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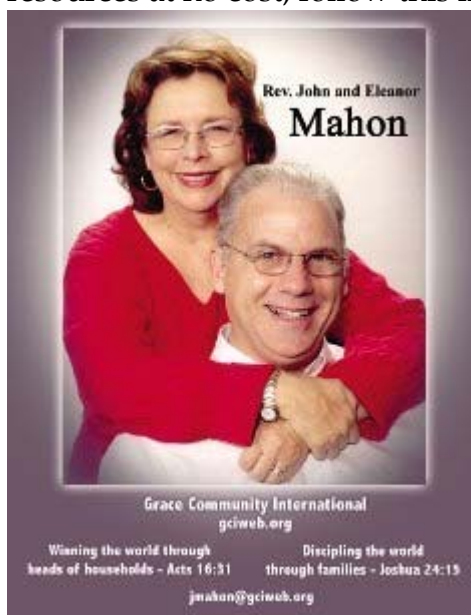
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2 Corinthians 1:11 “you also joining in helping us through your prayers, so that thanks may be given by many persons on our behalf for the favor bestowed on us through the prayers of many.”

- A. **This was Paul’s prayer for the Ephesians as he left them to continue his missionary journeys. Please join with me in praying this for the ministry in South Africa as well. We commit them to the Lord and His holy Word as we continue our ministry throughout the Word.**

Acts 20:32 “And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.”

- B. **Call upon the Lord to bless the preaching and teaching of His holy, eternal, inerrant written Word. That the fruit would be conserved and lasting in the lives of all who received it.**

John 15:16 “ You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and that your fruit would remain, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you.”

- C. **Petition the Lord of the harvest to protect the fruit born in this ministry. As you oppose satan, the world and the flesh as God to keep those to whom we ministered safe from harm.**

Psalms 121:7-8

7 The LORD will protect you from all evil; He will keep your soul.

8 The LORD will guard your going out and your coming in From this time forth and forever.

- D. **That God would bless the ministry materially, that we might in turn bless those to whom we minister.**

Psalms 134:3 May the LORD bless you from Zion, He who made heaven and earth.

Psalms 67:1-2 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.

Psalms 67:6-7 The earth has yielded its produce; God, our God, blesses us. God blesses us, That all the ends of the earth may fear Him.

Dear Prayer Warriors,

Once again your ministry of faith, prayer and generosity has blessed others abundantly. First you are a blessing to us, as you made possible this ministry. How we praise God for your faith and prayers which safely delivered us to South Africa where we ministered God's holy, eternal, inerrant, written Word.



God blessed your prayers for safe travel. All bags and materials made it through customs and transit points. These are not vacations and even in transit and in flight we work hard at the ministry, seeking to be good stewards of your faith, your prayers and your gifts.



Greeted by Udobong and Paul – now get to work. When we arrived our good friends were waiting. What a joy to be reunited with Udobong Idemeter, my longtime friend and co- minister of over 30 years. As soon as I arrived I began unpacking the GCI mobile office and preparing handouts, notes and devotional materials for those to whom we were to minister.



The "Sucked Orange Principle"

I told Udobong that we work on the "sucked orange principle", that when I leave South Africa I want to look like a sucked orange. He took me at my word and that very night and each night leading up to the conference I was teaching God's Word in homes and various Bible studies.

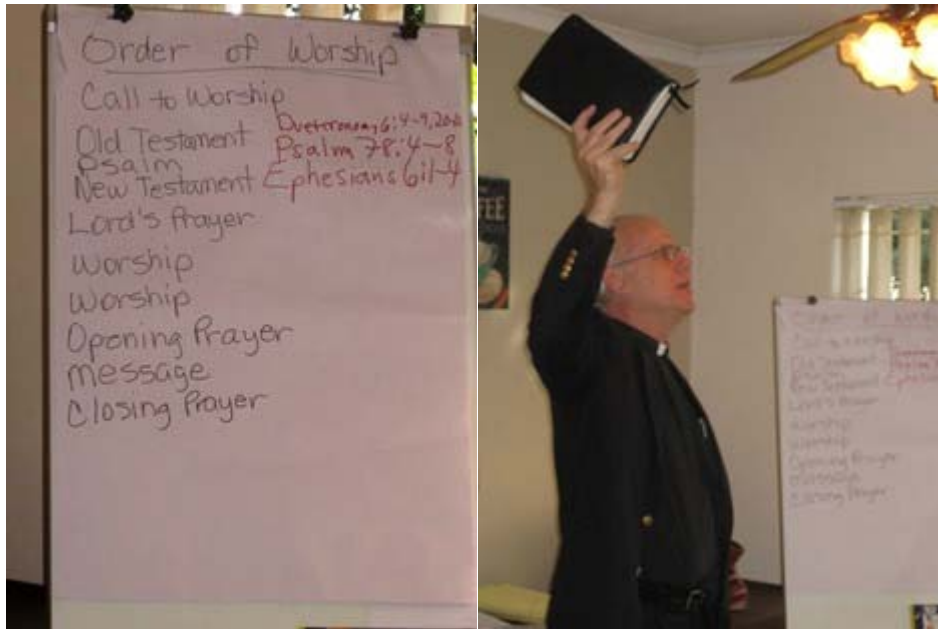


Ministering the Word with Eleanor

There was a great turnout to the conference and it is such a joy to be able to minister God's Word with my darling wife of 40 years - Eleanor. What a wonderful way to begin our 40th year of marriage, teaching and preaching God's holy, eternal, inerrant written Word.



Fellowship Times are always special at any conference anywhere in the world and South Africa is no different.



Sunday Worship Service

Wherever we go I always remind those to whom we are ministering that Sunday will be given to the Lord in worship and Word.

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 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/i/l/ilttts.htm>

I Love To Tell The Story

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love.
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;
It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

*I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.*

I love to tell the story; more wonderful it seems
Than all the golden fancies of all our golden dreams.
I love to tell the story, it did so much for me;
And that is just the reason I tell it now to thee.

I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat
What seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet.
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
The message of salvation from God's own holy Word.

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
'Twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.

Words: [A. Katherine Hankey](#), 1866.

This is from a long poem on the life of Jesus that was written in 1866. It is in two parts. The first part is a poem of fifty stanzas, and is titled, "*The Story Wanted*," being dated January 29, 1866. The second part is titled "*The Story Told*," and is dated November 18, 1866. It is said that the author had a serious spell of sickness just before this poem was composed, and that she occupied the long days of convalescence in writing the poem. Certain verses were taken from Part I. by Dr. W. H. Doane in 1867 to make the popular and familiar hymn beginning, "[Tell me the old, old story](#)," for which he composed the familiar tune to which those words are commonly sung. From Part II. certain verses have been selected to make the above hymn, "I Love to Tell the Story," the tune to which was composed by W. G. Fischer. This is one of the most popular of all modern hymns, and has been translated into several different languages. These and other hymns by the author have been published from time to time in different forms, sometimes accompanied by tunes composed by herself. Many of her hymns are found in a little volume which she published in 1870, titled *Heart to Heart*. Very few hymns written in the last fifty years have so taken hold of the hearts of the people, both the young and the old, as has this simple little song.