

## Prayer Dispatch : Departing Today For Nigeria



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### In this prayer dispatch...

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- IV. 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. Ask God to bless the ministry of the Word in Nigeria - please claim *Isaiah 55:11:***

- So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth; It will not return to Me empty,*
- Without accomplishing what I desire,*
- And without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it.*

**B. Please intercede on our behalf as we seek to pass through customs with over 20 - 50lb. boxes of Bibles, Bible study aids and Bible reference works for pastors, seminary students, student workers and lay ministers. (For many, this will be the first leather study Bible they have ever owned and will exceed their monthly salary in cost.)**

- Proverbs 21:1 The king's heart is like channels of water in the hand of the LORD; He turns it wherever He wishes.*
- Daniel 1:9 Now God granted Daniel favor and compassion in the sight of the commander of the officials,*
- Acts 7:9-10 The patriarchs became jealous of Joseph and sold him into Egypt. Yet God was with him, and rescued him from all his afflictions, and granted him favor and wisdom in the sight of Pharaoh, king of Egypt, and he made him governor over Egypt and all his household.*

C. Please claim these promises of protection for Emeka, myself and the team going to Nigeria:

**2 Thessalonians 3:1-4**

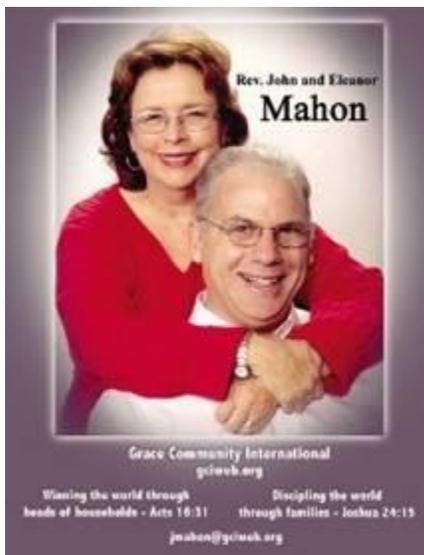
- Finally, brethren, pray for us that the word of the Lord will spread rapidly and be glorified, just as it did also with you;*
- 2 and that we will be rescued from perverse and evil men; for not all have faith.*
- 3 But the Lord is faithful, and He will strengthen and protect you from the evil one.*

**1 John 4:4**

- You are from God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world.*

D. Ask that God would bless the ministry materially, that we might, in turn, bless those to whom we minister. We ask only for the privilege of blessing the churches to which we minister in Russia, Africa and throughout the world:

- Luke 6:38 "Give, and it will be given to you.*
- They will pour into your lap a good measure –*
- pressed down, shaken together, and running over.*
- For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return."*



Dear Prayer Warriors,

God has greatly blessed in answer to your prayers. As you can see from the pictures, the packing party was a huge success. As I type this, I am waiting for Mark and Rowena Brooks to arrive to help drive us to the airport. There I will meet Mike Daily and Rich Smith and together we will take our precious cargo to Nigeria, where we will be speaking at three different pastor/leadership and Family Discipleship Conferences over a period of two weeks.

Upon our return, Eleanor and I will have just five days before we head out for Cameroon. Most of the boxes for Cameroon have already been packed, as well, so our home resembles in a small way a shipping center for God's Word!! Soon these precious volumes will be in the hands of pastors, lay ministers, Bible students and student workers. Please take a moment to pray over the above prayer requests--some are immediate, others are for the duration of my time in Nigeria – all are important.

We ask that you take a moment also to lift up Emeka, as he will come under attack from satan because of this. Please be in prayer, as well, for myself and the ministry team that will be joining me.

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.

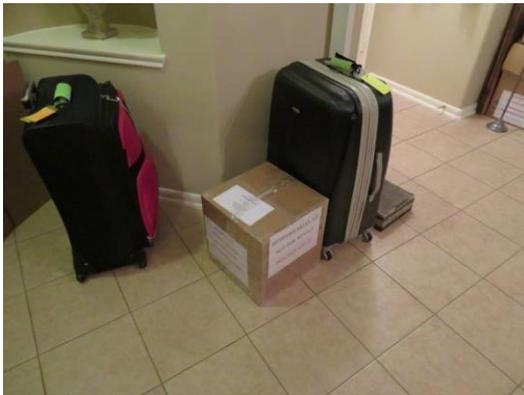
By His mercy,  
II Corinthians 4:1  
Rev. John S. Mahon  
Grace Community Int. -

Please allow me to close 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.")*

Packing for Nigeria







**Link to music/tune for this hymn:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HU5hhE9cN6A&list=RDHU5hhE9cN6A#t=0>

### **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. He survived the initial crash, but was killed trying (unsuccessfully) to rescue his wife. 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.