

## Prayer Dispatch #2 / God's Word To Zambia



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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. These are passages that I pray for myself from my prayer notebook. Join with me in asking God to make me a good steward of the Word of God. That God would empower the Word as well as using me as His vessel in the teaching and preaching of the holy, eternal, inerrant written Word of God.

*Jeremiah 1:17-19*

*17 "Now, gird up your loins and arise, and speak to them all which I command you. Do not be dismayed before them, or I will dismay you before them.*

*18 "Now behold, I have made you today as a fortified city and as a pillar of iron and as walls of bronze against the whole land, to the kings of Judah, to its princes, to its priests and to the people of the land.*

*19 "They will fight against you, but they will not overcome you, for I am with you to deliver you," declares the LORD.*

- B. That the ministry would manifest the resurrection power of Christ - again, passages that I claim for myself and my ministry from my prayer notebook.

2 Corinthians 4:7

*But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the surpassing greatness of the power may be of God and not from ourselves;*

II Corinthians 12:9

*And He has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness." Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may dwell in me.*

Ephesians 1:18 -20

*I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,*

*and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe.*

*These are in accordance with the working of the strength of His might which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead, and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places,*

**C. That God would teach us His ways that we might do His will - I also pray daily for this in my prayer notebook. Thank you for joining me in asking God to make these verses a very real part of my life and ministry.**

*Psalm 77:13 Thy way, O God, is holy; What god is great like our God?*

***Psalm 84:5 How blessed is the man whose strength is in Thee; In whose heart are the highways to Zion!*** (This verse was shared with me by missionary Sam Clark, in the summer of 1975. He was praying that God would teach him His Ways, if Sam prayed this I figured I had better start praying it as well.)

*Psalm 86:11 Teach me Thy way, O Lord; I will walk in Thy truth; Unite my heart to fear Thy name.*

*Psalm 103:7 He made known His ways to Moses, His acts to the sons of Israel.*

**D. That God would go before us and prepare the way that this precious cargo of God's Word would arrive smoothly and without theft or damage**

Isaiah 45:2

*"I will go before you and make the rough places smooth; I will shatter the doors of bronze and cut through their iron bars.*

**E. That God would empower the ministry of the Word as we evangelize, teach and preach throughout Zambia.**

Jeremiah 5:14

*Therefore, thus says the LORD, the God of hosts, "Because you have spoken this word, Behold, I am making My words in your mouth fire And this people wood, and it will consume them.*

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

*Psalms 67:1-2*

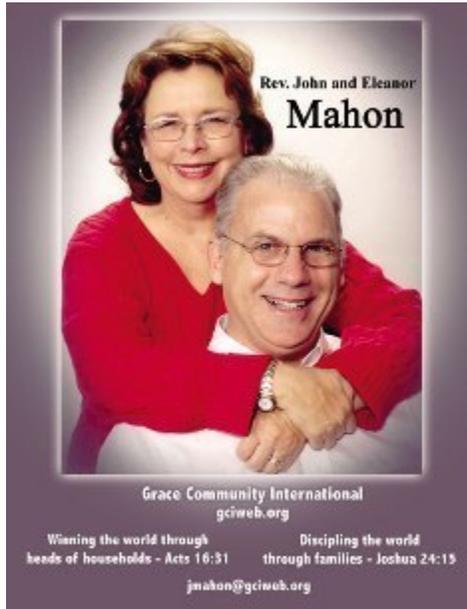
*God be gracious to us and bless us, And cause His face to shine upon us – Selah.*

*2 That Your way may be known on the earth, Your salvation among all nations.*

*Psalms 67:6-7*

*6 The earth has yielded its produce; God, our God, blesses us.*

*7 God blesses us, That all the ends of the earth may fear Him .*



Dear Prayer Warriors,

Our ministry on the mission field is one of preaching and teaching the holy, eternal, inerrant, written Word of God. We stand and fall on this ministry. As such we seek to supply those ministers and laborers whom we serve and to whom we minister with quality study Bibles, Bible reference works and Bible study aids. On this mission trip to Zambia 64 pastors and ministers will receive leather Holman Study Bibles with their names imprinted on the cover. For many of these pastors it will be the first leather study Bible they have ever owned. For many the cost will exceed their monthly salary. This precious cargo made possible by your prayers and gifts results in shouts of praise and tears of thanksgiving as pastors are personally presented with these ministry tools.



