

Prayer Dispatch 05.26.2015 / An Eventful Two Weeks

(Please forgive the unedited nature of this Dispatch - it is going out as we prepare to depart for the mission field and I wanted you to have the latest news and prayer requests)



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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. Juggling Home and Mission Trip

As we seek to juggle responsibilities at home and abroad please pray for stamina and claim Isaiah 40:30-31

30 Though youths grow weary and tired, And vigorous young men stumble badly,

31 Yet those who wait for the LORD Will gain new strength; They will mount up with wings like eagles, They will run and not get tired, They will walk and not become weary.

B. Continuing To Raise Support

Please pray for the financial resources to meet every increasing calls for help from the harvest fields of the world. Please pray

Philippians 4:19 And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

C. Bless the Teaching and Preaching of God's Holy, Eternal, Inerrant Word

Please ask God to fulfill the promise in *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.*

D. Prepare Hearts in South Africa

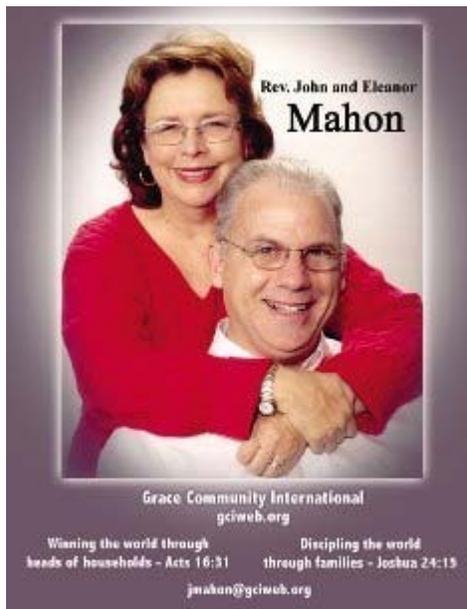
Call upon the Lord to prepare hearts for the preaching and teaching of His holy, eternal, inerrant written Word. Please pray John 16:8-11

8 "And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment;

9 concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me;

10 and concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father and you no longer see Me;

11 and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged. "



Dear Prayer Warriors,
Departing for South Africa



As you receive this Dispatch we are in the final stages of leaving for the airport to depart for our mission trip to South Africa. While on the mission field it is much easier to post pictures on our GCI Facebook Page than to send out dispatches so let me

encourage you to “Like” our Facebook page so that you will be able to pray for us in real time as events unfold.

Like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/gciweb

Another way to be kept up to date is to **Follow our blog at** http://www.sermonaudio.com/source_news.asp?sourceid=gci

It is your prayers that empower and drive this ministry and we work hard to keep you updated with real time requests. We take your spiritual ministry of intercession very seriously.

On A Personal Note

Surprise At The Dentist - Wow, went into the dentist office and had two surprises. First major dental work right before our departure (extraction, root canal and more). Second, the office no longer took our insurance. Our new dentist confirmed the issue and we had the work done (the tooth broke in four pieces coming out meaning stitches as well). It is not unusual for satan to throw obstacles (in this case both health and financial) but we are undeterred. On a positive note I was able to share Christ with the dentist and tech during the four hour procedure and on follow-up visit they all wanted books, so God is at work.

Surprise At Home

After over 25 years in our two story home we are downsizing. We are going to a one story home, much smaller and moving across town closer to Sam, Anne, Megan and the grandchildren.

http://www.har.com/20918-harvest-hill-ln/sale_72212514

40th Anniversary





This past weekend we celebrated our 40th Anniversary. Megan, Anne and Sam put on a wonderful party and reception for us. For full details go to our Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/john.mahon.1441>

Couples Marriage Covenant Study

When in the US we always try to be ministering in different ways. We have a Tuesday night Marriage Covenant Bible study which our Relator Recruited. When we get back from Africa we will have a Marriage Vow Renewal Service. The study has been such a hit that they voted to continue on another topic through the summer (we depart for Russia in September).



For daily devotional material on the Marriage Covenant Bible study please follow this link to <http://gciweb.org/2011/05/marriage-enriching-our-marriages-2/>
To listen to a message series on this topic
<http://www.sermonaudio.com/search.asp?sortby=added&sourceonly=true&currSection=sermonsource&keyword=gci&subsetcat=series&subsetitem=Big+Sky+Baptist+MC+S+2015>

CrossPointe Presbyterian Church

Our time in the US is also spent visiting and speaking in churches. One of the highlights of this spring was reconnecting with Crosspointe Presbyterian Church which has prayed for and supported GCI since its beginning. After the service the Mission Board hosted a Pizza Luncheon where we gave a report to them on their sister churches in St. Petersburg and Tyumen Russia. One of the high points was live SKYPE interviews with these pastors.



For more pictures and a fuller report go to our GCI Facebook report

<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.856547957760911.1073742037.339162202832825&type=1>

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 this 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/s/l/slaslus.htm>

Savior Like A Shepherd Lead Us

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need Thy tender care;
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use Thy folds prepare.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus! Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus! Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.

*We are Thine, Thou dost befriend us, be the guardian of our way;
Keep Thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray.*

Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;
Thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse and power to free.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus! We will early turn to Thee.
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*Early let us seek Thy favor, early let us do Thy will;
Blessèd Lord and only Savior, with Thy love our bosoms fill.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still.
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Dorothy Ann Thrupp (1779-1847) Dorothy Ann Thrupp was born in London, June 10, 1779. She contributed some hymns, under the pseudonym of "Iota," to W. Carus Wilson's *Friendly Visitor and his Children's Friend*. Other hymns by her, signed "D.A.T.," appeared in Mrs. Herbert Mayo's *Selection of Hymns and Poetry for the Use of Infant Schools and Nurseries*, 1838. She was also the editor of *Hymns for the Young*, c. 1830, in which all the hymns were given anonymously. She died in London on December 15, 1847. Notice the depth of these words tell of the seriousness with which the church and ministers took when ministering to the young. Many would think the theme in this hymn too deep for children but in the church at this time it was a commonly held conviction that children should be brought up in the faith rather than entertained with watered down stories and playtime.