

## Dispatch Seven

- I. An over view of our ministry week
- II. Our prayers track those of early British missionary Henry Martyn
- III. We depend on you
- IV. Prayer request: Please pray this prayer which I offer up before teaching or preaching the Word of God. Join me in entreating the Lord God of Hosts to bless the ministry of His holy and inerrant Word.
  - Ø "O Lord God, This is your Holy Word (II Peter 2:21),
  - Ø Speak to us this hour telling us great and mighty things (Jeremiah 33:3)
  - Ø Feed us from your Holy Word (I Timothy 4:6; Jeremiah 15:16)
  - Ø Sanctify us in Truth, Thy Word is Truth Set us apart this day for your glory and service. (John 17:17).
  - Ø Prepare now the hearts of all who hear. Let not Thy Word fall upon barren ground (Mark 4:13-19)
  - Ø Accomplish this day that purpose for which it is being sent out (Isaiah 55:11).
  - Ø Be now to us the Sword of the Spirit (Ephesians 6:17)
  - Ø Cut to the dividing point of bone and marrow, soul and spirit, judge now the thoughts and intentions of our hearts (Hebrews 4:12).
  - Ø Be a lamp to our feet and a light to our paths. (Psalm 119:105)
  - Ø We are your servants O Lord, give us understanding that we might know Thy Testimonies. (Psalm 119:125)
  - Ø We submit to it as the final and ultimate authority (I Thessalonians 4:8; 2:13)
  - Ø and pledge our obedience to Your holy Word because of our love for You. (John 14:15)"

Dear Prayer Warriors,

We have had a full week of ministry and I thought I would send you out some of the highlights.

This week I taught on my seminar on the Word of God at Scott Theological Seminary as well as speaking at their Chapel service on Romans 1:16, "Not Ashamed of the Gospel"

Eleanor met Wednesday with the women Bible study leaders of NPC Parkland and continues her "How To Make Disciples" series. Thursday the Navigator Staff Training Institute which I am also teaching joined us at Scott Theological College. Saturday I began the FDS series at NPC Church - Karen District and for the first sessions we had over 200 present. This will be a weekly seminar for the duration of our stay here in Nairobi. The pastor's wife told Eleanor she had been praying and waiting for a seminar such as this for the church for years. Saturday afternoon we continued our Marriage Covenant Seminar which meets weekly. As is our custom I opened with teaching the overview and then we broke

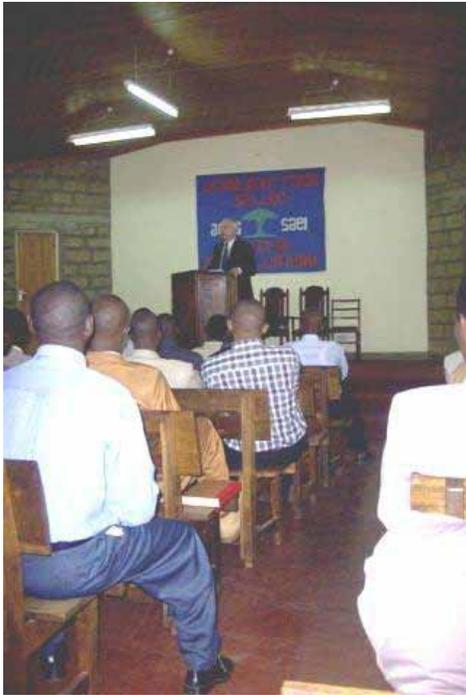
up into two groups with Eleanor taking the ladies and me the men. Sunday morning we arrived early at NPC Parklands where we are in the fourth week of the FDS. Again we had a packed room of over 70 of the churches leaders. The representative from the Pentecostal Bishop's office again was there and said as they prayed they felt led to ask if Dr. Mukolwe and I would take the FDS to all the districts of Kenya so that all the pastors and leaders of their denomination could go through this training.

As you can see God is continuing to bless. Each week brings new ministry opportunities and larger attendance at present on going events. The response and interest has been a little overwhelming. As in Belarus, so in Kenya, the desire for the Word of God to be clearly taught from a position of it's absolute inerrant authority meets with an earnest response from spiritually hungry souls. We are all to aware that this blessing has not come in a vacuum but is a result of your earnest and faithful prayers. This brings me to a quote from a biography I recently finished, *The Life and Letter of Henry Martyn*; by John Sargent; first published - 1819; republished Banner of Truth 1985. (Missionary and Bible translator to India and Middle East) In it he writes to his home church back in England, "I beg your prayers, and assure you of mine. Remember me sometimes at your social meetings and particularly at that which you hold on the Sabbath morning. Pray not only for my sinful soul, - that I may be kept faithful unto death; - but also especially for the souls of the poor heathen. Whether I live or die, let Christ be magnified by the ingathering of multitudes to Himself. I have many trials awaiting me, and so have you; but that covenant of grace in which we are interested, provides for the weakest, and secures our everlasting welfare."

