

## Dispatch 12

10.13.06 East Africa Mission Dispatch #12 The Ministry of Dr. Mukolwe

I. A week of blessings in the ministry

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A. Ask God to bless the ministry of the Mukolwes here in Kenya. That God would honor the commitment of Dr. Mukolwe to the centrality of the Word of God and doctrines of grace in his ministry. That in turn Dr. Mukolwe would remain steadfast in his commitment to these values. Please claim Joshua 1:8-9 "This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have success. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

B. Ask the Lord for speedy healing and recovery for his wife Patiance from her debilitating stroke. Pray as well for the financial resources needed for the medical bills during her slow and lengthy recovery. Please claim James 5:14-15, "Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer offered in faith will restore the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up, and if he has committed sins, they will be forgiven him."

C. Last but not least ask God to raise up additional supporters for the ministry of Stanley and Patiance Mukolwe here in Kenya. That God would move in the hearts of men and women to co-labor with them in Kenya through their prayers and financial support. Please claim II Corinthians 9:10-11, "Now He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food, will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness; you will be enriched in everything for all liberality, which through us is producing thanksgiving to God."

Dear Prayer Warriors,

This has been a full week of blessings in the ministry. God has been richly answering your prayers and we are so thankful for your ministry of intercession. In Romans 15:30 God the Holy Spirit exhorts us, "Now I urge you, brethren, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to strive together with me in your prayers to God for me," as we minister here in Africa we are very aware that you back home are "striving together with us in your prayers". These are exciting times to be ministering the Word of God in the harvest fields of the world and it is a privilege to be ministering arm in arm with you our prayer warriors. As you pray, we would

ask that you be guided by God the Holy Spirit as He instructs us how to pray for missionaries in Colossians 4:3 - "praying at the same time for us as well, that God may open up to us a door for the word, so that we may speak forth the mystery of Christ..." This is our earnest desire, this is the reason we left home, family, church, friends - all that is dear and familiar to us, to "speak forth the mystery of Christ" and by your striving with us and for us in your prayers God will indeed open to us a wide door for the Word.

I thought I would use this prayer dispatch to acquaint you with our host Dr. Stanley Mukolwe. Picture #1 is of Dr. Mukolwe and I in his office finalizing ministry events for the week. Dr. Mukolwe is the national director for The Navigator ministry here in Kenya. I first met Stanley and his new bride Patiance some 20 years ago when they had just arrived in the states. Stanley had been sent to Oklahoma State University by the Dutch to do post graduate work in Lime Tick Disease. We began to meet in Bible study as did Patiance and Eleanor. Stanley proved a gifted Bible teacher and soon took over the international ministry at Oklahoma State University. When it came time for him to finish his studies and return home he was offered a position with the Navigators to direct the international ministries for all of the state of Oklahoma. Stanley had though taken to heart the exhortations of businessman Gene Warr and of the Navigator State Director John Crawford that international students should return home to minister to their native people and he did just that.

This aspect of Dr. Mukolwe's life and ministry is worthy of special note. That being his character. This same deep sense of integrity is shared as well by his devoted wife Patiance. It is not uncommon at all for the wives of international students to take jobs while with their husbands in the US. This is a fantastic windfall for the couple as they are able sometimes to return with thousands in US dollars which will have a great impact on their lifestyle back home. Often making it possible for them to buy a small apartment or piece of land with which to begin their lives. With a university degree and a professional as a teacher of computer science the doors were wide for Patiance to make a "killing" in a university setting. Patiance however refused to do this. Citing Leviticus 19:11, "You shall not steal, nor deal falsely, nor lie to one another.", she instead did volunteer work in the Navigator office and church, devoting the rest of her time to ministering the Word of God to international women on campus. She received a great deal of pressure and derision from both family and friends for this, but as Sarah before her, she held fast to both her integrity and her testimony.

I saw this same deep commitment to integrity in Dr. Mukolwe when we first visited him here in Kenya. The Mukolwe's returned from their time in the US to be offered the directorship of the wildlife research center in Nairobi.

This too is a big windfall for those lacking integrity. Money skimmed from budgets, building materials and free labor are viewed as "perks" in most government positions. Dr. Mukolwe came under no little pressure from his family extended family. "You are living in a rented home in a poor rural area. Now is the time to use this position to build you a nice home in the city. This is why we arranged this job for you, why are you dishonoring us by wasting this opportunity." But, like Joseph, like Daniel, like the saints before him, Dr. Mukolwe held fast to both his integrity and his testimony, Leviticus 19:11 is no less true for the husband than the wife, "You shall not steal, nor deal falsely, nor lie to one another."

