

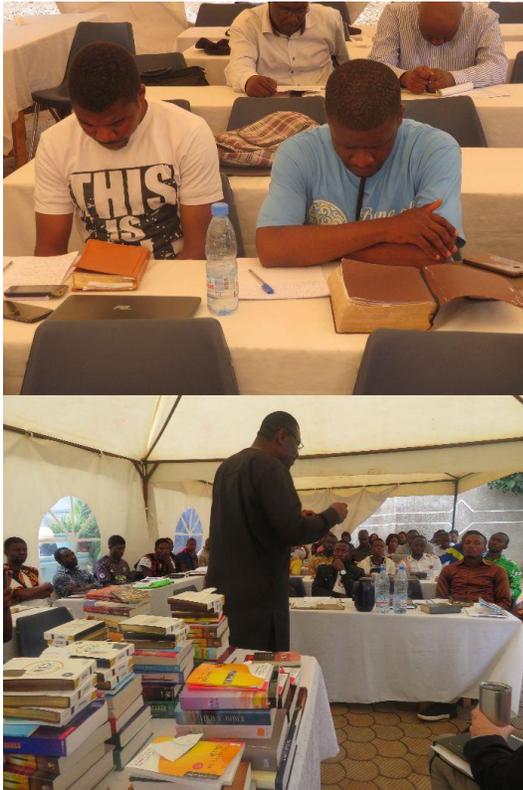


A Firm Foundation

Thank you for safely praying us home from Cameroon this past week! As we reflect on our time in West Africa, the centrality of GCI's call to establish marriages, families, pastors, and churches on the firm foundation of the holy, eternal, inerrant, written Word of God comes to mind. After attending one of our conferences, a pastor wrote to me that "*the Bible and discipleship seemed so overwhelming; now I have confidence to both know and teach the Word of God.*" Amen! What a testimony of God's grace at work through your faithful support. Keep reading to learn how your generosity overflowed in the gift of God's Word to local ministers and their wives.

The Preparation

One of the most anticipated portions of our ministers conferences is always the presentation of Bibles. However, these resources are not just set out on a table or laid on chairs for distribution. Rather, we set aside a special "presentation time" and one-by-one give these resources directly into the hands of ministers and lay leaders to emphasize the responsibility of receiving a copy of God's Word. These volumes are not just to sit, gathering dust on the shelf, but instead are to empower the minister and his wife in sharing the Gospel and equipping the local Church.



The Distribution

Because of your sacrificial partnership with GCI, we are then able to provide (at no cost to them) pastors with new Bibles and Pastoral Library sets. Volumes are never haphazardly handed out. Instead, they are distributed to carefully selected men and women who have already proven their devotion to the Word and faithfulness to ministry. Since these resources often exceed the monthly salary of a local pastor, this time of giving is filled with praises to God, words of thanks, and exclamations of joy.



The Training

Finally, we begin to reap the fruit of your ministry through us - men and women digging deep into personal copies of the Word of God. One of the most common testimonies heard by us from those who attend our conferences is that we made the Scriptures accessible for the first time through training in practical Bible study methods and sharpening existing ministry skills. On this trip to Cameroon, a church leader came up to me and related how *"I used to struggle with eternal security. You gave me a practical Bible study, a daily devotional series, and told me to memorize Romans 8. Now I am confident of my salvation."*



Join us in praying this week!



For the Word of God to bear fruit in the lives of those who study it

"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." (Isaiah 55:11)



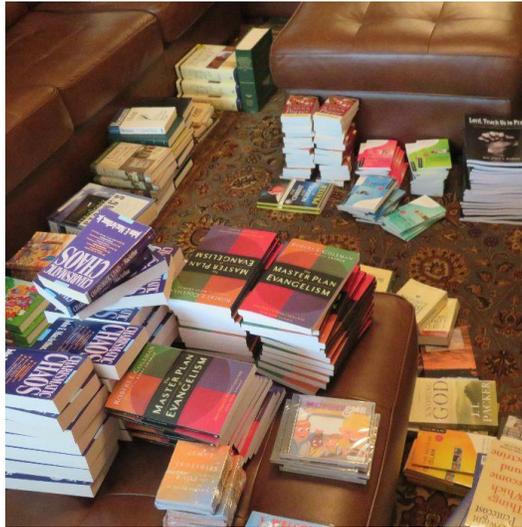
For ministers to preach the Word at all times

"preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction. " (2 Timothy 4:2)



For pastors to lead by example in obeying all of Scripture

"so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;" (Colossians 1:10)



For God to bless those who sacrificially gave to the work of the distribution of His Word

"The generous man will be prosperous, and he who waters will himself be watered."
(Proverbs 11:25)

Joining Together in Thanks

Please allow me to join with my Cameroonian brothers and sisters in Christ in thanking you for your kind and generous gifts which allowed us to go, equip, and resource ministers and lay leaders from Yaoundé and other regions in East Africa. We can eagerly affirm with the Apostle Paul that *"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, while they also, by prayer on your behalf, yearn for you because of the surpassing grace of God in you"* (2 Corinthians 9:13-14).

Don't forget to keep up-to-date with the latest ministry happenings by following us on [Facebook](#) (@gciweb). As a reminder, you can donate towards our ministry either by mailing a check to the address at the bottom of this update or clicking on the "Donate" button below. Finally, sermons from our recent trip to Nigeria continue to be posted online and can be listened to or downloaded on our [Sermonaudio webpage](#).

Now Eleanor and I are taking a moment to recover from our travels before beginning preparations for my trip to Cuba in the first part of October (more on this exciting opportunity to come). May the God of grace keep you firmly in His hands until the Lord comes or calls us home!

By His mercy,

Rev. John S. Mahon

2 Corinthians 4:1