

Prayer Dispatch 11.05.13 / Nigeria Report – The Family Discipleship Seminar & Marriage Covenant



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In this Prayer Dispatch...

I. Pictorial Report...

II. Prayer Requests: As you minister with us throughout the world through your intercessions 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 conserve the fruit of the teaching and preaching of His holy, eternal, inerrant written Word

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. Call upon the Lord to give good soil that His Word might not go out and return empty but rather bear fruit in the lives of the hearers

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."

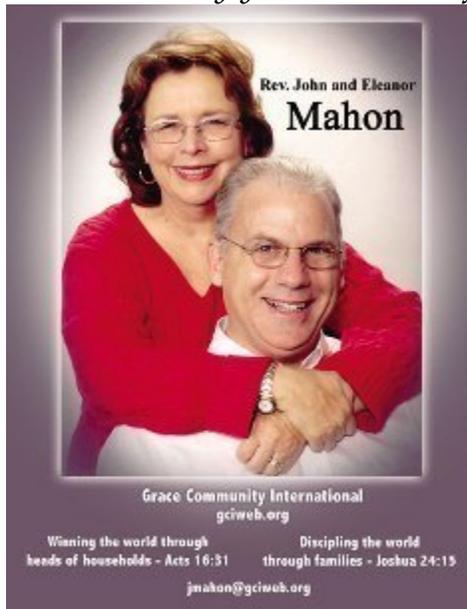
Isaiah 55:11 "So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth; It will not return to Me empty, Without accomplishing what I desire, And without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it."

- C. Oppose satan that he would not be able to use the world, the flesh nor his demonic lackeys to thwart the ministry of the Word in those who attended the conference

James 4:7 "Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you."

- D. That God would bless the ministry materially, that we might in turn bless those to whom we minister.

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 greatly blessed your prayers and gifts during our ministry in Nigeria. There was peace in our area, those attending were able to travel freely, although periodic power blackouts – these did not impede the preaching and teaching of God’s holy Word and hearts were open and receptive. All seven boxes of Bibles, Bible study aids and Bible reference works arrived safely as well as my luggage. Your prayers empowered me and I praise God for this. During the conference I began to lose my voice – I started on my anti-biotic and never completely lost it, being able to preach the entire time. My fever broke the first night as I awoke bathed in sweat but not dimmed in spirit as I, empowered by your prayers pushed on. It was an exciting conference, greatly blessed by both your prayers and gifts and I hope in the next series of dispatched to be able to give you both a picture of your ministry as well as a firm footing for continuing to minister though your intercessions.



01- The conference was well attended and the conferees were both enthusiastic and responsive



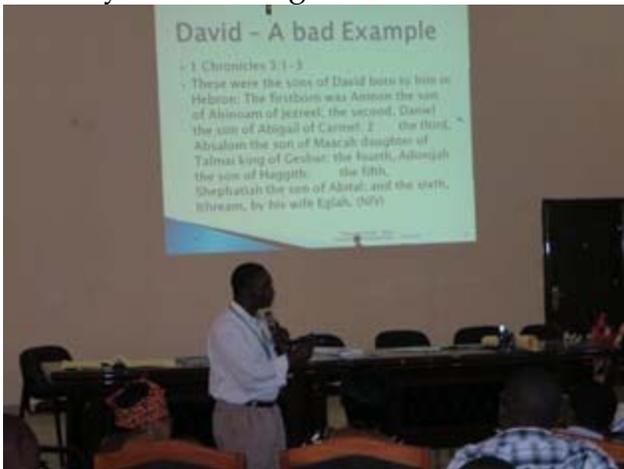
02 It was a privilege to have fellow board of directors member Dr. Stanley Mukolwe (front row isle) there to teach with me. When I was invited to speak the first thing I did was suggest that they invite Dr. Mukolwe to share the messages with me. We each spoke six times during the main conference. Dr. Mukolwe ministers the Family Discipleship Seminar and Marriage Covenant Seminar throughout Africa and I highly recommend him for your next marriage or family conference.



