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Message of the week: The Word Hand

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In this dispatch...

- I. Hitting The Ground Running In Japan
- II. Prayer Requests: As you pray please allow the accompanying passage from the Word of God to guide your prayers

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."

As you pray for me this Sunday I will be preaching the Word in the Sunday morning service and meeting and ministering to missionaries during and after lunch. As you pray for my ministry this Sunday and through out the coming weeks please claim the following passages from Colossians 1:25-29. My Sunday morning message will be the Word Hand Illustration...

- A. *25 Of this church I was made a minister according to the stewardship from God bestowed on me for your benefit, so that I might fully carry out the preaching of the word of God ,*
- B. *26 that is, the mystery which has been hidden from the past ages and generations, but has now been manifested to His saints,*
- C. *27 to whom God willed to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.*
- D. *28 We proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man complete in Christ.*
- E. *29 For this purpose also I labor, striving according to His power, which mightily works within me.*

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Dear Prayer Warriors,

We had a safe trip across the world, flying from London to Tokyo across Asia in about eleven hours. My dear and close friend Kenji Kaneko has been hosting us. Kenjie and I have known each other for over 30 years, having met Kenjie as an International Student at Texas A & M University where I was serving as a campus minister. I will be preaching in Kenji's church on Sunday morning and then ministering in the afternoon to missionary couples on Biblical Principles of Child Raising.



This will be our ministry for the next 18 days – ministering the Word of God, lifting up the resurrected Savior, encouraging missionaries, national pastors and staff and reuniting with faithful friends who have proven themselves to be life long laborers as well.

We do this in a country of spiritual darkness. We passed this statue of Buddha on our way to Kenji's home. It is untouched, revealing the actual size (notice the house and electrical transmission tower for size perspective) This statute though is not match for the power of the resurrected Christ and His holy, eternal, inerrant written Word. We look to you our prayer warriors to empower us as we minister this Word and lift up our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ.



I close this email 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.")

The Church's One Foundation

The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord,
She is His new creation
By water and the Word.
From heaven He came and sought her
To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her
And for her life He died.

*She is from every nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation,
One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy Name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses,
With every grace endued.*

The Church shall never perish!
Her dear Lord to defend,
To guide, sustain, and cherish,
Is with her to the end:
Though there be those who hate her,
And false sons in her pale,
Against both foe or traitor
She ever shall prevail.

*Though with a scornful wonder
Men see her sore oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder,*

*By heresies distressed:
Yet saints their watch are keeping,
Their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
Shall be the morn of song!*

'Mid toil and tribulation,
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore;
Till, with the vision glorious,
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.

*Yet she on earth hath union
With God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won,
With all her sons and daughters
Who, by the Master's hand
Led through the deathly waters,
Repose in Eden land.*

O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly,
On high may dwell with Thee:
There, past the border mountains,
Where in sweet vales the Bride
With Thee by living fountains
Forever shall abide!

Samuel John Stone 1839 - 1900 Stone was educated at the Charterhouse, and at Pembroke College, Oxford (BA 1862, MA 1872). After taking Holy Orders, he became Curate of Windsor in 1862, and of St. Paul's, Hagerstown, 1870. In 1874, he succeeded his father, William Stone, at St. Paul's.