

Mahon: Kenya Dispatch 10.07.07 - Urgent Notice!!

Pictures

1_Graduation Service: "God bless Your holy Word" - one of the high points of this weeks ministry was to preach at the graduation/commissioning service of the Family Ministry Team of NPC Parklands. These couples spent 12 weeks with us studying, memorizing and mastering the information in the Marriage Covenant Seminar.

2_The message was well received with a number making decisions during the prayer time following the preaching of God's holy Word

3_The prayer of dedication and commissioning for those couples receiving their diplomas - having completed the Marriage Covenant Seminar requirements.

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Dear Prayer Warriors,

We have three important pieces of information for you and ask that these serve as well as prayer requests due to their impact on our ministry here in Kenya...

First: We have just been informed that our September ministry receipts did not go out till the end of October. When we depart for a mission trip we leave each month's receipts to be mailed. We deeply regret that the friend with whom we left them did not mail them. We of course understand that mistakes do happen and that no one is perfect, these things simply occur from time to time. As these receipts also include the return address mailing envelope for the next month's gifts you can imagine the impact that had on our November salary and ministry check. These envelopes have now gone out but the immediate impact on our situation here in Kenya remains unchanged. This is an unfortunate situation as we work very hard to have 100% of our support and ministry expenses raised before departing on a mission trip. We accept the sovereignty of God in circumstances such as this which are completely beyond the control of both we the missionaries and you the support team. We know you are there to support and pray for us and ask you to stand by us during this time

Second: Our web host provider crashed just at the time we became aware of the delayed receipts and the need to alert you of this problem. (You may have read about this on the news as it effected literally hundreds of Christian organizations and ministries) We have not been able to send nor receive emails for over week and have been flying blind so to speak in terms of communications with the outside world - our website was also down during this time period. This problem was not caused by any negligence on our part but rather by a computer glitch on the part of our web host during a routine upgrade operation which they were carrying out. On top of this we understand that emails sent to us during this period were returned and we want you to know that my email address jmahon@gciweb.org is indeed once again functioning as is our website at www.gciweb.org - again both of these problems were outside our control and we had no part in them. (We are now back online but you may receive delayed emails from us so please be patient as they work there way through the system.)

Last but not least: The Post Office where we have our GCI P.O. Box has been experiencing what management terms organizational problems. This has resulted in several glitches. In the past our box has been inadvertently closed (it was another box not ours that had been canceled); on another occasion our box was blocked for failure to make payments even though it is paid a full year in advance (this took several phone calls and trips to the post office, it was not resolved until a federal postal inspector stepped in and took our side) in addition there has been the inadvertent return and/or loss of mailings to our box. Again, this is completely out of our control.

These problems have now been solved but we were not notified of the problem nor their being rectified till after the fact so were unable to contact you till now.

Eleanor feels very strongly that these are all attacks by the enemy as he seeks to distract us and keep us from finishing strong here in Kenya. These events have occurred and are occurring during a critical time in our last weeks of ministry.

- This past week we had an exciting church service as those who have gone through the 12 week Marriage Covenant Training Seminar received their graduation diplomas during the Sunday morning service.
- We began a three day Marriage and Family Seminar in a church that meets over a Casino in downtown Nairobi. There was an electrical fire in this church so enter by a stairway still bearing evidence of being scorched by flames and we are meeting by gas lights hung on the wall and placed on stands in one of the rooms.
- We will be teaching a three day nation wide university conference on the basics of discipleship starting this Friday.
- We will be hosting Eleanor's Pastors Wives Bible Study with their husbands for a "graduation luncheon" this weekend.
- I will be continuing my Intern Staff Training lectures and my Men's Thursday Morning Bible Study.

As you can see the enemy as at work, we are at work but most importantly God is on the throne. As I have often said, "God is so sovereign it takes all the fun out of worry and bitterness" Just about the time we think we have a situation that warrants bitterness or worry we must reflect and then rest in the blessed assurance - "God is on the throne!!"

We have purposed to not be distracted nor discouraged but to give ourselves to the ministry of the Word, the lives of those to whom we are called to minister and to serve and to our Lord - as living sacrifices to His service.

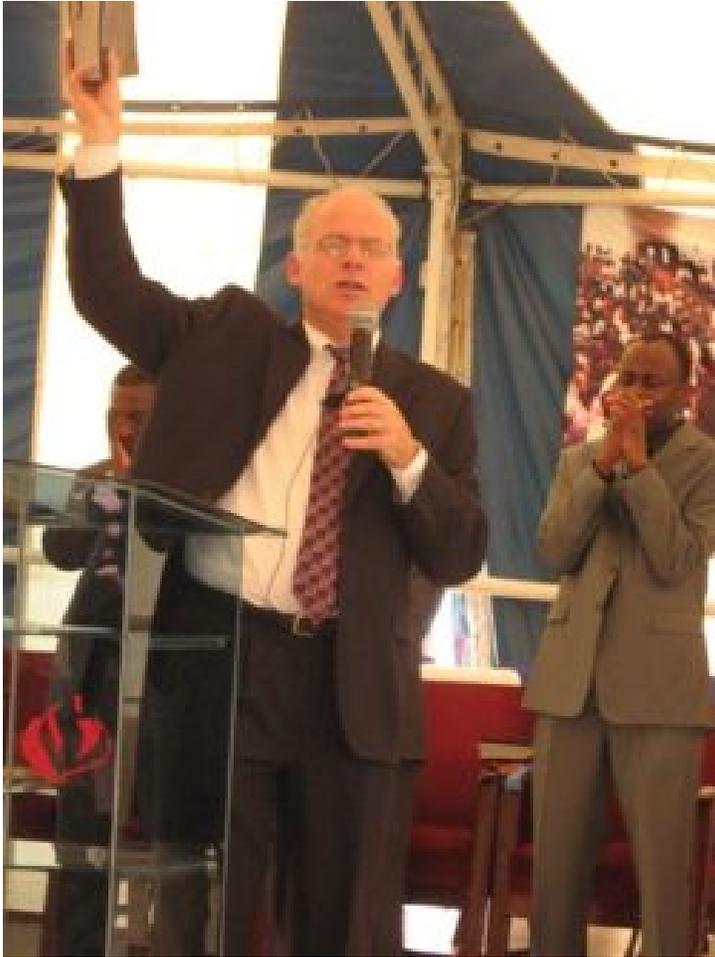
As always we will do this by the grace of God and the effectual and fervent prayers of you our prayer warriors.

By His mercy,

II Corinthians 4:1

John and Eleanor Mahon

Nairobi, Kenya - having purposed in our hearts to finish strong.



Picture One



Picture Two



Picture Three