

## Prayer Dispatch / Establishing Families In The Word



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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- 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*

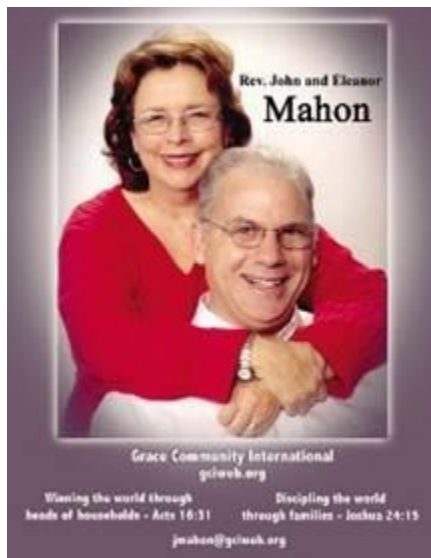
- ☐ 25 *The generous man will be prosperous,*
- ☐ *And he who waters will himself be watered.*

*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,

This picture collage reveals how God is blessing your faith, prayers and generosity, as marriages and families are grounded in the Word of God.

### **1 Arriving with the Word of God - your faith, prayers and generosity at work**

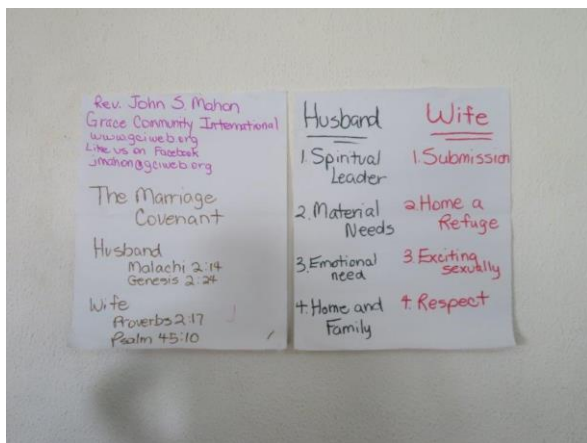
Because of you, we never enter a country empty-handed. It is the goal of GCI to never teach the Word of God without supplying those to whom we minister with the Word of God and with the tools needed to obey the Word of God. Here we are arriving at the airport in Yaoundé. Not one volume was lost or damaged. Your faith makes this ministry possible.



## 2 & 2a Establishing couples and families on the foundation of the Word of God – your faith, prayers and generosity at work

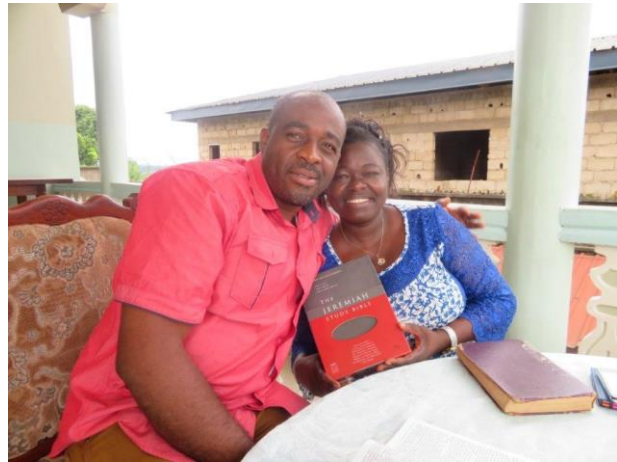
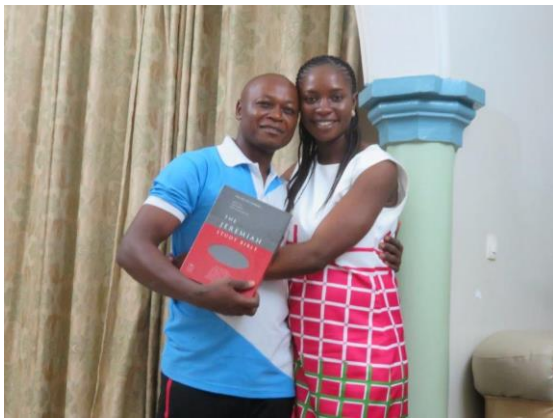
One of the things I always say at my conferences, “Eleanor and I do not come to free you from the Word of God but, instead, to help you obey the Word of God. We do not come to teach you that the Word of God does not say what is written but, instead, to equip you to obey the holy, eternal, inerrant written Word of God. It is a sad period of the Church where many conference speakers spend an inordinate amount of time teaching the attendees that the Word of God does not say what it says and seeking to free those attending from the authority of the Word of God. Truly we live in the age of which God the Holy Spirit warned the Church in **2 Timothy 4:3 & 4**

