

## Prayer Dispatch #5 / Proclaiming Christ In 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.

*James 1:5 But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all men generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him.*

*I John 2:27 And as for you, the anointing which you received from Him abides in you, and you have no need for anyone to teach you; but as His anointing teaches you about all things, and is true and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you abide in Him.*

**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.**

*Colossians 1:11 strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for the attaining of all steadfastness and patience; joyously*

*Colossians 1:29 For this purpose also I labor, striving according to His power, which mightily works within me.*

*II Timothy 1:7 For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline.*

**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.**

*Acts 2:28 'Thou hast made known to me the ways of life; Thou wilt make me full of gladness with Thy presence.'*

**D. Claim these passages, that the Word of God would go forth in power as men and women, trained in the use of God's holy Word in witnessing boldly proclaim salvation through Christ alone, repentance from sin and call for decisions...**

*Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.*

*Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.*

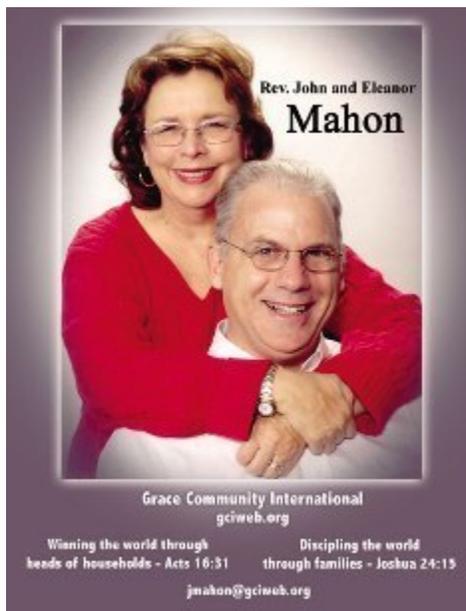
*1 Peter 1:23-25*

*23 for you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the living and enduring word of God.  
24 For, "ALL FLESH IS LIKE GRASS, AND ALL ITS GLORY LIKE THE FLOWER OF GRASS. THE GRASS WITHERS, AND THE FLOWER FALLS OFF,*

*25 BUT THE WORD OF THE LORD ENDURES FOREVER." And this is the word which was preached to you.*

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

- ❑ *1 Corinthians 9:9 For it is written in the Law of Moses, "YOU SHALL NOT MUZZLE THE OX WHILE HE IS THRESHING." God is not concerned about oxen, is He?*
- ❑ *1 Corinthians 9:14 So also the Lord directed those who proclaim the gospel to get their living from the gospel.*
- ❑ *3 John 7-8*
  - 7 For they went out for the sake of the Name, accepting nothing from the Gentiles.*
  - 8 Therefore we ought to support such men, so that we may be fellow workers with the truth.*



Dear Prayer Warriors,

**We live in an interesting time in which to teach witnessing**

Never in recent history have so many people been lost in such close proximity to the everyday lives of Christians and seemingly, never in recent history have so many teachers on witnessing cautioned Christians from sharing Christ, using the Word of God and/or appealing for decisions.

It may surprise you to know that at my Family Discipleship Seminars the two groups of people who are most vocal and have the strongest convictions are young mothers with

babies or grandmothers raising their grandchildren – the two group you would think would be most teachable and pliable.

The phenomenon of people with no experience or no success in a spiritual discipline have strong convictions is not limited to the Family Discipleship Seminar. In fact if there is one group of people with no experience or success who have as strong or stronger convictions of methods than raising children it is in the area of personal witnessing. I remember one afternoon when I was sitting with a pastor of a church. To my knowledge this church had not baptized an adult convert, led to Christ by a member of the church in over five years. As I shared with him my approach to witnessing that has resulted in my first-hand experience of scores being led to Christ and baptized as believers in churches throughout the world in the last five years he immediately interrupted me and very pointedly corrected me on my approach and convictions concerning personal witnessing.

Actually I have become resigned to this in the modern 21<sup>st</sup> century church. I call it Evangelical Conceptualism. By this I mean the Word of God is understood and interpreted by strongly held concepts which are defended whether or not they are grounded in Scripture or result in any positive results. So I will share with you a method of evangelism that resulted in six (so far as we know there may be more) decisions for Christ that were solid –e.g. those receiving Christ continued on in Bible study and fellowship and in some cases baptism.

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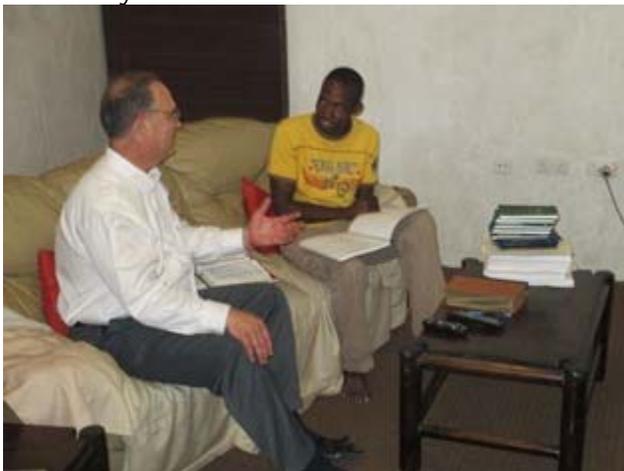


