

Mahon Zambia Prayer Dispatch #03 05.05.11 / A Modern Day Zaccheus

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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. Please pray for the conservation of 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.

B. Pray that I would be faithful in the "Ministry of the Word"

Mark 4:14 The sower sows the word.

C. Oppose these attacks of satan, the world and the flesh on the sown Word of God

Mark 4:15-19

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 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;

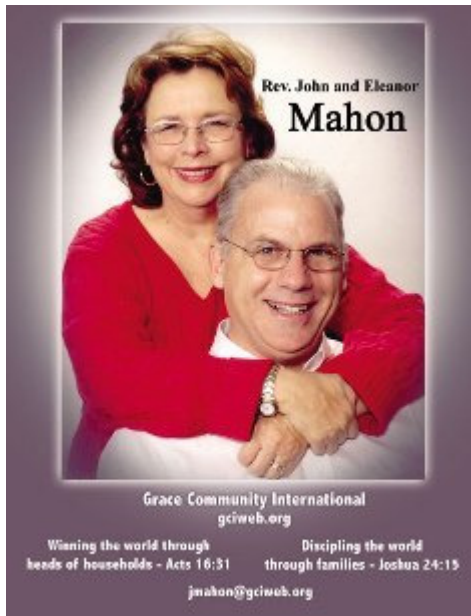
17 and they have no firm root in themselves, but are only temporary; then, when affliction or persecution arises because of the word, immediately they fall away.

18 "And others are the ones on whom seed was sown among the thorns; these are the ones who have heard the word,

19 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.

D. Ask God for good fruitful soil

Mark 4:20 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."



Dear Prayer Warriors,

Well I am into my second week here in Zambia and did something I have not done in 36 years. I washed my under ware. You can only pack so much and then it is off to the sink. I have not traveled without Eleanor for over eight years and boy do I miss my helpmate!!!



I would like to introduce you to Charles, a modern day Zaccheus. Charles is a high ranking government official and corporate executive here in Zambia and well as a large landowner. His wife came to Christ a number of years ago but Charles has remained uninterested in the Lord. It was my privilege to have breakfast with Charles and lead him to Christ. He immediately texted his wife. I also have him set up to attend the Baptist church with Nelson, the Navigator Country Leader of Zambia and to begin one on one follow-up and discipleship with Nelson.



God used the Marriage Covenant Seminar to touch Charles's heart, particularly the change in the marriage as his wife attended without him last year. Charles invited his friends from his social network for a mini-seminar in at his home.



Charles then invited his government and business contacts for a second mini-seminar. Again this was in their palatial home overlooking the American embassy. Charles put on a great little seminar with a fine meal afterwards.



Then Charles invited these friends and associates to the weekend Marriage Seminar. Several couples came and expressed to Nelson personally a desire to study more and learn more about Christ.



The Apostle Paul proclaimed to the Romans in Romans 1:16 *For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.*

This is our ministry - to lift up Christ and call men to repentance, to teach the holy, eternal, inerrant Word of God, to build up marriages and families in the faith and to raise up and equip leaders for the church.

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.")

Link to music/tune for this hymn:
<http://nethymnal.org/htm/c/o/m/comeyspn.htm>

Come Ye Sinners Poor & Needy

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you,
Full of pity, love and power.

Refrain - *I will arise and go to Jesus,
He will embrace me in His arms;
In the arms of my dear Savior,
O there are ten thousand charms.*

Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome,
God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance,
Every grace that brings you nigh. - **Refrain**

Come, ye weary, heavy laden,
Lost and ruined by the fall;
If you tarry till you're better,
You will never come at all. - **Refrain**

View Him prostrate in the garden;
On the ground your Maker lies.
On the bloody tree behold Him;
Sinner, will this not suffice? - **Refrain**

Lo! th'incarnate God ascended,
Pleads the merit of His blood:
Venture on Him, venture wholly,
Let no other trust intrude. - **Refrain**

Let not conscience make you linger,
Not of fitness fondly dream;
All the fitness He requireth
Is to feel your need of Him. - **Refrain**

*Joseph Hart Born: 1712, London, England. Died: May 24, 1768, London, England. Buried: Bunhill Fields Cemetery, London England. [John Bunyan](#), [John Rippon](#) & [Isaac Watts](#) lie nearby. Hart resisted Christianity while young, writing the pamphlet *The Unreasonableness of Religion, Being Remarks and Animadversions on the Rev. [John Wesley](#)'s Sermon on Romans 8:32*. However, Hart came to Christ in 1757, becoming an enormously popular preacher*