

Prayer Dispatch Eleanor's Ministry 08.31.17 / 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 for wisdom as she seeks to teach the wives of pastors and ministers the Biblical standards for a wife. Please claim - James 1:5 'But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him''

B. Pray for guidance as Eleanor seeks to balance her role as missionary wife, office administrator, mother and grandmother. Please claim -

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.'

C. Please intercede for Eleanor that God would continue to bless her with strength and health as she ministers in very trying situations

Isaiah 41:10

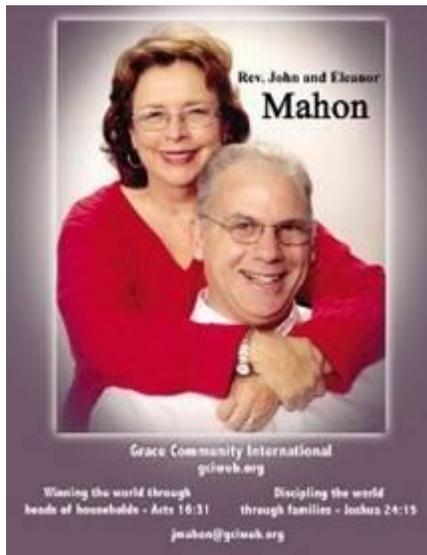
'Do not fear, for I am with you;

*Do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you, surely I will help you,
Surely I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.'*

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

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."



Dear Prayer Warriors,

Proverbs 31:10-12

An excellent wife, who can find?

For her worth is far above jewels.

11 The heart of her husband trusts in her,

And he will have no lack of gain.

12 She does him good and not evil

All the days of her life.

I can think of few passages of Scripture which more accurately describe Eleanor than this. (The other two that I would include as depicting her godly character are Esther and Ruth).

In this slide show you will get just a glimpse of the depth and breadth of her ministry. From...

1. Packing for life in Africa

It usually takes about four days to pack for a mission trip. Being gone for a month or more has its own challenges. In addition, are the varied climate and ministry situations we find ourselves. First there is the shopping. Then there are medications and day-to-day needs (there are not Wal-Marts, CVS Pharmacies or shopping malls). In addition, there are supplies for those to whom we minister. Last but not least, are the weight and size limits of international baggage. For Eleanor, it is like a giant puzzle – some things are small but weigh a lot, other things are large but are relatively light. The trick is to get all this into suitcases weighing 48 lbs. each. (My job in all this is to keep an eye on El because I will go in and find that she is taking out her clothing and makeup so as to get a few more articles of clothing, medications or needed items for those to whom we minister.)



2. Running the “mobile” GCI Office

Wherever we go, in airports, in lobbies, in guest rooms, one of the first things El does is set up the GCI Office. I praise God for such a gifted and hardworking wife. Without her gifts and sacrificial spirit these mission trips would not be possible.



3. Travelling the world with her husband

In a period of life when most women are settling back to enjoy the fruits of a life dedicated to Jesus, to the church and to the family, Eleanor finds herself thousands of miles from home ministering to others. I praise God for a wife whose love of the gospel, the church, the Lord and her husband keeps her by my side as we minister together in the harvest fields of the world.

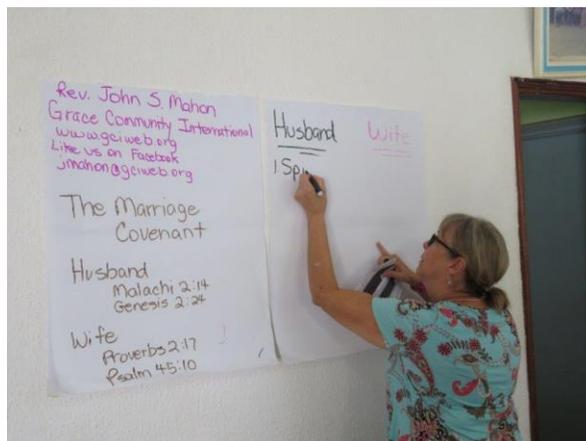


4. Teaching the wives of pastors and ministers

God has used Eleanor's ministry to save marriages and families throughout the world. It is a reoccurring question, "You are bringing Eleanor with you, aren't you?!?!?" I praise God for a wife who teaches clearly and from personal application the scriptural principles of marriage to the wives of pastors, ministers and lay leaders in the church.



5. raining young wives to be godly wives and mothers (and writing legible charts for me)
As a general rule Eleanor and I will team teach the marriage and family seminars. I will teach the large group and then we will break up into two groups – Eleanor taking the ladies, while I take the men. This has proved a great blessing and a model to the wives who attend the seminar. Not only this, but since Eleanor is there to do the charts, the writing is actually legible (unlike my hand writing).