***3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires, 4 and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths.”***



**3, 4 & 5 Young couples, mature couples and senior ministers receiving the Word of God –your faith, prayers and generosity at work**

The volumes which these ministers are receiving exceed their one-month salary. Without your faith and generosity, they would each be sharing a used Bible purchased at an outdoor market or a used Bible from a church lost-and-found in the US. Your faith, prayers and generosity are giving them the holy, eternal, inerrant written Word that they might both grow and minister the Word of God. This ministry of yours extends from Africa into Russia. How we praise God for your co-laborship with us in this work.



**6 & 6a Whether in churches or at staff conferences, teaching on marriage and family from the Word of God - - your faith, prayers and generosity at work**

Because of you we were able to minister the word to the Campus Crusade for Christ National Conference, the national Navigator Business and Professional Conference and to the Cameroon Christian Physicians, as well as to five Baptist and Presbyterian churches.



### **7 Eleanor ministering to the wives of pastors and ministers - your faith, prayers and generosity at work**

Eleanor has a heart for and intense desire to ground the wives of ministers in the Word of God. Everywhere she goes, she teaches these women how to go deep in the Word, how to support their husbands as helpmates and how to minister in their churches.



### **8 Couples growing together in Christ and His Word - - your faith, prayers and generosity at work**

This picture says it all. This is your ministry – ministering couples, equipped with the Word of God, learning how to obey and teach this same Word in their homeland.



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. -

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.")*

### **How I Love Thy Law, O Lord**

How I love Thy law O Lord, Daily joy its truths afford;  
In its constant light I go, wise to conqueror every foe.

*Thy commandments in my heart Truest wisdom can impart;  
To mine eyes Thy precepts show Wisdom more than sages know.*

While my heart Thy word obeys, I am kept from evil ways;  
From Thy law, with Thee to guide, I have never turned aside.

(Refrain)

Sweeter are Thy words to me Than all other good can be;  
Safe I walk, Thy truth my light, Hating falsehood loving right.

*(Words: The Psalter, 1912. (Words: The Psalter, 1912 from Psalm 119:172/ Music by William Bradbury He was born on October 6, 1816 in [York, Maine](#) where his father was the leader of a [church choir](#). He had a brother, [Edward G. Bradbury](#). He moved with his parents to [Boston](#) and met [Lowell Mason](#), and by 1834 was known as an organist. In 1840, he began teaching in [Brooklyn, New York](#). In 1847 he went to Germany, where he studied harmony, composition, and vocal and instrumental music with the best masters. In 1854, he started the [Bradbury Piano Company](#), with his brother, [Edward G. Bradbury](#) in New York City.<sup>[1]</sup> William Bradbury is best known as a composer and publisher of a series of musical collections for choirs and schools. He was the author and compiler of fifty-nine books starting in 1841.<sup>[2]</sup> In 1862, Bradbury found the poem [Jesus Loves Me](#). Bradbury wrote the music and added the chorus: "Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus Loves me ..." He died on January 7, 1868 in [Montclair, New Jersey](#) at age 51.<sup>[1]</sup> He was buried in [Bloomfield Cemetery](#) in [Bloomfield, New Jersey](#). He composed many tunes, including those for *He Leadeth Me*, *Just As I Am, Without One Plea*, *Sweet Hour of Prayer*, *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* and *The Solid Rock*, *How I Love Thy Law O Lord* all of which can still be found in hymnbooks and songbooks today..)*