

## Africa 2012

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*2 Corinthians 1:11 "you also joining in helping us through your prayers, so that thanks may be given by many persons on our behalf for the favor bestowed on us through the prayers of many."*

- A. Ask God to open doors in these countries that we might respond to the Macedonian Calls which have been sent out to us

*Colossians 4:3-4 praying at the same time for us as well, that God will open up to us a door for the word, so that we may speak forth the mystery of Christ... that I may make it clear in the way I ought to speak.*

- B. Petition the Lord to supply Bibles, Bible study aids and Bible reference works for these faithful ministers of the Lord

*2 Corinthians 9:10-12*

*10 Now He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness;*

*11 you will be enriched in everything for all liberality, which through us is producing thanksgiving to God.*

*12 For the ministry of this service is not only fully supplying the needs of the saints, but is also overflowing through many thanksgivings to God.*

- C. Call upon the Lord to move in the hearts of government officials to grant our Visas in a speedy and timely manner.

*Proverbs 21:1 The king's heart is like channels of water in the hand of the LORD; He turns it wherever He wishes.*

- D. Claim this passage as it pertains to our ministry of God's Word

*2 Timothy 3:16-17 All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.*

- E. Please pray for us that the Lord would abundantly supply the financial and material resources for us to serve and minister to national pastors and churches. We ask nothing for ourselves but only for the privilege of blessing and equipping God's servants with God's Word.

*Psalms 67:1-2, 7 God be gracious to us and bless us, And cause His face to shine upon us — Selah. That Your way may be known on the earth, Your salvation among all nations. God blesses us , That all the ends of the earth may fear Him.*

F. Dr. Chip McWilliams has returned from a medical mission trip with another ministry. Please pray for his physical and emotional recovery as he returns to a demanding Urological practice as well his ministry as teacher, mission board member and elder at Heritage Baptist church. You will remember praying for Dr. McWilliams in multiple mission trips to Kenya as well as Cameroon.

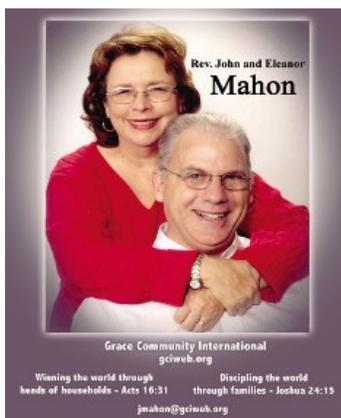


Dr. McWilliams teaches at National Laborers Conference in Cameroon.

G. Richard Smith, who you also have prayed for in mission trips with GCI to Kenya and Cameroon is attending his mother's funeral this week. Ask the Lord to be comforter to Richard and to use him to bless his extended family during this time of loss.



Richard Smith gives his testimony at National Laborers Conference in Cameroon.



Dear Prayer Warriors,

## I. Ministering In Zambia, Cameroon and Malawi this Spring and Summer

Please allow me to, first and foremost, thank you for praying so faithfully and sacrificially for our ministry. It is because of your prayers that Zambia, Malawi and Cameroon have opened to us, and we praise God for your making this possible. Zambia, Malawi and Cameroon are truly the “real” Africa and we will be following in the ministry footsteps of Dr. Stanley Livingstone, as well as early Southern Baptist Missionaries. In both Zambia and Cameroon, the churches where we will be ministering were the first churches to be planted in these countries..



**Note the joy reflected in the face of this pastor as he receives his first study Bible.**

## II. Supplying National Pastors, Missionaries, Lay Ministers and Student Workers With God's Word

As you support this ministry with your prayers, please also consider helping us to bring Bibles, Bible study aids and Bible reference works to needy national pastors, lay ministers, student workers and international staff. For most of these ministers the cost of a quality leather study Bible exceeds their monthly income, and it's very possible that the only way they will ever have one is to receive it as a gift like this. I can remember the shame and embarrassment I felt one Sunday when I was introduced by a national pastor. Before the prayer, he read from his Bible – a Precious Moments Gift Bible held together by a large rubber band. All too many pastors in Africa are reduced to using castoff Bibles from US churches' lost and found boxes. It is the goal and commitment of Grace Community International to supply these sacrificial national ministers with quality volumes which will be lifelong tools in their ministries.



**The Objective: Ministers getting into the Word of God using their own quality Study Bibles.**

I am listing below some of the Bibles and study aids most needed. Perhaps you, your Bible study, home fellowship, Sunday School class or church would like to make a lasting impact in the life of a pastor by supplying him with a study Bible, Bible study aids or Bible reference works. You can order them online and have them shipped directly to us where they will be boxed, taken to Zambia, Cameroon and Malawi. Once there, they will be hand-delivered where they will have the most impact to select ministers. For your convenience I am supplying you with a link to Christian Book Distributors as a possible source.



**These young ministers in training are using their own study Bibles for the very first time.**

Please have all items shipped to  
Rev. John S. Mahon – Grace Community Int.  
20918 Harvest Hill Lane  
Houston, TX 77073  
Ph. 218-443-4548

<http://www.christianbook.com/>

**Bibles: Any of the following four..**

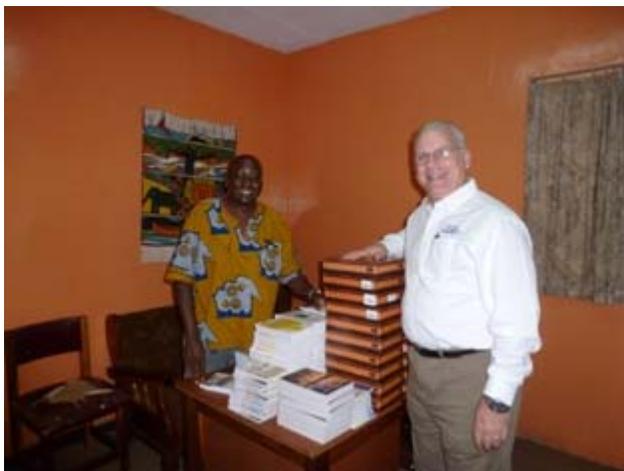
Holman Study Bible  
ESV Study Bible  
McArthur Study Bible, ESV version  
ESV or Holman Large Print Reference Bible

**Bible Reference Works:**

Exhaustive Concordance  
Bible Dictionary  
Vine's Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words

**Doctrine Books:**

Things Which Become Sound Doctrine – J.D. Pentecost  
Knowledge of the Holy – A.W. Tozer  
Knowing God – J. I. Packer  
Major Bible Themes – Lewis Sperry Chaffer



**Delivering Bibles, Bible study aids and Bible reference works to Zambia in 2011.**

Please pray that God would again supply these precious volumes for pastors, lay ministers, student workers, missionaries and Bible teachers.

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  
Grace Community Int. -

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://nethymnal.org/htm/r/e/regionsb.htm>

**The Regions Beyond**

To the regions beyond I must go, I must go  
Where the story has never been told;  
To the millions that never have heard of His love,  
I must tell the sweet story of old.

*Refrain*

*To the regions beyond I must go, I must go,  
Till the world, all the world,  
His salvation shall know.*

To the hardest of places He calls me to go,  
Never thinking of comfort or ease;  
The world may pronounce me a dreamer, a fool,  
Enough if the Master I please.

*Refrain*

Oh, you that are spending your leisure and powers  
In those pleasures so foolish and fond;  
Awake from your selfishness, folly and sin,  
And go to the regions beyond.

*Refrain*

There are other "lost sheep" that the Master must bring,  
And to them must the message be told;  
He sends me to gather them out of all lands,  
And welcome them back to His fold.

*Refrain*