

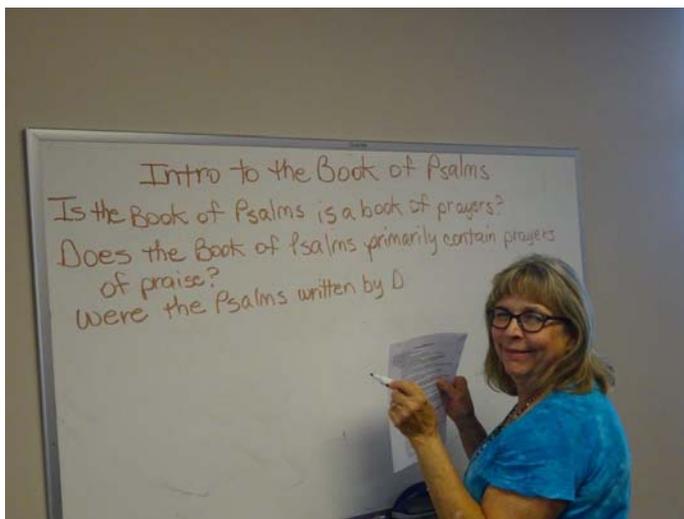
Prayer Dispatch 06.09.17 / Your Faith, Prayers and Gifts Making a Difference - Ministry in the US, as we prepare to depart for Nigeria and Cameroon.



In this Prayer Dispatch... (each point on the outline corresponds with an attached picture.)



Church and Destiny Boxes



Church Ministry - we are a team



OKC with Richard Smith Morning Study



Three Fold Cord of Missions - Smith's Home



Ministry presentation Brooks home



HBC Seniors Class



HBC It Is All About Jesus



Materials Arriving For Nigeria and Cameroon

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- IV. Prayer Requests: Please open the attached Spiritual Warfare prayer guide and allow it to shape your prayers.**

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. Entreat our Lord and Savior to bless our ministry to churches of which He is Head.**

Ephesians 3:20-21

20 Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, 21 to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.

- B. Ask God to expand the base of our prayer warriors.**

2 Corinthians 1:10-11

10 who delivered us from so great a peril of death, and will deliver us, He on whom we have set our hope. And He will yet deliver us, 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.

- C. Call upon the Lord to empower the ministry of the Word as we preach Jesus and exhort from Holy Scripture--that, like Paul, we would bless the church and build it up through the teaching and preaching of God's holy, eternal, inerrant written Word.**

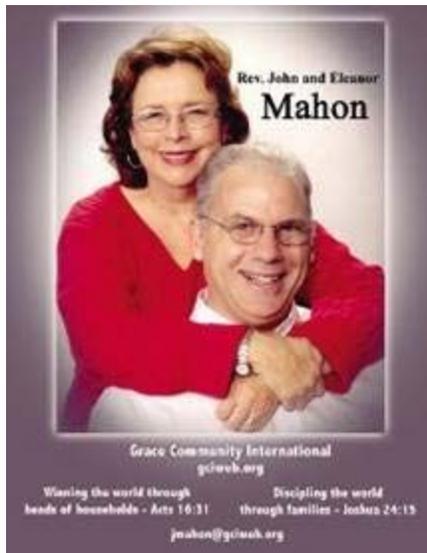
Acts 20:32 "And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

- D. Petition the Lord to continue to raise up new donors to co-labor with us, to continue to bless financially, that we might in turn, bless others.**

Philippians 4:18-20

18 But I have received everything in full and have an abundance; I am amply supplied, having received from Epaphroditus what you have sent, a fragrant aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well-pleasing to God. 19 And my

God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus. 20 Now to our God and Father be the glory forever and ever. Amen.



Dear Prayer Warriors,

I. Ministry In The U.S.

We recently had breakfast with our good friends Dave and Shirley Sneller. Dave and I taught high school together and Shirley was Eleanor's team leader at a Navigator Summer Training Program when she was a college student. Both events in the early 19,70's so there is some history involved in our relationship. Dave and Shirly were asking us about our ministry in the U.S., when we are not on the mission field, so it made me think that I should include this in this week's dispatch before more pressing reports on Nigeria and Cameroon take over our attention.

GCI has an uncompromising commitment to the local church. All involved with GCI are expected to hold ministry positions of teaching or leadership in their respective churches. Eleanor and I are no different and, when in the country, we can be found ministering in our church. I appreciate their understanding that we are out of the country as much as seven months out of the year – yet, when we are in the U.S. they graciously allow me to teach. Until my departure for Nigeria, I will be teaching on the Psalms, specifically the attributes of God. I have included for you two projects I put together for this purpose. One is a bible study on the Attributes of God and the other is a daily devotional series on this same subject. I pray that they will be a blessing to you.

