

Mahon Dispatch #12 09.20.10 Sunday In The Service Of The Lord

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John 15:7 "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you."

A. That we would finish the ministry in Zambia strong, serving the ministry and preaching Jesus

2 Corinthians 4:5 For we do not preach ourselves but Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your bond-servants for Jesus' sake.

B. We have and are spending quite a bit of time with young ministers in counseling and iron sharpening. Ask God to grant the grace to import to them a zeal for the ministry of the Word and love of Jesus.

2 Timothy 2:2 The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

C. The time of our ministry in Zambia is coming to a close. As we look back on Cameroon, Kenya, South Africa and now Zambia we are humbled by the opportunity to teach and preach the holy, eternal,

inerrant Word of God. Ask God to bless the ministry of His holy Word and the fruit of the Word would spread, enduring loving after we have departed.

Isaiah 55:11 So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth; It will not return to Me empty, Without accomplishing what I desire, And without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it.

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;

D. Please pray for Eleanor and her ministry to her mother. Ask God grant Eleanor grace as she comforts her mother and that she might minister, care for and love her as long as the Lord grants grace.

Psalms 23:3-4 He restores my soul; He guides me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

Dear Prayer Warriors,

Sunday In The Service Of The Lord - Pictorial Review



Had to stop and have my picture taken by this ancient Baobab tree



I preached from Acts 1:8 - "Witnessing The Only True and Universal Evidence of the Fullness and Power of the Holy Spirit"



We went to Pastor Max's home afterwards for dinner. He has moved from the city to the country where he trains pastors and plants churches from his "mother church". Here I am with Nelson and his uncle who is also a devout Christian and deacon in the church. It was a joy to visit with them and here they recount their ministry to their extended family over the years.



Pastor Max has built several “Prophet Chambers” for use in hosting visitors and for training young pastors who come to stay with him. I was humbled by his faithful service to the Lord. It was also very challenging to me to see the extend of Nelson's commitment to the ministry of the churches in Zambia and how the Navs have trained leaders in the churches, especially in evangelism and follow-up. Pastor Max recounted before the church Nelson's important role in raising up leaders in his and other churches throughout Zambia. Well Done Nelson!!!

A Few Quotes

“When people come to Zambia and talk about marriage and family they always talk about psychology and personality tests, you are the first one to teach us the Bible”

“You have taken us back to what the Bible says about the Holy Spirit and witnessing. Too many people come here and talk about the Holy Spirit and prosperity, the Holy Spirit and healing, the Holy Spirit and miracles. You have taken us back to the Bible. Will you lead a pastors conference on the subject of the Holy Spirit and witnessing?”

Eleanor’s Mother



Eleanor really enjoyed visiting with our host Nelson's grandmother. We were touched by Nelson's devotion to his extended family and how warmly and lovingly we were received by them. We stopped to see her on the way to preaching at Pastor Max's church. Eleanor has served sacrificially with me in Cameroon, Kenya, South Africa and Zambia. At an age when many women are taking time off to enjoy a life time of dedication to family and church – Eleanor has left family, home, church and friends to minister with me in the harvest fields of the world. Eleanor's mother has been ill most of the time during this trip. On our return she will require Eleanor's full time attention. Please lift Eleanor up as she returns from one taxing ministry to another.

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
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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.")

Link to music/tune for this hymn:

http://www.biblestudycharts.com/SH_All_That_Thrills_My_Soul.html

All That Thrills My Soul

Who can cheer the heart like Jesus
By His presence all divine
True and tender, pure and precious
O, how blest to call Him mine

*Love of Christ so freely given
Grace of God beyond degree
Mercy higher than the heavens
Deeper than the deepest sea*

What a wonderful redemption
Never can a mortal know
Ho my sin, though red like crimson

Can be whiter than the snow

*Every need His hand supplying
Every good in Him I see
On His strength divine relying
He is all in all to me*

By the crystal flowing river
With the ransomed I will sing
And forever and forever
Praise and glorify the King

Chorus

*All that thrills my soul is Jesus
He is more than life to me
And the fairest of ten thousand
In my blessed Lord I see*

Author: Thoro Harris 1874- 1955 After attending college in Battle Creek, Michigan, Harris produced his first hymnal in Boston, Massachusetts, in 1902. He then moved to Chicago, Illinois at the invitation of [Peter Bilhorn](#), and in 1932 to Eureka Springs, Arkansas. He composed and compiled a number of works. He was well known locally as he walked around with a canvas bag full of handbooks for sale.