

## Mahon Zambia Prayer Dispatch #04 / Raising Up The Next Generation of Leaders

### In this dispatch...

- I. A pictorial Review of the ministry of training young staff and ministers in Zambia
- II. Your ministry as co-laborers makes this possible and is making a real difference.
- III. Prayer Requests: As you pray please allow the accompanying passage from the Word of God to guide your prayers

*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. Call upon the Lord to bless His Word as pastors and ministry leaders preach and teach the holy, eternal, inerrant written Word in Zambia – that they would be as Ezra...

*Ezra 7:10 For Ezra had set his heart to study the law of the LORD and to practice it, and to teach His statutes and ordinances in Israel.*

- B. Ask God to conserve the fruit of our ministry in Zambia

*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.*

- C. Petition the Lord of the Harvest to protect the Word that was sown from the world, the flesh and the devil

Mark 4:14-20

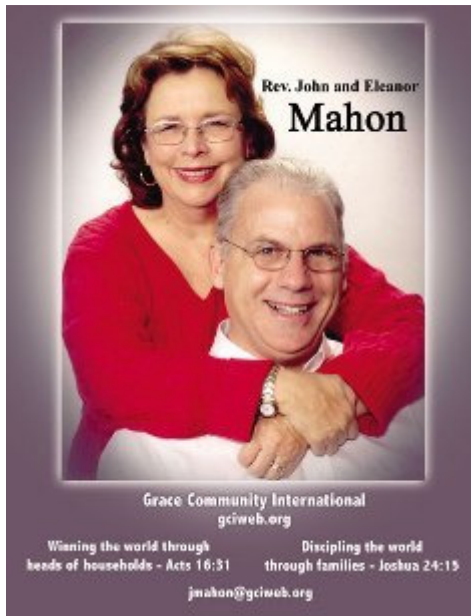
- The sower sows the word.*
- These are the ones who are beside the road where the word is sown; and when they hear, immediately Satan comes and takes away the word which has been sown in them.*
- In a similar way these are the ones on whom seed was sown on the rocky places, who, when they hear the word, 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.*
- 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.*
- 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."*

D. Ask the Lord to empower the Word that was taught and multiply it throughout Zambia

*2 Thessalonians 3:1 Finally, brethren, pray for us that the word of the Lord will spread rapidly and be glorified, just as it did also with you;*

E. Pray with us for a new generation of husbands and fathers who would conform to the covenant of marriage.

*Ephesians 5:25-26 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her, so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word,*



Dear Prayer Warriors,



One of the ministries I have come to love in Zambia is teaching those involved in the Navigator Staff Training Institute. Here I am teaching on the doctrines behind the Navigator Wheel Illustration. One of the great dangers which I exhort and warn against whenever teaching on this very effective discipleship tool is that one does not stumble over Christ. That Christ the cornerstone not become a stumbling block of offence. This message will be posted on our website next week, but for now you may follow the following links for messages of a similar theme...

<http://www.sermonaudio.com/sermoninfo.asp?SID=21310215232>

or

<http://www.sermonaudio.com/sermoninfo.asp?SID=1130770510>



This is an example of a the type of young men who are preparing for the ministry to which I minister. Your prayers empower the teaching of the Word of God and your gifts supply men like this with a quality study Bible and with the necessary Bible study aids needed to fulfill their call to the ministry.



I spend several days each week with the Navigator staff in teaching on Understanding, Interpreting and Teaching the Word of God. It was a great series and I am not sure who enjoyed the time more, me or them.



Here I am at the Navigators national headquarters in Lusaka, Zambia teaching staff on the Word of God. (Notice the boxes of Bibles and Bible study aids waiting to be distributed)



Nelson and Immidy Musipa have a joy and zeal for the Lord which has been a great blessing to me. As national director for the Zambian Navigators, it is Nelson who extends the Macedonian Call.

If you would like to pray for Nelson or support his ministry you may contact him at...

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Here a group of young ministers study the Word of God. As you pray for us keep this picture in mind. Young ministers who love the Lord being equipped to preach and teach the holy, eternal, inerrant, written Word of God. Your faith and your gifts are making a real difference in the lives of young ministers such as these!!



Paul exhorted Timothy in *2 Timothy 2:1-2* *"You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also."* Here I am meeting with a young Timothy. Wherever I go I find young ministers eager to meet on one one and go deep into the Word of God. These men have extensive questions and are willing to devote the time and energy to search the answers out from the Scriptures. How I praise God for the privilege of meeting with young men like this and taking them deep into the Word of God. How I praise God for your vision, faith, prayers and support which make it possible.

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. -

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/o/s/osacredh.htm>

### O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

O sacred Head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down,  
Now scornfully surrounded with thorns, Thy only crown,  
How pale Thou art with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn..  
How does that visage languish which once was bright as morn.

*Thy Passion, Lord, Thou hast borne for me,  
For it was my transgression which brought this woe on Thee.  
I cast me down before Thee, wrath were my rightful lot;  
Have mercy, I implore Thee; Redeemer, spurn me not!*

What Thou, my Lord, has suffered was all for sinners gain;  
Mine, mine was the transgression, but Thine the deadly pain.  
Lo here I fall, my Savior. Tis I deserve Thy place;  
Look on me with Thy favor, Vouch-safe me to Thy grace.

*What language shall I borrow to thank Thee, dearest friend,  
For this Thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end?  
O make me Thine forever; and, should I fainting be,  
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love for Thee.*

Be Thou my consolation, my shield when I must die;  
Remind me of Thy passion when my last hour draws nigh.  
Mine eyes shall then behold Thee, upon Thy cross shall dwell,  
My heart by faith enfolds Thee. Who dieth thus dies well.

Bernard of Clairvaux *Born:* 1091, in his father's castle at Les Fontaines (near Dijon), Burgundy; *Died:* August 21, Bernard's father Tecelin was a knight and vassal of the Duke of Burgundy. Bernard was educated at Chatillon, where he was distinguished by his studious and meditative habits. He entered the monastery of Citeaux (the first Cistercian institution) in 1113. Two years later, he was sent, with 12 other monks, to found a daughter monastery in the Valley of Wormwood, about four miles from the Abbey of La Ferté, on the Aube. Bernard was a man of exceptional piety and spiritual vitality. [Martin Luther](#), 400 years later, called him, "the best monk that ever lived, whom I admire beyond all the rest put together." He also wrote "Jesus The Very Thought of Thee"