

Mahon Kenyan Dispatch #07 08.05.09 The Guthrie Team Departs For Home / The OKC Team Arrives

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A. Lasting fruit - There were numerous conversions and all those praying to receive Christ also have signed up for Bible studies. Ask God to bless the follow-up of these new believers.

John 10:27-29 "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them

to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand."

B. Our ministry continues to be the proclamation of God's holy, eternal, inerrant, written Word. Whether in churches, in seminars, in staff training situations, in Bible colleges or Seminaries our tool message is always centered upon the Word of God.

Ephesians 6:17 "And take... the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God."

C. Ask God to imprint upon the hearts and minds of the Guthrie team what has happened here this past week.

1 Samuel 10:9 Then it happened when he turned his back to leave Samuel, God changed his heart...

D. Pray for the Guthrie team as they re-enter life back home.

Matthew 11:28-30 Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

E. Pray for us as well. When we load up in September it will not be to return home but rather to continue on to Russia.

Isaiah 41:10 Do not fear, for I am with you; Do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, surely I will help you, Surely I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.'

Lamentations 3:22-23 The LORD'S lovingkindnesses indeed never cease, For His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness.

Dear Prayer Warriors,

I do not know when this will go out. They have announced power outages from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily. It had been my hope to get this out by Wednesday, August 05th - so when you get it will tell you a little bit about the power and internet situation here.

01_ Saturday Greg gives his testimony one last time at Ngong Hills NPC to open the Family Discipleship Seminar.

1 John 5:11-12 "And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life."

Each of the men was trained in giving testimony to salvation through Christ alone. They each memorized a battery of verses from the Word of God to do this. They did not come to Kenya to tell their "story" but rather that of Jesus

Christ as revealed in His holy Word. Greg later shared with me of his week in Nairobi - "I will never be the same. I will never be able to put into words what has happened to me here." (On a side note, after two teams have been here, reaching having been trained to give their testimony with Christ as the center and the Word of God as the authority we have unanimous requests from the churches for the third team - "Teach our leaders to give their testimonies in this same manner".

02_Sunday Service Ngong Hills NPC

"O Lord bless now Your holy, eternal, inspired, inerrant, written Word..." - My message was from Romans 12:1 - "The World's Principles vs. God's Principles of Child Raising" was the topic. The message was well received and I could feel the empowerment of your prayers as principles from the Word of God were clearly contrasted with those of the world.

03_ Sunday luncheon & Guthrie Team Departs

One of the high points of the week is the farewell luncheon the Kenyans give for the visiting team. This is an important time of fellowship, closure and fond goodbyes. I could not help but think of that scene many years before as the Apostle Paul set off from Tyre - Acts 21:5 " *When our days there were ended, we left and started on our journey, while they all, with wives and children, escorted us until we were out of the city. After kneeling down on the beach and praying, we said farewell to one another.*"

04_Closing Words from The Word

"Never forget what has taken place here this week and never again be satisfied with any ministry that does not include teaching and preaching the Word of God." This was my closing word of exhortation to the team. It is so easy to return home to our busy life and forget those with whom we have labored in the harvest fields of the world.

05_Parting Prayers

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06>Loading Up And Back to Guthrie Oklahoma

Empty bags and boxes but full hearts the Guthrie team returns to Oklahoma. In just five short days the Oklahoma City team will arrive. How I praise God for men who will step forward to do a man's job.

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

Please allow me to close with 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.")

I Must Tell Jesus

I must tell Jesus all of my trials;
I cannot bear these burdens alone;
In my distress He kindly will help me;
He ever loves and cares for His own.

Refrain

*I must tell Jesus! I must tell Jesus!
I cannot bear my burdens alone;
I must tell Jesus! I must tell Jesus!
Jesus can help me, Jesus alone.*

I must tell Jesus all of my troubles;
He is a kind, compassionate friend;
If I but ask Him, He will deliver,
Make of my troubles quickly an end.

Refrain

Tempted and tried, I need a great Savior;
One Who can help my burdens to bear;
I must tell Jesus, I must tell Jesus;
He all my cares and sorrows will share.

Refrain

O how the world to evil allures me!
O how my heart is tempted to sin!
I must tell Jesus, and He will help me
Over the world the victory to win.

Refrain

(Elisha Albright Hoffman *Born:* May 7, 1839, Orwigsburg, Pennsylvania. *Died:* November 25, 1929, Chicago, Illinois. A minister's son, Hoffman attended Union Seminary in New Berlin, Pennsylvania, and was ordained in 1868. He pastored a number of churches and in his lifetime, he wrote over 2,000 Gospel songs.

Concerning this song he recounts in his memoirs, **There was a woman to whom God had permitted many visitations of sorrow and affliction. Coming to her home one day, I found her much discouraged. She unburdened her heart, concluding with the question, "Brother Hoffman, what shall I do?" I quoted from the word, then added, "You cannot do better than to take all of your sorrows to Jesus. You must tell Jesus." For a moment she seemed lost in meditation. Then her eyes lighted as she exclaimed, "Yes, I must tell Jesus." As I left her home I had a vision of that joy-illuminated face.and I heard all along my pathway the echo, "I must tell Jesus. I must tell Jesus."** Hoffman wrote these words after reaching home.)



Picture One



Picture Two



Picture Three



Picture Four



Picture Five



Picture Six