It was this testimony that God blessed as men and women came to Christ, as Bible studies multiplied and as ministry broadened. Dr. Mukolwe was asked to join the staff of the Navigators of Kenya. Later he was placed in charge of the city of Nairobi and then the country itself. God is indeed faithful to honor his servants who devote themselves to the ministry of the Word with a high degree of integrity. It is with this man that I am privileged to minister here in Africa.

Pictures #2 & #3 give you an snapshot (literally) of Dr. Mukolwe in action. The first is of him team teaching with me the Family Discipleship Seminar here in Nairobi. The next is of him speaking at the Navigator conference in Nairobi which was put on to equip church leaders in evangelism and follow-up. Some 13 churches sent their leadership to this conference. Dr. Mukolwe's deep commitment to the Word of God and to equipping and serving the church makes us a natural team as we minister together. I can confidently say that we share the same deep commitment to the doctrines of grace, to the work of the ministry and to the centrality of the Word of God in all that takes place in the ministry. What a privilege it is to minister with him. Which brings us to picture #4. Here, during a break in the conference we share a moment of fellowship. Nothing brings to men closer that laboring together in the harvest fields of the world and I count it a privilege to share in the ministry of Dr. Mukolwe.

I have been active in the support of Dr. Mukolwe's ministry both in prayer and finances. Recently Dr. Mukolwe and Patiance have suffered two setbacks, neither of which they could have foreseen or for which they could have made provision. First, Patiance suffered a debilitating stroke. Recovery has been slow and the medical bills have mounted. This has put a great strain on their resources. Next, their largest financial supporter suffered the loss of his company almost overnight creating a real vacuum in their monthly support. If you have been considering expanding your giving to the mission field, allow me to strongly recommend Dr. Mukolwe to you. After all, this is the objective is it not - Nationals doing the ministry among their own people. Dr. Mukolwe was raised up in the US and returned, by our exhortations to faithfully minister with integrity among his own. Now he is

experiencing a great trial. Who better to respond than we who encouraged him to give up a once in a lifetime opportunity for an international student - guaranteed work in the US, and instead returned to his native country to minister and served. As the Word of God so apply teaches us, in II Corinthians 8:12-14, "For if the readiness is present, it is acceptable according to what a man has, not according to what he does not have. For this is not for the ease of others and for your affliction, but by way of equality-- at this present time your abundance being a supply for their want, that their abundance also may become a supply for your want, that there may be equality;"

The Mukolwe's through their integrity blessed both the church and the ministry while in the US. Asking nothing in return and then went back to their native land to again serve and sacrifice for the cause of Christ. Because of what they learned while among us, they passed up many "windfalls" but God was faithful and blessed. Now they have a need, and we in America, who were blessed by them now have an opportunity to in return bless them in a time of need.

If you would like to encourage Dr. and Patiance Mukolwe that you are praying for them, then you can use his email below....

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If you would like to support the ministry of Dr. Mukolwe, (which I would strongly recommend) then simply print out the attached pledge card and mail it in with your gift.

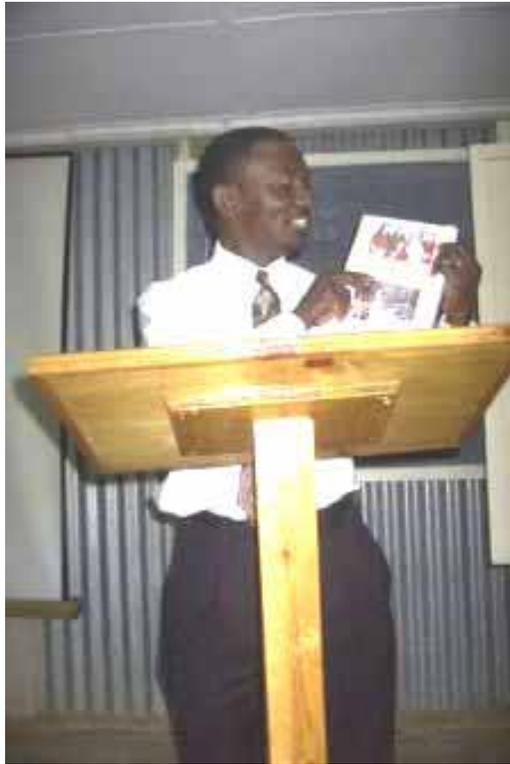
You may never have the opportunity to go physically to Africa, but through your gifts and prayers you can begin this month to labor spiritually in Africa for the rest of your life.

Now that is exciting!

By His mercy,  
II Corinthians 4:1  
Rev. John S. Mahon  
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Nairobi, Kenya



**Picture One**



**Picture Two**



**Picture Three**



**Picture Four**