

Prayer Dispatch - Gods plan A



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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. We are experiencing many opportunities to share the gospel while in the US. Please take a moment to pray over these passages. Ask God to empower the Word of God as we witness. Oppose those which create a hinderance to the Gospel and ask God to bless us with good soil.

Mark 4:14-20

 - 14 *"The sower sows the word.*
 - 15 *"These are the ones who are beside the road where the word is sown; and when they hear, immediately Satan comes and takes away the word which has been sown in them.*
 - 16 *"In a similar way these are the ones on whom seed was sown on the rocky places, who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with joy; 17 and they have no firm root in themselves,*

but are only temporary; then, when affliction or persecution arises because of the word, immediately they fall away.

- 18 *"And others are the ones on whom seed was sown among the thorns; these are the ones who have heard the word, 19 but the worries of the world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things enter in and choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.*
- 20 *"And those are the ones on whom seed was sown on the good soil; and they hear the word and accept it and bear fruit, thirty, sixty, and a hundredfold."*

B. That God would bless the ministry materially, that we might in turn bless those to whom we minister – that our resurrected Savior might be proclaimed throughout the world and the church built up to His glory. It is all about JESUS!!!

Psalms 67:1, 2, 6, 7

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

C. That God would honor the sacrifices made by those who support our ministry and in turn bless them as well.

- Luke 6:38 "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."*
- Philippians 4:17 Not that I seek the gift itself, but I seek for the profit which increases to your account.*



Dear Prayer Warriors,
Your faith, prayers and gifts are making a difference...

My Plan A - Nigeria



Pictured above we are ministering with brother Emeka in Nigeria. This was "my plan A" and this dispatch was to be coming from Lagos right about now. God however had other plans and we know those are not only good plans, but the best plans. God the Holy Spirit assures us of this in *Jeremiah 29:11* "*For I know the plans that I have for you,' declares the LORD, 'plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope.'*" We praise God that HE is at all times directing our paths and that we may trust in His good and wise decisions for us. Again, God the Holy Spirit through the eternal, inerrant written Word of God assures us in *Proverbs 3:5-6*

*5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart
And do not lean on your own understanding.*

*6 In all your ways acknowledge Him,
And He will make your paths straight.*

We praise God that He always has a straight plan for us, a plan A and by your faith, prayer and support we will be found faithful and about the work of our Lord in this plan. We trust the promise of God in *Ephesians 2:10* "*For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.*"

Gods plan A = walking in the good works God has prepared beforehand for us as we follow the straight paths in which He directs us.

God's Plan A = Witnessing to surgical team

This past week I had my second surgery, this time on my left wrist and elbow. (our good friends Wendell and Judy Schaffer "Aren't you glad God created you with just two arms).

Before surgery I got to share the Gospel (the Bridge Illustration) with the entire surgical team. My dad, who boxed in college and in the army used to say, "you want to go down swinging" and I wanted to go down swinging the Sword of the Spirit. I shared with them that if, during surgery, God called me home, would one of them please share at my funeral that my last words were of the Gospel of Salvation, Jesus and the holy Word of God. Well, God did sustain me, but it would have made a great testimony.

God's plan A = Witnessing and sharing Bibles and evangelistic books



They all were happy to receive evangelistic books and New Testaments or Gospel of John booklets. A sampling of these are pictured above.

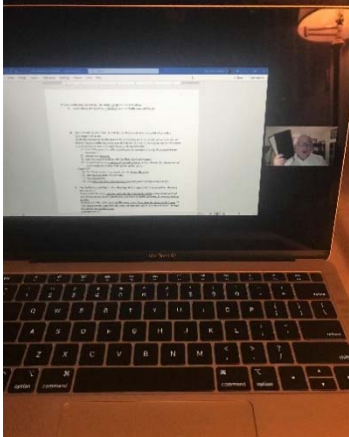
(Included as attachments to this dispatch in addition to the Four Spiritual Laws Tract are some of the inserts placed in each as well as an advanced version of the Bridge Illustration I use for witnessing. This particular version has been expanded to cover all the doctrines of salvation.)

God's plan A = Teaching on Proverbs at church via zoom



Wherever I go in the world and this includes our home base here in Texas, we will be found worshipping, fellowshiping and serving in a local church.

God's Plan A - Teaching a study on the Work and Ministry of the Holy Spirit, again through zoom with participants from three countries in which we minister.



This picture was sent to me by Dr. Mike Shaub who has been attending the study. It is of his computer with the study and me praying before we begin.

I thought I would close this Dispatch with links to Messages I gave last year at Ikola Baptist Church. May God use them to bless your marriage this summer and throughout your married life...

This is a link to a message on our website on Disciplining and Training Teenagers. It is from the Parenting Seminar we gave last year in Ikola Nigeria to a Baptist Conference.

<https://www.sermonaudio.com/sermoninfo.asp?SID=919191152176>

Next is the link to the full conference.

<https://www.sermonaudio.com/search.asp?currSection=sermonstopic&keyword=2019+Ikola+Family+Conf&keyworddesc=2019+Ikola+Family+Conf&seriesOnly=true&sourceid=gci>

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
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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:

Jesus I Come

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night, Jesus I come, Jesus I come;
Into Thy freedom, gladness, and light, Jesus, I come to Thee;
Out of my sickness into Thy health, Out of my want and into Thy wealth,

Out of my sin and into Thyself, Jesus I come to Thee.

*Out of my shameful failure and loss, Jesus, I come, Jesus I come;
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross, Jesus, I come to Thee:
Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm, Out of life's storms and into Thy calm,
Out of distress to jubilant Psalm, Jesus I come to Thee.*

Out of unrest and arrogant pride, Jesus I come, Jesus I come;
Into Thy blessed will to abide, Jesus, I come to Thee;
Out of myself to dwell in Thy love, Out of despair into raptures above,
Upward for aye on wings like a dove, Jesus, I come to Thee.

*Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come
Into the joy and the light of Thy home, Jesus I come to Thee.
Out of the depths of ruin untold, Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,
Ever Thy glorious face to behold, Jesus I come to Thee.*

(William T. Sleeper, *Born*: February 9, 1819, Danbury, New Hampshire; *Died*: September 24, 1904, Well-
esley, Massachusetts. Sleeper attended Phillips-Exeter Academy, the University of Vermont, and the An-
dover Theological Seminary. After ordination, he conducted home ministry work in Massachusetts and
Maine. Having come to Northern Maine as a missionary of the Maine Missionary Society he became the
first pastor of the church he had been instrumental in founding. In passing it should be noted that the
Sherman Church was by no means the only one founded by Mr. Sleeper. For example, the Island Falls
Church had been founded by him in 1859. William T. Sleeper was well equipped for the rugged life
of a missionary in the northern parts of Maine. Early in life he had to work hard for the things he
valued. Throughout his years at Phillips Exeter Academy, the University of Vermont, and
Andover Theological Seminary he worked for his board. Looking back on the years spent at the
Academy he himself wrote: "I never wasted a moment. When I was not at work, I always took
my singing-book or some other book which I was studying and was thus learning
something." He had started his education with three and a half dollars in his pocket. When he
graduated nine years later with both B.A. and B.D. degrees he emerged "with no debts, gay
spirits, good health, a thorough education, and a head, heart, and hands fit to serve his God and
his fellows," as one of his biographers has written. He later became pastor of the Summer Street
Congregational Church in Worcester, Massachusetts, where he served over 30 years.)

By His Mercy

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