

Prayer Dispatch 06.08.2020 / Your Faith, Prayers and Gifts At Work Throughout the World



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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. **That the blessing of God in our lives and ministry would result in souls won to Christ and the building up of the church.**

Psalm 67:1-2

- God be gracious to us and bless us,*
- and cause His face to shine upon us-- .*
- That Thy way may be known on the earth,*
- Thy salvation among all nations.*
- Psalm 67:6-7 The earth has yielded its produce; God, our God, blesses us. God blesses us, that all the ends of the earth may fear Him.*

B. As we sow the Word of God in the lives of ministers and ministry leaders, ask God that it will bear fruit in their walk with God, family and ministries.

Isaiah 55:11

- 11 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.*

C. That the ministry would be so miraculous in nature in terms of souls won to Christ, families returned to the authority of the Word of God and the church built up, that all would recognize it as a work of God.

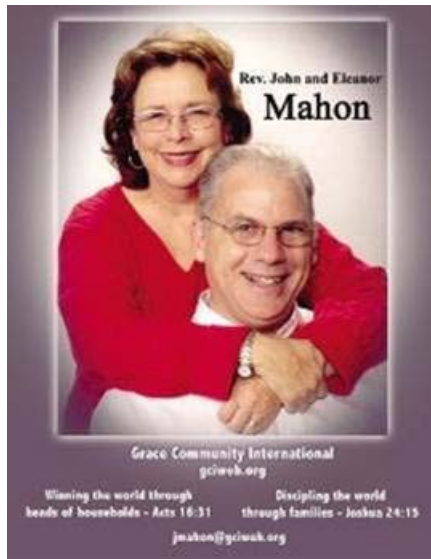
Psalms 90:16-17

- 16 Let Your work appear to Your servants*
- And Your majesty to their children.*
- 17 Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us;*
- And confirm for us the work of our hands;*
- Yes, confirm the work of our hands.*

D. That God would bless the ministry materially, that we might in turn bless those to whom we minister.

2 Corinthians 9:8-11

- And God is able to make all grace abound to you, that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed; as it is written, "He scattered abroad, he gave to the poor, His righteousness abides forever."*
- 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;*
- you will be enriched in everything for all liberality, which through us is producing thanksgiving to God.*



Dear Prayer Warriors,

Your faith, prayers--we praise God for your ministry of intercession and liberality. God the Holy Spirit has made it abundantly clear that those who by faith, pray and give-- are on equal footing with those who go to the mission field. Now if this were a presentation by man it could easily be put down as a sales pitch, but God the Holy Spirit has no need of sales pitches. He truly and clearly teaches us spiritual truths.

In [2 Corinthians 1:11](#) God the Holy Spirit teaches us concerning prayer for missionaries:

"you also joining in helping us through your prayers..." Prayers for missionaries make a difference. They are "helped" as if we were there in the harvest fields of the world at their very side.

"...so that thanks may be given by many persons on our behalf..." The miracles and provision of our answered prayers, both on the field and back home, result in praise and thanksgiving to God.

"...for the favor bestowed on us through the prayers of many..." Prayer for missionaries results in favor, which blesses and protects them on the field.

We see this same principle concerning financial support in 3 John 1;8:

"Therefore we ought to support such men, so that we may be fellow workers with the truth."

Here God the Holy Spirit encourages us to give to foreign missions so that we don't miss out on sharing with them in the opportunity to be a co-laborer. That is why He states in [Philippians 4:17](#)

"Not that I seek the gift itself, but I seek for the profit which increases to your account."

God the Holy Spirit does not want us to miss out. Those who pray and give share equally with those who go, both in the sacrificial labor of their ministries and in the eternal rewards that await them in heaven for their ministries. A missionary may only

serve in one location at a time. A prayer warrior and a generous giver can serve each month all over the world. Here is a report on your ministry through GCI, throughout the world.

I. Your Faith, Prayers and Gifts at Work Throughout the World

A. Your Faith, Prayers and Gifts: The Word of God

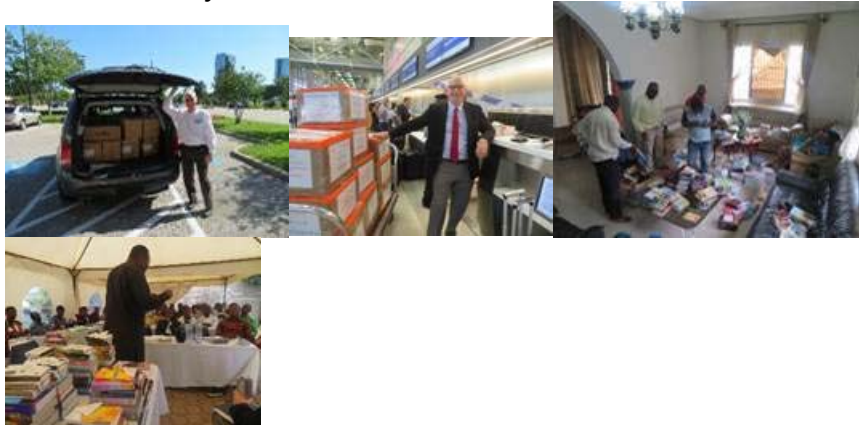


On the left are Bibles which your faith, prayers and support provided for your ministry in Cuba. On the right, a pastor holds the Bible presented to him at the Pastor's Conference. A good illustration of the dual ministries of intercession and liberality. Your gifts supplied the Bibles and Bible study aids. Your prayers got them into Cuba.



On the left, a South African pastor holds his gift Bible--the first leather study Bible he has ever owned. On the right, a Nigerian pastor receives his leather study Bible from our host Emeka. Again your faith, prayers and gifts at work.

B. Your Faith, Prayers and Gifts: Bible Resources and Doctrine Books



Again, the ministry of liberality and intercession. Your liberality provided the funds to buy the Bibles and doctrine books. Your liberality makes it

possible for us to travel to Cameroon. Your prayers and faith get these precious volumes into the country. Your faith and prayers make it possible to host pastor conferences and distribute them in the midst of civil war and strife.

C. Your Faith, Prayers and Gifts: Church Supplies



Your ministry to the church in Tyumen: A piano for worship, the materials for the Lord's Supper, Christian education and study Bibles. (Not shown - chairs for the congregation to sit in, replacing backless benches)

D. Your Faith, Prayers and Gifts: Scholarships and Meals



Scholarships for pastors' Marriage and Family Conference in Nigeria.



Scholarships and meals for women's conferences and Bible studies in Tyumen Siberia (They are sitting on the chairs you provided and the tables you provided. Before this, it was balancing notes and Bibles while sitting on backless benches.) Your gifts also provided taxi fare which meant these women did not have to walk to the bus stop in the dark and wait for a bus in - 20 weather in blowing snow, followed by a walk to the church.



You provided meals and housing for pastors from all over Cuba.



Cameroon was in the middle of a civil war. Pastors came to town with nothing but what their families could carry with them as they fled the war zone. Your gifts provided a refreshing conference, meals and a place to stay.

E. Your Faith, Prayers and Gifts: Outreach Events



Whether Nigeria, Russia, Cuba or South Africa – your gifts provided a conference location, materials and meals. Those who would never be able to afford such events as these were able to do so for the first time because of you.

II. Preparing for Father's Day

A. Attachment One: Fathers in the Holy Scripture

B. Daily Meditations for Fathers Leading Up to Father's Day

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=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 honor 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 favors: 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.)