In addition, we can be found teaching in churches which support our ministry. I was recently invited to speak at Heritage Baptist Church in Oklahoma City. We have a long relationship with Heritage, dating back to its founding in the mid-1980s. Board member Richard Smith is an elder and teacher in this church. In addition, he and his wife Kathy serve on the mission committee. (Richard will be accompanying me to both Nigeria and Cameroon this year.) I taught in the Senior Adults class as well as preaching in the morning

service. The daily devotional project that went with my teaching is attached as well as the basic outline of my message – “It Is All About Jesus.”

When in the U.S. we also speak at church groups on missions. Close friends Mark and Rowena Brooks invited us to their home group to give a report on our mission ministry, as well as to speak on the Three-Fold Cord of Missions. I have included the daily devotional projects that we handed out. We have known Mark and Rowena for over 25 years and you may remember Mark going with me to Belarus.

I depart for Nigeria July 11th and, until then, we have a full schedule of teaching the Word, blessing the church and raising prayers and support for the ministries in Nigeria and Cameroon.

II. Preparing for Nigeria

As we prepare to depart for Nigeria – fellow team members Mike Daily and Richard Smith are working hard on their messages and in collecting Bibles and Bible study aids for the pastors and staff who will be attending the conferences. God is at work – last year we had about 14 pastors and 30 lay ministers at our conference. This year we have over 140 pastors and 450 lay ministers pre-registered. It will be a challenge to find a facility within our budget to handle a crowd this size. This is an item for prayer.

III. Looking Beyond To Cameroon

I will return from Nigeria just long enough to repack, load up and head for Cameroon--just a five-day layover in the U.S. We do this because it is actually cheaper to come back to the U.S., pick up the pre-packed boxes of Bible and Bible study aids and then return, than to try to make the transition from Nigeria. We have nine boxes for Nigeria and nine for Cameroon. Customs, though, will not believe that, of the 18, nine will go on to Cameroon--so it is just easier to come back to the U.S. Additionally, the baggage and duty fees from Nigeria to Cameroon make it more expensive than returning to the U.S. and then going back to Africa. This is, of course, harder on me physically-- but like Paul, I am happy “to spend and be spent for the sake of the Gospel.”

We tell our hosts that we work on the “sucked orange principle.” When we come to a country, we want to look like a plump, ripe, juicy orange. When we leave, we just want to be pulp and rind, ready to be discarded into the plane. We come with hearts, minds and boxes full and leave empty. We come to serve and not to be served. We come to freely give. We do not charge for our Bibles and books, we do not charge for our conferences and we do not charge for our ministry. Your faith, prayers and generosity make our

ministry to these zealous ministers possible. How we praise God for your faith, prayers and sacrificial gifts.

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: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YUgYaKgdzEs>

I Surrender All

All to Jesus I surrender, all to Him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust Him, In His presence daily live.

Refrain: I surrender all, I surrender all, All to Thee, my blessèd Savior, I surrender all.

*All to Jesus I surrender, Humbly at His feet I bow,
Worldly pleasures all forsaken; Take me Jesus, take me now.*

All to Jesus I surrender, Make me, Savoir, wholly Thine.
Let me feel the Holy Spirit, Truly know that Thou art mine.

*All to Jesus I surrender, Lord I give myself to Thee;
Fill me with Thy love and power, let Thy blessing fall on me.*

(Judson W. Van DeVenter, Born: December 5, 1855, near Dundee, Michigan; Died: July 17, 1939, Temple Terrace, Tampa, Florida. Van DeVenter attended Hillsdale College, then taught art in Sharon, Pennsylvania. After several years, though, he decided to switch to a career in evangelism, working with [Wilbur Chapman](#) and others in America and England. Toward the end of his life, he lived in St. Petersburg, Florida, then moved to Tampa, Florida, around 1923. He was professor of hymnology at the Florida Bible Institute (now Trinity Bible College) for four years. **"The song was written while I was conducting a meeting at East Palestine, Ohio, in the home of George Sebring (founder of the Sebring Camp meeting Bible Conference in Sebring, Ohio, and later developer of the town of Sebring, Florida). For some time, I had struggled between developing my talents in the field of art and going into full-time evangelistic work. At last the pivotal hour of my life came, and I surrendered all. A new day was ushered into my life. I became an evangelist and discovered down deep in my soul a talent hitherto unknown to me. God had hidden a song in my heart, and touching a tender chord, He caused me to sing."**)