

## Prayer Dispatch 06.12.14/ GCI Is Committed To Building Up The Church



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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. Ask God to use our ministry to build up and expand the churches in which we minister

*Ephesians 4:12-13*

*12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ;*

*13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.*

- B. Call upon the Lord to use the Family Discipleship Seminar, Marriage Covenant Seminar and our other seminars to bring new members and new believers into the churches in which we minister.

*Acts 19:20 "So the word of the Lord was growing mightily and prevailing."*

*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;"*

- C. Petition the Lord to use our ministry to encourage and build up the pastors, ministers and missionaries to whom we minister.

*Acts 20:32 "And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified."*

*1 Thessalonians 3:2 "and we sent Timothy, our brother and God's fellow worker in the gospel of Christ, to strengthen and encourage you as to your faith,"*

*Isaiah 35:3-4*

*3 Encourage the exhausted, and strengthen the feeble.*

*4 Say to those with anxious heart, "Take courage, fear not. Behold, your God will come with vengeance; The recompense of God will come, But He will save you."*

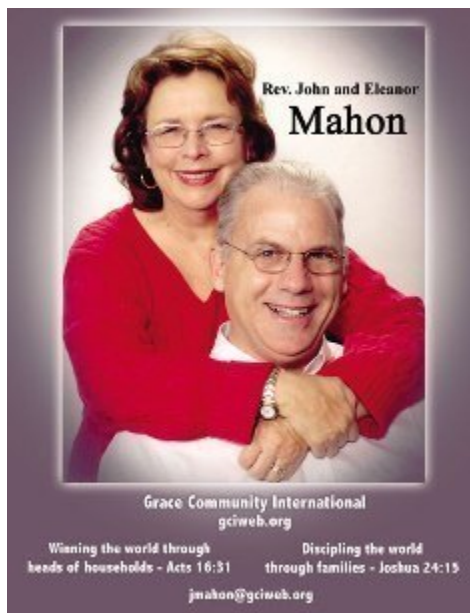
*Hebrews 3:13 "But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is still called "Today," so that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin."*

- D. Pray that God would bless the ministry materially, that we might in turn bless pastors, ministers, student workers, Bible teachers and missionaries in churches throughout the world.

*2 Corinthians 9:11-12*

*11 you will be enriched in everything for all liberality, which through us is producing thanksgiving to God.*

*12 For the ministry of this service is not only fully supplying the needs of the saints, but is also overflowing through many thanksgivings to God.*



Dear Prayer Warriors,  
Grace Community International has an uncompromising commitment to the church. This is indeed the “church age” and as a para-church ministry we are committed to coming alongside the churches in the countries in which we minister to build up and strengthen the marriages and families, to train pastors and leaders and then supply them with quality Bibles, Bible study aids and Bible reference works for the carrying out of their ministry.

### Worship Services



**Sunday service in Kabwe, Zambia (Copper Belt Region).**

“ O Lord bless this morning the preaching of Your holy, eternal, inerrant, written Word. Show us great and mighty things which we do not know...” Pictured also one of the

elders does the morning Scripture reading. The ladies of the Reformed Churches of Kabwe made a special presentation to Eleanor.



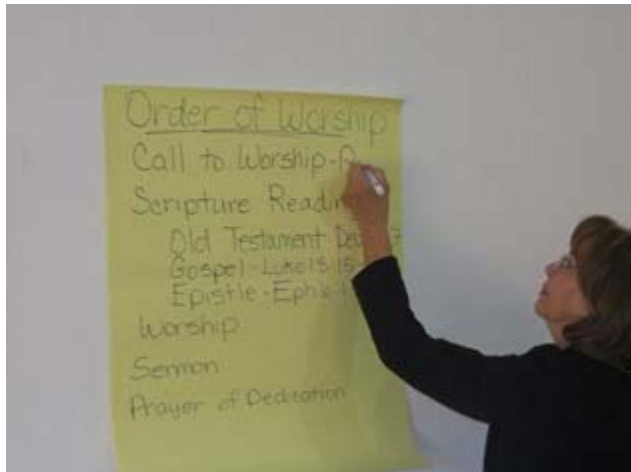
### **Sunday Service in Chiawa, Zambia (Lower Zambezi Region)**

The pastor told many that he had been praying for many years for more unity and cooperation among the churches of the region. He said the Marriage Covenant Seminar brought the churches together and that the multi-church service was a real turning point in the relationships of the various pastors.



### **Sunday Service Lusaka, Zambia (The Capital)**

I invited the pastor's and elders to come forward and pray for the ministry of the Word of God in the lives of the congregation.



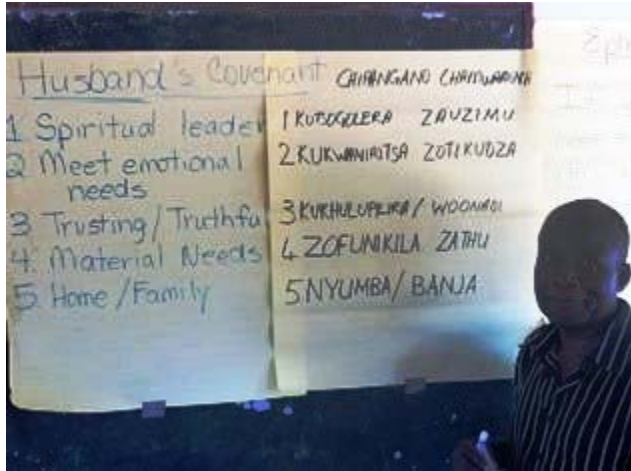
### **Sunday Service (Johannesburg, South Africa)**

Eleanor is always a great help in setting up for the service. Again, I invited the leaders of the church to come forward to pray. Notice the number of men on their knees. The slanderous lie that African churches are made up primarily of women and children is far from true. The churches I minister in are decidedly patriarchal and in many of the seminars men outnumbered the women.

