

## Mahon Zambia Prayer Dispatch #07 11.15.11 / Building Up Marriages and Families

### In this dispatch...

I usually do not include materials and links on the Prayer Dispatch, reserving them instead for the Resource Dispatch. With Father's Day coming up here in the U.S. I thought I would include a Daily Quiet Time already on our website, a message given on the subject and a link to other Quiet Times Alone With God on the subject of family.

**Attachment:** The Father As Spiritual Teacher of His Children

**Message:** Shared Roles of Fathers and Mothers In Raising of Children

<http://www.sermonaudio.com/sermoninfo.asp?SID=811091236570>

**Link to other Q.T.'s on the Family:**

<http://gciweb.org/QT%20Family%20Discipleship.asp>

- I. **Your Gifts And Prayers Are Making A Difference: An overview of the impact of marriage and family conferences in Zambia**
- II. **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. **Pray for... John 17:17**

*John 17:17 " Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth."*
  - B. **Pray against... 2 Timothy 4:3 & 4**

*2 Timothy 4:3-4 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires, and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths.*
  - C. **Pray for... 2 Timothy 1, 2, 5**

*2 Timothy 4:1-2 I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction.*

*2 Timothy 4:5 But you, be sober in all things, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.*
  - D. **Pray against... 1 Thessalonians 2:18**

*1 Thessalonians 2:18 For we wanted to come to you – I, Paul, more than once – and yet Satan hindered us.*
  - E. **Pray for... I Corinthians 16:9**

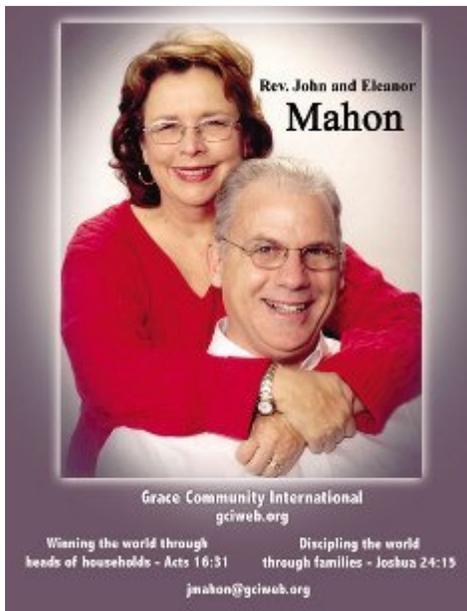
*1 Corinthians 16:9 for a wide door for effective service has opened to me, and there are many adversaries.*

**F. Pray against... II Corinthians 4:3 & 4**

*2 Corinthians 4:3-4 And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ,*

**G. Pray for... II Corinthians 4:5 & 6**

*2 Corinthians 4:5-6 For we do not preach ourselves but Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your bond-servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Light shall shine out of darkness," is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.*



Dear Prayer Warriors,



“O Lord, bless now Your holy, eternal, inerrant, written Word...” Our messages, whether Marriage, Family or any topic begin with this earnest cry to God. More and more I find that this is a unique ministry – especially in the areas of marriage and family. Missionary couples freely share with us that their supervisors and human

resource personnel visit as professional and licensed counselors and not spiritual shepherds and ministers of the Word. Conferees marvel at the sanctifying power of the Word of God on their marriages and families, having been used to secular psychological models with the occasional verse attached. Whether in Russia, Asia, Africa, or America we hear this over and over, “We expected you to come with psychological tests, role playing and stories but you have come with the Word of God. Thank you!” In an era when Christian psychology supersedes the Word of God, when conference speakers openly subject the Word of God to modern psychological techniques and principles, often even deriding the power and principles of the Word of God, in this age young families are yearning for the sanctifying power of the Word of God upon their lives, their marriages and their families.



This is the objective realized - couples, Bibles open, minds open, deep in study as the principles of the Word of God concerning their lives, their marriages and their families are presented to them.



This is the objective. Men transformed, born again and zealous for the Lord because of the testimony of their wives in accordance with 1 Peter 3:1. In this picture Charles sits with me after praying to receive Christ. His wife Pricilla had gone through both the marriage and family seminars. His marriage and family had been so transformed that he came to me to meet each morning. On the third morning he prayed to receive Christ as his Lord and Savior.



The objective: Church leaders grounded in the Word of God as it pertains to marriage and family. Here is a seminar photo taken of the teachers and leadership team of the Baptist church which Charles and Pricilla now attend. In an age when the standards for pastors, elders, deacons and teachers in I Timothy 3 and Titus 2 are seen more and more as a smorgasbord of suggestions we call church leaders back to the standard of holy living, husband of one wife, children who are under control and the public testimony of life, marriage and family. These are not suggestions by God the Holy Spirit but standards which qualify or disqualify one from service. It is our privilege to serve the church in equipping its leaders to meet successfully the high standards of God for teaching, leadership and service in His church.



The objective - couples meeting together and calling upon the Lord to bless His holy Word before beginning the study and application of the Word in their lives, their marriages and their families.



This conference photo from Zambia has been repeated all over the world in over 25 countries. What a privilege it is to serve the Lord, the church, missionaries, national pastors, lay ministers and families by grounding them and equipping them in the Word of 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 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/m/y/myrdeemr.htm>

### **I Will Sing Of My Redeemer**

I will sing of my Redeemer,  
And His wondrous love to me;  
On the cruel cross He suffered,  
From the curse to set me free.

*Refrain*

*Sing, oh sing, of my Redeemer,  
With His blood, He purchased me.  
On the cross, He sealed my pardon,  
Paid the debt, and made me free.*

I will tell the wondrous story,  
How my lost estate to save,  
In His boundless love and mercy,  
He the ransom freely gave.

*Refrain*

I will praise my dear Redeemer,  
His triumphant power I'll tell,  
How the victory He giveth  
Over sin, and death, and hell.

*Refrain*

I will sing of my Redeemer,  
And His heav'nly love to me;  
He from death to life hath brought me,  
Son of God with Him to be.

*Refrain*

Words: [Philip P. Bliss](#), 1876. This is perhaps the last hymn Bliss wrote before he died in a train wreck. The night before that terrible railroad accident at Ashtabula revival service he said to his audience, "I may not pass this way again"; then he sang a solo, "I'm Going Home Tomorrow." This indeed proved prophetic of his own home going. He survived the initial crash, but was killed trying (unsuccessfully) to rescue his wife from the flames. The lyrics were found in his belongings after the accident. This song is one of the first ever recorded on a phonograph. [George Stebbins](#) made the recording during a demonstration of Thomas Edison's new invention in New York City.