

Prayer Dispatch / Cameroon: God is Blessing in Answer to Your Prayers



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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. Ask God to conserve the fruit of the ministry of our time in

Cameroon. Please claim - John 15:16 *“ You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and that your fruit would remain, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you.”*

- B. Pray that the teaching and preaching of the Word of God will fall on “good soil.”

Mark 4:14 *“The sower sows the word.”*

Mark 4:20 *“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.”*

- C. Please intercede on behalf of the churches and ministries to whom we ministered during our time in Cameroon. Oppose the devil, the world and the flesh--which will seek to squelch the sown Word and make it unfruitful.

Mark 4:15-19

The devil - 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.*

The world - 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.*

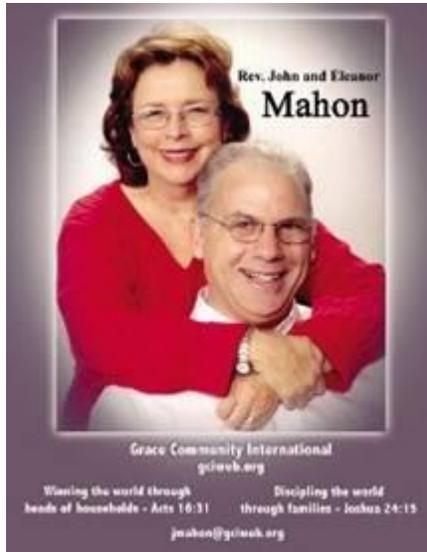
The flesh - 18 *“And others are the ones on whom seed was sown among the thorns; these are the ones who have heard the word, 19 but the worries*

of the world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things enter in and choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.

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

Philippians 4:19-20

19 And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus. 20 Now to our God and Father be the glory forever and ever. Amen.



Dear Prayer Warriors,

This dispatch gives you an idea of the breadth of the ministry of GCI in Cameroon. In order of appearance –

1. Training young professionals – Each morning this group of young professionals and pastors met with me from 7 to 8:30. It took some as much as two hours to make their way to Taniform Peters' home, where I was holding the study. They faithfully came every morning, from the first morning I was in Cameroon to the morning of our departure.



- The Navigator Business and Professional Ministry held a leadership conference where Richard Smith and I ministered to the men and Eleanor to the ladies. I was deeply impressed by their devotion and zeal towards the Lord and the Word of God.



- Campus Crusade for Christ (Marriage Seminar) – This year Campus Crusade again held its annual all- Cameroon staff conference and we were honored to be asked to speak for the third year in a row. This was the 25th anniversary celebration of CCC's ministry in Cameroon and, as part of that celebration, we presented the Marriage Covenant Seminar to the staff.



4. Baptizing those who are born again in Christ – It is a joy to baptize those who have come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. Wherever we go, however, we find believers in both the church and para-church ministries who have never been baptized. Why baptism is no longer taught aggressively in the church is a mystery to me. You would think that it would be an essential aspect of any new members' class but this is not the case and it is our privilege to both teach and act upon this key doctrine of discipleship.



5. Faith Baptist Church and Hope Baptist Church, (Family Discipleship and Marriage Seminars) --The Family Discipleship Seminar and Marriage Covenant Seminar both continue to be used by God as tools for building up the church and for outreach to new couples. In addition, GCI team member Rich Smith and I filled the pulpits of area churches on Sunday mornings and during mid-week services.



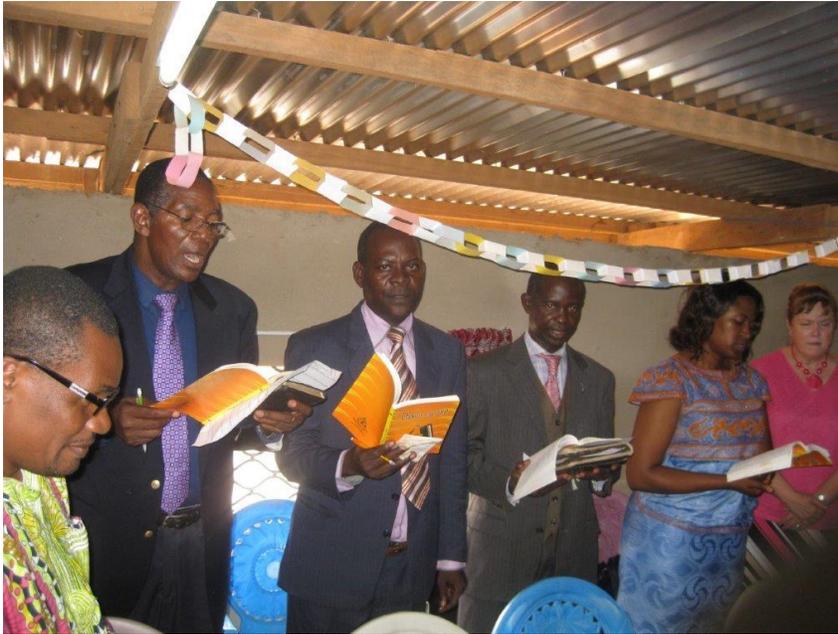
6. Salem Baptist Church & 7. Maranatha Baptist Church both hosted discipleship training for their leadership, as well as inviting GCI team members to preach on Sunday morning.



8. Christian Physicians Association of Cameroon also leaves us with a standing invitation to speak at their monthly gathering of Christian physicians, med students and teaching physicians at the University. It was a joy to speak on The Four Trials by Fire that each Christian must endure if he is to say that he will finish strong in the Lord.



9. Presbyterian Church of Cameroon – this year Richard Smith filled the pulpit. What a blessing he has been to all the churches and organizations to which we have ministered while in Cameroon.



As you pray for this ever-broadening ministry, please claim - **Philippians 4:19-20** “*And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus. 20 Now to our God and Father be the glory forever and ever. Amen.*” By your prayers, faith and generosity we will continue to minister in Africa, Russia and beyond.

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=UllcxHHq_oU

Be still, my soul: The Lord is on thy side.

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
Leave to thy God to order and provide;
In every change, He faithful will remain.

Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heavenly Friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

*Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake
To guide the future, as He has the past.
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
His voice Who ruled them while He dwelt below.*

Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart,
And all is darkened in the vale of tears,
Then shalt thou better know His love, His heart,
Who comes to soothe thy sorrow and thy fears.
Be still, my soul: thy Jesus can repay
From His own fullness all He takes away.

*Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
When we shall be forever with the Lord.
When disappointment, grief and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past
All safe and blessèd we shall meet at last.*

Be still, my soul: begin the song of praise
On earth, believing, to Thy Lord on high;
Acknowledge Him in all thy words and ways,
So shall He view thee with a well pleased eye.
Be still, my soul: the Sun of life divine
Through passing clouds shall but more brightly shine.

Katharina Amalia Dorothea von Schlegel 1697-1768

Katharina is thought to have been attached to the ducal court in Köthen. She wrote at least 20 hymns, contributing a number to the 1774 *Cöthnische Lieder*. This hymn was reportedly the favorite of Eric Liddell, the athlete who became famous in the 1924 Olympics for refusing to run on the Sabbath (see the movie *Chariots of Fire*). Liddell later became a missionary in China, and was imprisoned during World War II. He is said to have taught this hymn to others in the prison camp (where he eventually was martyred.)