

Prayer Dispatch / Your Gifts and Prayers Are Making A Difference: Part Two



As you receive this dispatch, we are preparing to do our annual end-of-year fundraising drive. It is during this time that we raise support for the coming year 2018. On the basis of funds received, we will purchase our tickets, make housing arrangements and purchase Bibles and Bible study aids for the pastors to whom we minister. In 2018, we have received "Macedonian calls" to Nigeria, Cameroon and Russia. We desire to have these funds raised before committing to a mission trip. If you would like to add a contribution to your faith and prayers, simply follow this link to our website and press the "Donate" button on the left.

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In this Prayer Dispatch...

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- III. Prayer Requests: As you pray, please allow the accompanying passage from the Word of God to guide 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. Ask God for the finances necessary to purchase plane tickets and accommodations for our ministries in Nigeria, Cameroon and Russia. Please claim...

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

- B. Pray for a positive response from those who receive our financial appeals. We ask only for the privilege of blessing those who so sacrificially labor on foreign fields.

2 Corinthians 9:12-14

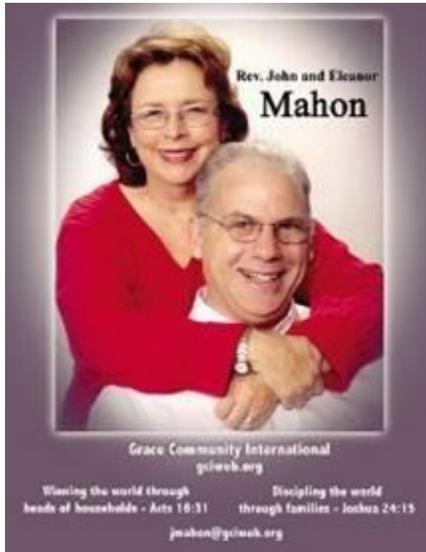
- 12 For the ministry of this service is not only fully supplying the needs of the saints,*
- but is also overflowing through many thanksgivings to God.*
- 13 Because of the proof given by this ministry, they will glorify God for your obedience to your confession of the gospel of Christ*
- and for the liberality of your contribution to them and to all,*

- C. Please intercede on behalf of those who support our mission work. Ask God to, in turn, bless them for their generosity.

Proverbs 11:25

- 25 The generous man will be prosperous,*

- ❑ *And he who waters will himself be watered.*
Proverbs 22:9
- ❑ *He who is generous will be blessed...*
1 Timothy 6:18-19
- ❑ *18 Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share,*
- ❑ *19 storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is life indeed.*



Dear Prayer Warriors,

Part Two: 2 Corinthians 9:10-12 "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."

Your Gifts and Prayers Are Making a Difference: Bibles for Pastors and Ministers

Here are more pictures of pastors and ministry leaders receiving Bibles. These precious volumes are not handed out haphazardly. A careful vetting takes place by the local leaders before a pastor or ministry leader receives one. You personally sacrifice to make the presentation of these Bibles possible. We make sure that your sacrifice is rewarded by placing them in the hands of worthy ministers of the gospel. In most cases, the cost of one of these leather study Bibles will exceed the monthly salary of the recipient and will be the first leather study Bible he/she has ever owned.

Your Gifts and Prayers Are Making a Difference: Making Our Ministry to Pastors Possible

In addition to supplying the needs of pastors in terms of Bibles and Bible study resources, you have blessed their personal lives in many ways. Just a few of these included...

You provided bus fare for pastors and wives who would otherwise have walked to the conference. We are not talking here about local bus fare but bus fare between cities – sometimes as much as a two or three day walk or even more.

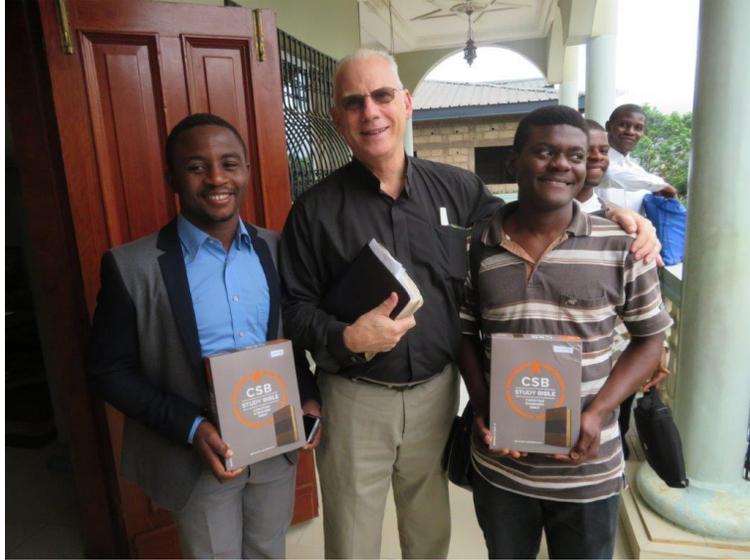
While we were ministering, it came to my attention that some pastors and their wives were planning to sleep on chairs at the conference center. Your gifts provided beds for each of these pastors and their wives.

