

In this 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. Pray for Eleanor

Lamentations 3:22-23 The LORD'S lovingkindnesses indeed never cease, For His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness.

B. Thank God for His goodness – all 10 boxes arrived safely and the Word of God was presented on the plane and now here in Zambia

Jeremiah 33:11 the voice of joy and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the voice of those who say, " Give thanks to the LORD of hosts, For the LORD is good, For His lovingkindness is everlasting"; and of those who bring a thank offering into the house of the LORD . For I will restore the fortunes of the land as they were at first,' says the LORD .

C. Please claim these passages for the empowerment of the holy, eternal, inerrant written Word of God as I teach and preach throughout Zambia

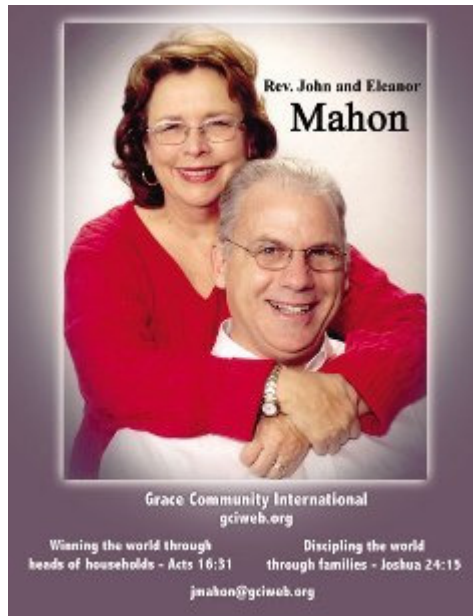
2 Thessalonians 3:1-2 Finally, brethren, pray for us that the word of the Lord will spread rapidly and be glorified, just as it did also with you; and that we will be rescued from perverse and evil men; for not all have faith.

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.

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

D. Ask God to bless His word with lasting fruit

John 15:16 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.



Dear Prayer Warriors,

It has been very strange being here in Zambia without Eleanor. As I recon it, it has been about eight years since I last traveled without her. Please be in prayer with Eleanor as she ministers to her ailing mother and as she makes herself available to Lizzy and Anne who are expecting grandchildren numbers seven and eight.

The ministry here in Zambia is going great and I could not be more encouraged. Nelson Musipa, the Navigator National Director of Zambia picked me up at the airport Monday morning and by that afternoon I was doing a Marriage Seminar for a Baptist Church here in Lusaka. It was geared for the pastors, elders, deacons and leaders. I have been very impressed with how the Navigators here in Zambia are ministering to and training leaders for the church. I will be having lunch Friday with the pastor of Twin Palms Baptist to plan a return trip for a city wide Marriage Seminar for the city Baptist convention.



With Pastor of Twin Palms Baptist and Nelson Musipa of the Navigators



Marriage Covenant Seminar – Twin Palms Baptist Leadership

I also have a praise report. All ten boxes of Bibles, Bible study aids and Bible reference works made it into Zambia with no problem. The customs official just waived me through while all around boxes and bags were being opened, examined and emptied out. I came in with ten boxes, two suitcases of supplies and my own single bag. I praise God for your intercessory prayers which made this miracle possible. Please take a moment as you read this and Thank God for His goodness and grace.



Unpacking and sorting the boxes. All Bibles and study aids will go to pastors, lay ministers, student workers and students preparing for the ministry.



The fruit of your prayers. Nelson Masupia, national director for the Navigators with his leather Large Print McArthur Study Bible. Your faithful prayers and sacrificial prayers made this possible.

The work of the ministry here is proclaiming Christ, teaching the holy eternal, inerrant written Word and equipping future pastors, lay ministers and student workers. Your prayers will empower this ministry as I labor in Zambia.



Here I am teaching evangelism and follow-up to student ministers

I found these four young men to be especially zealous. They are all training to be full time ministers with the Navigators on the campus here in Lusaka. It is men like this who will reach the next generation of Zambian professionals for Christ.

One last note. I have been praying about how to witness to the pilots and flight attendants on my trips. This time El put together small Easter baskets for me with chocolate eggs, the book of John and Billy Graham's Steps To Peace With God. When things slowed down I took them back to the "galley" and handed them out to the staff. Later the chief steward came to me and said that in his 22 years no one had ever given him anything and thanked me profusely. It was an overnight flight and when I would

go back to get water or use the restroom I could see them in the galley eating their chocolates, reading the material and discussing it with each other.

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 with 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.")

He Touched Me - By Bill and Gloria Gaither

Shackled by a heavy burden,
'Neath a load of guilt and shame.
Then the hand of Jesus touched me,
And now I am no longer the same.

*He touched me, Oh He touched me,
And oh the joy that floods my soul!
Something happened and now I know,
He touched me and made me whole.*

Since I met this blessed Savior,
Since He cleansed and made me whole,
I will never cease to praise Him,
I'll shout it while eternity rolls.

*He touched me, Oh He touched me,
And oh the joy that floods my soul!
Something happened and now I know
He touched me and made me whole.*