One of reasons I like Mike - serious about mission



Mike led person to Christ on way to Zambia

### **A Family united**



Mike witnesses to Kennedy



after leading Kennedy to Christ meets with him and Caroline



Kennedy and wife travel to Kitwe for FDS



Kennedy follows the Lord in Baptism



Family united - Kennedy with wife and children

5\_Mike witnesses to half-brother, also wants to be baptized



Family united - Mike witnessed to Kennedy's half brother. Because of Kennedy's testimony his half brother repents and also follows the Lord in baptism

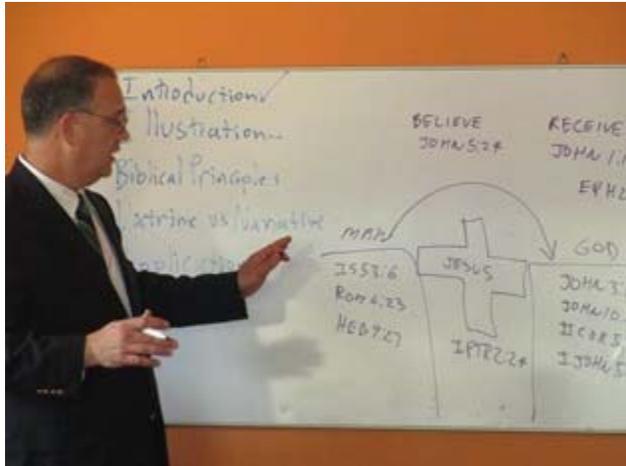
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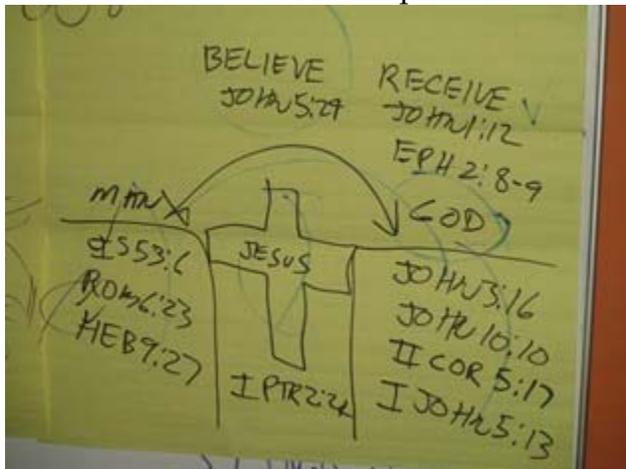
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Serous students from mining university in Kitwe



A clear concise crisp testimony is taught by all GCI mission team members who memorize over 24 verses as part of their training



All GCI team members give a testimony that is centered on Word of God not stories



Guess who led multiple people to Christ after this training?

Answer all those who shared Christ using the Word of God and a Christ centered rather than story centered testimony.



Mike teaches men to use Scripture Memory in giving testimony



Disciples supplied with GCI evangelism verse packs



Government officials drop by and Mike witnesses to one



Mike with new convert



Guess who led a government official to Christ on the flight home?

The man who shared a clear, crisp, concise testimony, centered on the Word of God and ending with a heartfelt, earnest appeal to repent and receive Christ as Lord and Savior...

You may not like the method but you cannot deny the results, nor can you refute that the approach is centered upon Christ and the holy, eternal, inerrant, written Word of God. If you would like to receive training in how to center your testimony upon the Word of God and the risen Savior just contact me and if we can work out a time I will bring a team to your church or ministry group.

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. - Lusaka, Zambia

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:**

### **Come Ye Sinners Poor & Needy**

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,  
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;  
Jesus ready stands to save you,  
Full of pity, love and power.

**Refrain:** *I will arise and go to Jesus,  
He will embrace me in His arms;  
In the arms of my dear Savior,  
O there are ten thousand charms.*

Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome,  
God's free bounty glorify;  
True belief and true repentance,  
Every grace that brings you nigh. - **Refrain**

Come, ye weary, heavy laden,  
Lost and ruined by the fall;  
If you tarry till you're better,  
You will never come at all. - **Refrain**

View Him prostrate in the garden;  
On the ground your Maker lies.  
On the bloody tree behold Him;  
Sinner, will this not suffice? - **Refrain**

Lo! th'incarnate God ascended,  
Pleads the merit of His blood:  
Venture on Him, venture wholly,  
Let no other trust intrude. - **Refrain**

Let not conscience make you linger,  
Not of fitness fondly dream;  
All the fitness He requireth  
Is to feel your need of Him. - **Refrain**

*Joseph Hart* Born: 1712, London, England. Died: May 24, 1768, London, England. Buried: Bunhill Fields Cemetery, London England. [John Bunyan](#), [John Rippon](#) & [Isaac Watts](#) lie nearby. Hart resisted Christianity while young, writing the pamphlet *The Unreasonableness of Religion, Being Remarks and Animadversions on the Rev. [John Wesley](#)'s Sermon on Romans 8:32*. However, Hart came to Christ in 1757, becoming an enormously popular preacher and hymn writer. Tens of thousands attended his funeral.