



## The Price of a Smile

What's the last item that put a smile on your face? A cup of coffee (\$3)? Dinner on the town (\$50)? Your summer vacation (\$500)? Year after year, we have the humble privilege of receiving smiles of thanks on your behalf as pastors, lay leaders, and their wives receive Bibles, study materials, and scholarships to conferences compliments of your faithful and generous support. Scripture reminds us to "*give, and it will be given to you. They will pour into your lap a good measure - pressed down, shaken together, and running over. For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return*" (Luke 6:38). Read on to discover how you can partner with Grace Community International to put a smile on the face of a national pastor or lay leader this summer!



## ***Pressed down, shaken together, running over***

The next few months will see us spending significant time ministering in West and South Africa as well as (for the first time!) Central America. A key component of the ministry of Grace Community International is resourcing national pastors, lay leaders, and their wives with materials for their ministry including Bibles and Bible study resources. Additionally, we strive to keep the cost of conference attendance prohibitive by sponsoring scholarships, covering the expense of conference center rentals, and providing meals whenever possible.

For many of us, summer is a time of "special project" giving. Would you prayerfully consider making a one time donation this June towards the resourcing component of GCI's ministry? A gift of **\$55** purchases a Holman leather study Bible. For an additional **\$100**, we are able to provide a pastor with his very own "pastoral library" of resources

including seven books on doctrine and five booklets discussing how to engage persons of other faiths with the Gospel. On the other hand, a donation of **\$500** provides transportation scholarships for 250 national pastors who must travel by bus to reach the conference location. Finally, a contribution of **\$1,200** allows us to cover completely the cost of a one day conference for 500 pastors as well as provide all attendees with a mid-day meal.

As a measure of comparison for you, the average Nigerian pastor's annual salary is around \$250 USD. Your generosity will equip these faithful servants of the Gospel with the skills and materials needed to more effectively minister to their congregations. If you would like to partner financially with GCI, simply click on the Donate button [here](#) to give online today! Alternatively, you can mail a check to the address at the bottom of this message. Simply write "books" in the notes or comments section to designate your gift toward this aspect of GCI's ministry.

**Join us in praying this week!**



**For God to bless our ministry partners that they might in turn bless pastors around the globe**

"you will be enriched in everything for all liberality, which through us is producing thanksgiving to God." (2 Corinthians 9:11)



**For God to use these resources to set ministers apart for His use and glory**

"Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth." (John 17:17)



**For the rapid spread of the Word of God**

"Finally, brethren, pray for us that the word of the Lord will spread rapidly and be glorified, just as *it did* also with you;" (2 Thessalonians 3:1)



## **For the living Word to transform the hearts of all who hear its preaching**

"For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart." (Hebrews 4:12)

### ***by your standard of measure***

As a side note, the Board of Directors of Grace Community International would like to thank all of those who already responded to our appeal by shipping Bibles and books for Africa and beyond through Amazon and Christian Book Distributors. Unfortunately, these distributors are unable to include the names of those who are making these shipments. However, we are very thankful for these gifts despite the fact that we cannot contact  you  personally!

Don't forget to keep up-to-date with the latest ministry happenings by following us on [Facebook](#) (@gciweb). We daily covet your prayers before our mighty Father on our behalf.

Today may your cup overflow as God blesses His own who faithfully contribute to the building up of the global body of Christ in love! As always, I close this message 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,

Rev. John S. Mahon

2 Corinthians 4:1