### **Building Up The Church**



**Multi-church Marriage Covenant Conference - Kabwe, Zambia**



**Multi-Church Marriage Covenant Seminar – Chiawa, Zambia**



**Multi-Church Marriage Covenant Seminar – Lusaka, Zambia**



**Presenting Bibles to churches – Lusaka, Zambia**



**Multi-Church leadership training - Pretoria, South Africa**



**Multi-church Family Discipleship Seminar - Johannesburg, South Africa**

**Equipping Pastors and Supplying Pastor's With Bibles**

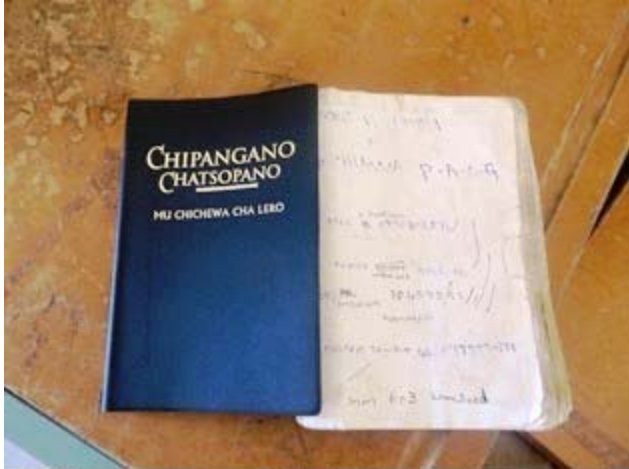




Where it all began – Sam and Dan helping me load up boxes of Bibles, Bible study aids and Bible reference works.



Training pastors and ministers – Kabwe, Zambia  
This post conference seminar taught pastor's how to implement and do follow-up from the conference. I am very impressed with Nelson Musipa (shown addressing pastors) and his heart to build up the churches of Zambia.



Training pastors and ministers – Chiwa, Zambia

Pictured is a pastor's old worn out Bible lying side by side with the new Bible provided by GCI. Also pictured is the host pastor in front of his house.



Training pastors and ministers – Lusaka, Zambia

Pastors received leather study Bibles with their names imprinted on them. For most it is the first of its kind for them to ever receive. Pictured above the senior pastor reads the morning Scripture from his new leather study Bible.



Supplying impoverished churches with God's Word –Lusaka, Zambia

This is one of the poorest churches to which we minister. None in attendance would own a Bible in their national language were it not for your generosity. None of the minister or leaders would own a leather study Bible as the cost exceeds their monthly salary. Your faith blesses and multiplies the church throughout the world.

### **Training pastors and ministers – Pretoria, South Africa**



This retired general is now a pastor. He is one of many to receive a leather study Bible for the first time in their lives .

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. – Preparing for departure to Jos, Nigeria

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/c/h/chofound.htm>

### **The Church's one foundation**

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Is Jesus Christ her Lord,

She is His new creation

By water and the Word.

From heaven He came and sought her

To be His holy bride;

With His own blood He bought her  
And for her life He died.

*She is from every nation,  
Yet one o'er all the earth;  
Her charter of salvation,  
One Lord, one faith, one birth;  
One holy Name she blesses,  
Partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses,  
With every grace endued.*

The Church shall never perish!  
Her dear Lord to defend,  
To guide, sustain, and cherish,  
Is with her to the end:  
Though there be those who hate her,  
And false sons in her pale,  
Against both foe or traitor  
She ever shall prevail.

*Though with a scornful wonder  
Men see her sore oppressed,  
By schisms rent asunder,  
By heresies distressed:  
Yet saints their watch are keeping,  
Their cry goes up, "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping  
Shall be the morn of song!*

'Mid toil and tribulation,  
And tumult of her war,  
She waits the consummation  
Of peace forevermore;  
Till, with the vision glorious,  
Her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great Church victorious  
Shall be the Church at rest.

*Yet she on earth hath union  
With God the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion  
With those whose rest is won,  
With all her sons and daughters  
Who, by the Master's hand  
Led through the deathly waters,  
Repose in Eden land.*

O happy ones and holy!  
Lord, give us grace that we  
Like them, the meek and lowly,  
On high may dwell with Thee:  
There, past the border mountains,  
Where in sweet vales the Bride  
With Thee by living fountains  
Forever shall abide!

Samuel John Stone 1839 - 1900 Stone was educated at the Charterhouse, and at Pembroke College, Oxford (BA 1862, MA 1872). After taking Holy Orders, he became Curate of Windsor in 1862, and of St. Paul's, Hagerstown, 1870. In 1874, he succeeded his father, William Stone, at St. Paul's.