03 "O Lord bless now Your holy, eternal, inerrant written Word..." is the opening prayer of every message



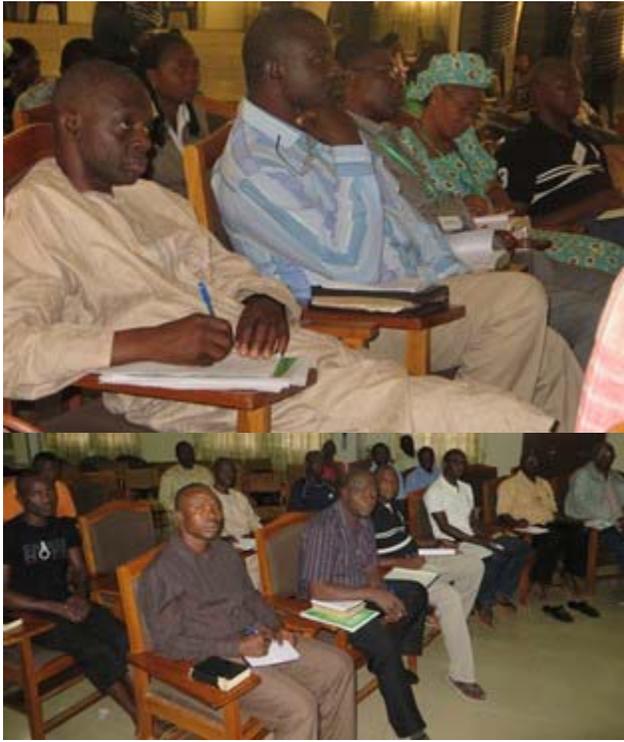
04 I have found these giant sticky notes to be of great use. Only drawback was that for the first time in over eight years Eleanor was not with me – thus they had to struggle with my handwriting.



05 Dr. Mukolwe did an outstanding job and had the conferees sitting on the edge of their seats



06 a,b You can see from these pictures that those attending approached the throne of grace with reverence and awe as the appeal was made to God to give us “good soil” on which to sow His written Word...



07 a, b The myth that the African churches are filled with women and children is a slanderous lie of satan. Everywhere I went I found churches filled with men ready to do business with God



08 a, b As you can see these couples are enjoying one of the practical projects I had them do as part of the Marriage Covenant messages



09 a, b Meal time is always special at any conference and I found myself at every meal seated with a couple, Bible open, answering questions and giving practical applications.



10 Here is a meeting of pastors, ministers, college workers and lay ministers where the leather study Bibles were awarded. Thirty eight ministers received study Bibles while their wives received Bible study aids. In addition many doctrine, theology and Bible reference works were awarded to lay teachers of the written 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
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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.")

Link to music/tune for this hymn:
Break Thou The Bread Of Life

Break Thou the bread of life, dear Lord to me,
As Thou didst break the loaves Beside the sea;
Beyond the sacred page I seek Thee Lord;
My spirit pants for Thee, O living Word

*Bless Thou the truth, dear Lord, To me, to me,
As Thou didst bless the bread By Galilee;
Then shall all bondage cease, All fetters fall;
And I shall find my peace, My all in all.*

Thou art the bread of life, O Lord, to me,
Thy holy Word the truth That saveth me;
Give me to eat and live With Thee above;
Teach me to love Thy truth, For Thou art love.

*O send Thy Spirit, Lord, Now unto me,
That He may touch mine eyes, And make me see;
Show me the truth concealed Within Thy Word,
And in Thy Book revealed I see Thee Lord.*

(Mary Artemesia Lathbury; 1841-1913; Daughter of a Methodist minister. Active in the women's temperance movement and wrote for several Christian periodicals. Of her gift for poetry she said she felt the Lord had impressed upon her these thoughts concerning this, "Remember, my child, that you have a gift of weaving fancies into verse and a gift with the pencil of producing visions that come to your heart; consecrate these to Me as thoroughly as you do your inmost spirit.")