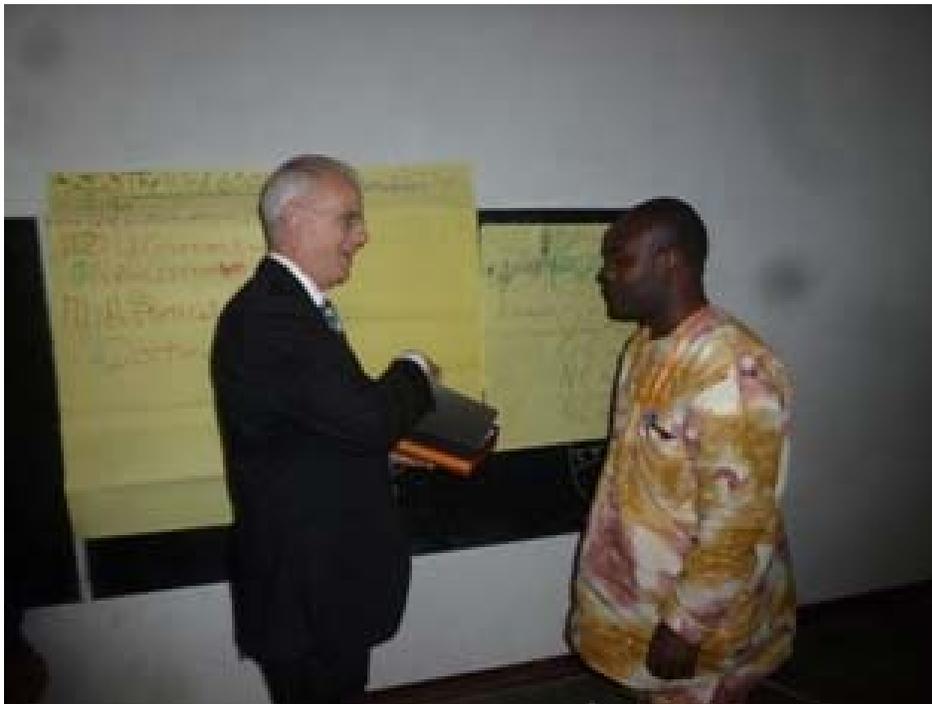
God Is Blessing Your Gifts and, In Doing So, Blessing Ministers

God the Holy Spirit says in *2 Corinthians 9:10-12* *Now He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness; you will be enriched in everything for all liberality, which through us is producing thanksgiving to God. For the ministry of this service is not only fully supplying the needs of the saints, but is also overflowing through many thanksgivings to God.*

Because of your gifts, Bible students were able to attend the conference. McArthur Study Bibles were supplied to national pastors, ministers and Bible students.



Your gifts are making a difference: Bibles, Bible study aids and Bible reference works for national pastors, staff, student workers and those training for the ministry – made possible by your gifts.



Your gifts are making a difference: Minister receives his first study Bible – a leather study Bible with his name engraved on it, made possible by your gifts.



Your gifts are making a difference: The director of Campus Crusade in the city of Cameroon receives his first study Bible. I was honored that he asked me to sign it and write a verse in it.



Your gifts are making a difference: The senior pastor of Etoug-Ebe Baptist Church receives his McArthur Study Bible. His testimony was that he had been praying for a Bible such as this but God had not provided. He viewed our coming as an answer to prayers. Your gifts of faith and his answered prayers mingled to cause praise and glory to God to be offered up by his church. Through your gifts, the promise of God the Holy Spirit in II Corinthians 9:12 is fulfilled and realized first hand by you and your brothers and sisters in Christ in Cameroon - *"For the ministry of this service is not only fully supplying the needs of the saints, but is also overflowing through many thanksgivings to God."*

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:

Blessed Assurance Jesus Is Mine

Blessèd assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

Refrain

*This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior, all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior, all the day long.*

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Refrain

Perfect submission, all is at rest
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

Refrain

Frances Jane Crosby *Born:* March 24, 1820, Putnam County, New York. *Died:* February 12, 1915, Bridgeport, Connecticut Fanny Crosby was probably the most prolific hymn-ist in history. Though blinded by an incompetent doctor at six weeks of age, she wrote over 8,000 hymns. About her blindness, she said: **“It seemed intended by the blessed providence of God that I should be blind all my life, and I thank him for the dispensation. If perfect earthly sight were offered me tomorrow I would not accept it. I might not have sung hymns to the praise of God if I had been distracted by the beautiful and interesting things about me.”** In her lifetime, Fanny Crosby was one of the best known women in the United States. To this day, the vast majority of American hymnals contain her work. Of this hymn Ira Sanky, song leader for D. L. Moody records... “During the recent war in the Transvaal,” said a gentleman at my meeting in Exeter Hall, London, in 1900, “when the soldiers going to the front were passing another body of soldiers whom they recognized, their greetings used to be, ‘Four-nine-four, boys; four-nine-four;’ and the salute would invariably be answered with ‘Six further on, boys; six further on.’ The significance of this was that, in ‘Sacred Songs and Solos,’ a number of copies of the small edition of which had been sent to the front, number 494 was **‘God be with you until we meet again;’** and six further on than 494, or number 500, was ‘Blessed Assurance, Jesus is mine.’” [Sankey](#), p. 122