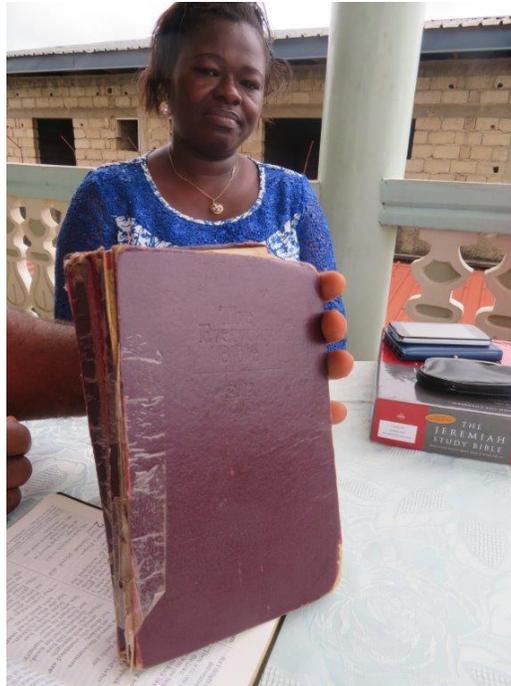
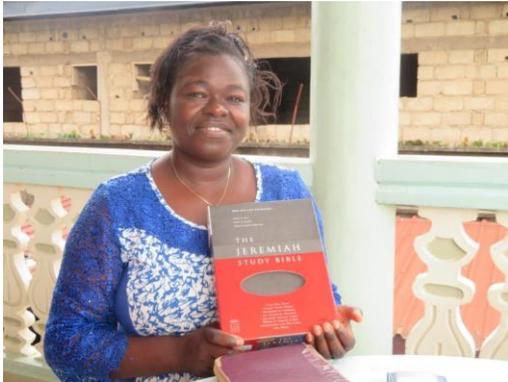
Your gifts also made possible a packet of books for pastors – including concordances, Bible dictionaries, doctrinal and theological works. Your faith, prayers and generosity have made it possible for many pastors who have nothing more than a paperback Bible to have a quality study Bible and a small study library. This is something they never dreamed of having and something they praise God constantly for--including prayers of thanks for your generosity.

Those pastors who have access to computers only at cyber cafés cannot afford to download material from the internet. Because of your gifts, we were able to give out both disks and flash drives with the entire GCI materials library on each one. Now all they do is go to the cyber café and print off the disc, enabling them to have, not only quality study material for themselves but, also, free Sunday School and Bible study materials for their church.

Your gifts ministered to pastors, ministers and lay ministers in five Baptist churches, a Presbyterian church, Campus Crusade for Christ, The Navigators and the Cameroon Christian Physicians Ministry. You supplied Bibles, Bible study aids, conference housing, travel and ministry tools to both French and English-speaking ministers in their own language. You made it possible for their wives to attend the conferences and ministry events with them. You truly had a nationwide impact on the evangelical ministry of Cameroon.

We cannot thank you enough for your generosity and the impact this had on these churches, organizations and individuals in Cameroon.





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. – Preparing to depart for Russia

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=0MWRgPxwtMs>

O For A Heart To Praise Thy Name

O for a heart to praise my God,
A heart from sin set free,
A heart that always feels Thy blood
So freely shed for me.

*A heart resigned, submissive, meek,
My great Redeemer's throne,
Where only Christ is heard to speak,
Where Jesus reigns alone.*

A humble, lowly, contrite, heart,
Believing, true and clean,
Which neither life nor death can part
From Christ who dwells within.

*A heart in every thought renewed
And full of love divine,
Perfect and right and pure and good,
A copy, Lord, of Thine.*

Thy tender heart is still the same,
And melts at human woe:
Jesus, for thee distressed I am,
I want Thy love to know.

*My heart, Thou know'st, can never rest
Till Thou create my peace;
Till of mine Eden repossess,
From self, and sin, I cease.*

Thy nature, gracious Lord, impart;
Come quickly from above;
Write Thy new name upon my heart,
Thy new, best name of Love

(Charles Wesley wrote over 6,000 hymns. Like most hymnists, his works were frequently altered. In the preface to the 1779 *Collection of Hymns for the Use of the People called Methodists*, his brother [John](#) wrote: "I beg leave to mention a thought which has been long upon my mind, and which I should long ago have inserted in the public papers, had I not been unwilling to stir up a nest of hornets. Many gentlemen have done my brother and me (though without naming us) the honour to reprint many of our hymns. Now they are perfectly welcome to do so, provided they print them just as they are. But I desire they would not attempt to mend them, for they are really not able. None of them is able to mend either the sense or the verse. Therefore, I must beg of them these two favours: either to let them stand just as they are, to take things for better or worse, or to add the true reading in the margin, or at the bottom of the page, that we may no longer be accountable either for the nonsense or for the doggerel of other men." In addition to hymn writing, Charles and John founded the movement which became the Methodist denomination.)