6. Teaching college women and young professional women on the basics of discipleship
Eleanor has been practicing the principles of personal discipleship since she was first trained in the ministry by Nav wife Kay Casebolt at the University of Texas. She has walked with God, applying daily the personal disciplines of discipleship as a single college woman, as a single career woman, as a wife and mother, as the wife of a pastor and, now, with an empty nest, as the wife of a missionary. It would be hard to find a life situation in which Eleanor has not found herself and in which she cannot give wisdom and guidance as to how to walk with God in that situation. It is no wonder that God is using her throughout the world in this area.



7. Teaching on the “Tree” from Psalm One to wives and mothers.
Eleanor has developed a talk on The Tree from Psalm 1:1-3. Its basic principles are
 - a. Choose to delight in the Word of God (Attitude) – v.2
 - b. Consistently meditate on the Word of God (Action)
 - c. Purposefully plant yourself deeply to withstand difficulty (Result 1) – v.3
 - d. Expect fruit according to God’s timing (Result 2)



8. Answering questions on marriage and family during informal times

El is a very hard worker, and nowhere does this manifest itself more than on the mission field. When she is not ministering to a group of ladies, she is answering questions during breaks, when not answering questions during breaks she is having meals with them. Women seek her out at conferences, where we are staying, at meal time, in the morning and evening to gain guidance and wisdom from the Holy Scriptures on how to be a godly wife and mother.



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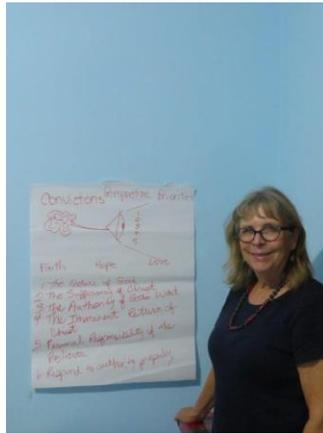
Eleanor's commitment to the holy, eternal, inerrant written Word of God is unwavering. In an age when liberal church and para-church women travel the globe and fill the airwaves with teachings that seek to free women from the constraints of the Holy Scripture, Eleanor clearly and with authority teaches that true freedom comes from submitting ourselves to the Lordship of Christ, in total subjection to His holy written Word. Her favorite passage conceding the authority of the Word of God is **Hebrews 4:12** – ***“For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and spirit, of joints and marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. (RSV)***



10. Convictions, Perspective and Priorities – one of her favorite messages (as is also our daughter Megan’s)

God has used Eleanor to impact the lives of women all over the world with this message. You can access this message and others by Eleanor by following this link...

<http://www.sermonaudio.com/search.asp?sourceOnly=true&currSection=sermonsource&keyword=gci&subsetcat=speaker&subsetitem=Eleanor+Mahon>



By His mercy,

II Corinthians 4:1

Rev. John S. Mahon

Grace Community Int. – Back from Africa, preparing for Russia...

Please allow me to close this dispatch with a hymn from my prayer notebook – Eleanor has often shared with me that it is one of her favorite hymns

(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=kuLLMCiZK6Y>

Day By Day

(Eleanor’s favorite hymn)

Day by day, and with each passing moment,
Strength I find, to meet my trials here;
Trusting in my Father’s wise bestowment,
I’ve no cause for worry or for fear.
He Whose heart is kind beyond all measure
Gives unto each day what He deems best—
Lovingly, it’s part of pain and pleasure,
Mingling toil with peace and rest.

*Every day, the Lord Himself is near me
With a special mercy for each hour;
All my cares He fain would bear, and cheer me,
He Whose Name is Counselor and Power;
The protection of His child and treasure
Is a charge that on Himself He laid;
“As thy days, thy strength shall be in measure,”
This the pledge to me He made.*

Help me then in every tribulation
So to trust Thy promises, O Lord,
That I lose not faith’s sweet consolation
Offered me within Thy holy Word.
Help me, Lord, when toil and trouble meeting,
E’er to take, as from a father’s hand,
One by one, the days, the moments fleeting,
Till I reach the promised land.

Karolina Wilhelmina Sandell-Berg; *Born:* October 3, 1832, in the rectory at Fröderyd, Småland, Sweden; *Died:* July 27, 1903, Stockholm, Sweden.; *Buried:* Solna Cemetery, near Stockholm. Lina was the daughter of Jonas Sandell, pastor of the Lutheran church in Fröderyd. At age 26, she accompanied her father on a boat trip across Lake Vättern to Göteborg, during which he fell overboard and drowned before her eyes. The tragedy profoundly affected Lina and reportedly inspired her to write hymns. Known as the [Fanny Crosby](#) of Sweden, she wrote 650 hymns. She married Stockholm merchant C. O. Berg in 1867, but continued to initial her hymns “L. S.” What is missing from the modern praise movement of the 21st century are songs of praise to God which spring from tragedy. The ability to worship God, “trusting in my Father’s wise bestowment” in the midst of tragedy, even if that tragedy is to watch your earthly father drown before your helpless eyes, is a message much needed and a worship much called for in the church today.