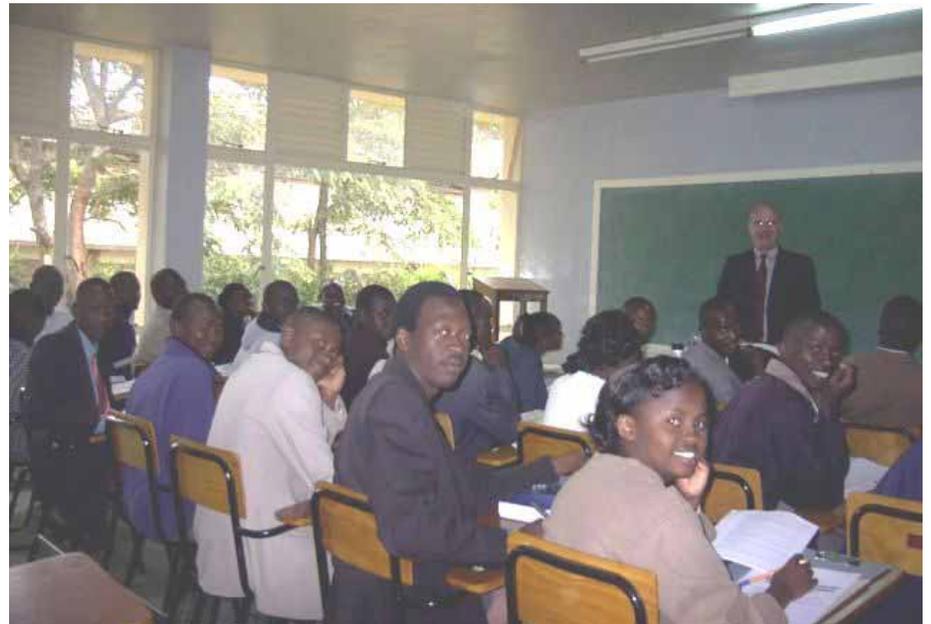
We too echo this earnest appeal for prayer as we feel more than ever our dependence upon you our prayer warriors to both sustain us in a very challenging ministry schedule and to empower us as we teach and preach the holy Word of God.

We continue to minister by God's grace and by the effectual empowerment of your prayers.

By His mercy,  
II Corinthians 4:1  
Rev. John S. Mahon  
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Picture #1 Speaking at chapel, Scott Theological College, Monchakos, Kenya. About 300 students gathered for the morning chapel service where I spoke on Romans 1:16, "I am not ashamed of the Gospel". God has greatly used this message in mobilizing men and women to evangelism. There were both tears and commitments to faithfully share the gospel.



Picture #2 Throughout the week I gave my Word Of God Seminar to the second year students. Each day brought a more earnest and enthusiastic response as I taught on the Authority, Sufficiency, Nature and proper interpretation of God's holy Word. This seminar continues to be blessed and harkens back to the "Bible Conferences" of old, where the value and use of the Word of God was emphasized for a week of messages.



Picture #3 As a result of the enthusiasm with which the leaders of NPC - Parklands has received the FDS leadership training other churches are contacting us to begin the same seminar. Here I stand with the pastor on a drizzly Saturday morning. Over 200 turned out to spend 2 ½ hours in the Word of God. This conference will continue weekly for the duration of our stay in Kenya.



Picture #4 Eleanor and I believe more and more that no matter upon what subject we are called to speak - Marriage, Family Discipleship, Disciplemaking, Evangelism, no matter the subject the underlying theme and emphasis which we bring and that God blesses is the authority and supremacy of the holy inerrant Word of God in all aspects of our life and faith.

Before speaking to any group large or small I hold my Bible above us all as a symbol of its overriding authority and call upon God to bless His holy Word. This prayer is now given to you for this dispatch's prayer request and I would ask that you too would lift up our ministry to the Lord asking Him to bless the ministry of the Word of God.