The process begins weeks in advance as study Bibles begin to be delivered by the UPS truck



Next people arrive for the "Packing Party" which begins with dinner and fellowship



Then the work begins in earnest



The ladies sort and prepare the volumes for packing



Boxes are then carefully taped and prepared. They must be packaged, weighed, securely taped up for the journey and labeled.



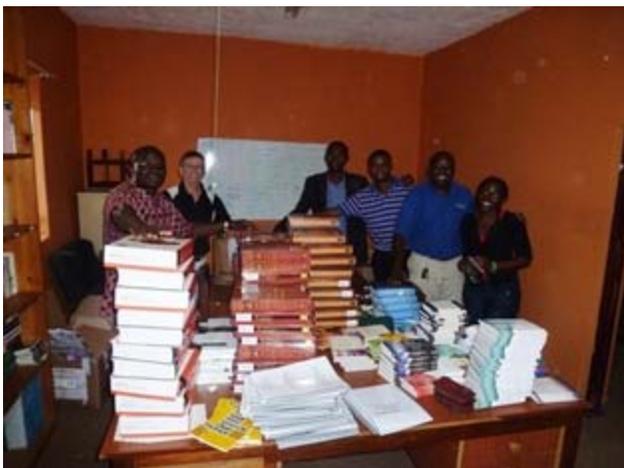
What a joy to have my son Sam, my daughter Megan and grandson John give up their Friday night to help out



A real feeling of joy and gratitude to the Lord and to your our prayer warriors whose faith and generosity makes this aspect of our ministry possible – nine 70lbs boxes ready to go to Zambia



This is what it looks like when we get off the plane



Upon arrival these are not simply handed out haphazardly. The ministers and staff help us unpack, sort and prayerfully decide who (in addition to the 64 pastors) will

receive these volumes. This decision is based on their commitment to Bible study, Scripture memory and the teaching of God's Word.

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.")*

**Link to music/tune for this hymn: <http://nethymnal.org/htm/p/t/ptt1ta.htm>  
PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;  
Praise Him in glad adoration.

*Praise to the Lord, who over all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen how thy desires ever have been  
Granted in what He ordaineth?*

Praise to the Lord, who hath fearfully, wondrously, made thee;  
Health hath vouchsafed and, when heedlessly falling, hath stayed thee.  
What need or grief ever hath failed of relief?  
Wings of His mercy did shade thee.

*Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;  
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.*

*Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,  
If with His love He befriend thee.*

Praise to the Lord, who, when tempests their warfare are waging,  
Who, when the elements madly around thee are raging,  
Biddeth them cease, turneth their fury to peace,  
Whirlwinds and waters assuaging.

*Praise to the Lord, who, when darkness of sin is abounding,  
Who, when the godless do triumph, all virtue confounding,  
Sheddeth His light, chaseth the horrors of night,  
Saints with His mercy surrounding.*

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him.  
Let the Amen sound from His people again,  
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

**Joachim Neander** *Born:* 1650, Bremen, Germany. *Died:* May 31, 1680, Bremen, Germany, of tuberculosis. Grandson of a musician and son of a teacher, Neander studied theology at Bremen University, 1666-1670. His family name was Neumann ("new man"), but, as was popular at the time, his grandfather (also a preacher, and also named Joachim!), changed it to a foreign equivalent, in this case Greek. In 1671, Neander moved his studies to Heidelberg (locale of *The Student Prince* musical). In 1673, he moved to Frankfurt, where he met Pietistic scholars Philipp Jakob Spener (1635-1705) and [Johann Schütz](#) (1640-1690). From 1674-1679, Neander was principal of the Reformed *Lateinschule* (grammar school) in Düsseldorf. During these years, he used to wander the secluded Düssel River valley, which was, until the 19th Century, a deep ravine between rock faces and forests, with numerous caves, grottos and waterfalls. Probably, Neander wrote and sang many of his poems there, but also held gatherings and services. In the early 19th Century, a large cave was named *Neanderhöhle* after him. In the mid-19th Century, the cement industry started to quarry the limestone, and the narrow ravine became a wide valley, which was now named the Neander Valley (in German, *Neanderthal*). The "Neanderthal Man" was found there in the summer of 1856, giving Joachim the distinction of being the only hymnist with a fossil hominid named after him! In 1679, Neander moved to Bremen and worked as assistant preacher at St. Martini church. The next year he became seriously ill and died, presumably of tuberculosis.