

Prayer Dispatch 08.06.14/ Your Prayers Are Making A Difference In Cameroon!!



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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. I meet five hours a day for lectures on Knowing, Applying and Teaching The Word of God for young pastors, pastors in training, staff in training and ministry leaders. Ask God to bless this ministry and to raise up a new generation of Bible teachers in Cameroon. Please claim 2 Timothy 2:1-2

"You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also."

- B. This week I begin evening classes at the Baptist church on the Marriage Covenant Seminar. Ask God that His holy Word would fall on fruitful ground and that men and women would receive and obey the Word. Please pray over

James 1:22-25

22 But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves.

23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at his natural face in a mirror;

24 for once he has looked at himself and gone away, he has immediately forgotten what kind of person he was.

25 But one who looks intently at the perfect law, the law of liberty, and abides by it, not having become a forgetful hearer but an effectual doer, this man will be blessed in what he does.

- C. The ministry team arrives tomorrow. Richard and Kathy Smith of Oklahoma and Dan McCollum of Texas. Ask God for safety of travel, stamina and His blessing upon their ministry. They have all prepared messages for one on one training, small group and public proclamation. They will be teaching, witnessing, and training laymen and women. Call upon the Lord to bless their ministry of the Word by claiming

Isaiah 55:4-7 & 11

4 "Behold, I have made him a witness to the peoples, A leader and commander for the peoples.

5 "Behold, you will call a nation you do not know, And a nation which knows you not will run to you, Because of the LORD your God, even the Holy One of Israel; For He has glorified you."

6 Seek the LORD while He may be found; Call upon Him while He is near.

7 Let the wicked forsake his way And the unrighteous man his thoughts; And let him return to the LORD, And He will have compassion on him, And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon.

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.

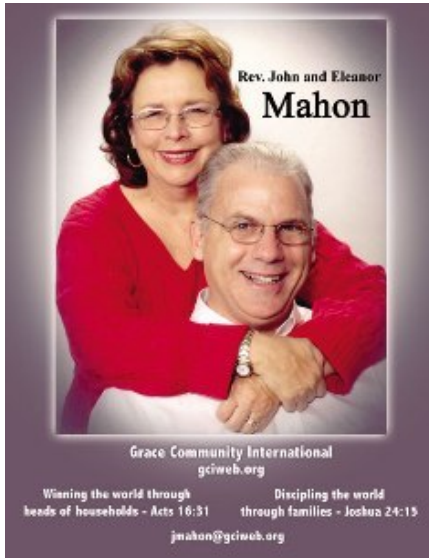
- D. That God would bless the ministry materially, that we might in turn bless those to whom we minister. Your gifts have supplied thousands of dollars of Bibles, Bible study aids and Bible reference works to pastors, missionaries, staff and lay ministers in Cameroon. In most cases the gifts of your Bibles and reference works have exceeded their monthly salaries. Next week is the National Pastors and Leaders Conference where I and the team will be ministering. Through the miracle of modern banking gifts given these next two weeks can go directly to sponsoring and scholarships for a needy young pastor or village minister who otherwise could not attend. Please consider being a part of this great ministry. Please ask for the Lord's blessing claiming

2 Corinthians 9:10-12

10 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;

11 you will be enriched in everything for all liberality, which through us is producing thanksgiving to God.

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.



Dear Prayer Warriors,



A fond reunion in Cameroon. All boxes of Bibles and Bible study aids arrived with us. There was no loss nor pilferage in customs and transport. We arrived safely at the home of our host Taniform and Noella Peters and were touched that many in the ministry were there waiting to greet us.



A time of thanksgiving for our safe arrival and dedication of our service here in Cameroon.



I have known Peters since he was a college student. I have had the privilege of ministering to and with him for over 15 years. I am humbled by his zeal for the Lord,

the firm Biblical foundation of his marriage and family, the testimony he has at work and his heart for the gospel. It is a true privilege to minister with such a godly man.



We arrived Thursday night and hit the ground running. After a good night's sleep I met with the team Friday afternoon to go over the schedule. As usual Peters has put together an outstanding program for our month in Cameroon. Conferences, church services, small group studies, staff training and more. I often tell our hosts "I work on the sucked orange principle. When I leave a ministry I want to look like a sucked orange!" I have never bought into the "missionary tourist" philosophy. My Savior works and I must work while it is still light, for indeed a night is coming when no man can work.



First night I had the privilege of speaking to this group of Baptist couples who have been studying our Marriage Covenant Seminar for the past year. I was greatly humbled by their zeal. Brother Wilson has been teaching this study and it was a great to be ministering with him once again.



The objective - the future leaders of Cameroon getting into the Word of God.



On Saturday I began a one week seminar for young ministry leaders on Knowing, Applying and Teaching the Word of God.



On Sunday I spoke at church on spending your mornings with God from *Mark 1:35* *"In the early morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house, and went away to a secluded place, and was praying there."* And *Psalms 5:3* *"In the morning, O LORD, You will hear my voice; In the morning I will order my prayer to You and eagerly watch."* I was privileged to do Sunday morning, afternoon and evening services. GCI's commitment to the ministry of the local church, to the building up of the church, to the training of future leaders of the church is uncompromising.



Sunday night and heading home. What a joy and privilege to be ministering the Gospel, teaching the Word and laboring in the harvest of this great country. These are indeed exciting times!

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:

So Send I You

So send I you to labor unrewarded, To serve unpaid, unloved, unsought unknown,
To bear rebuke, to suffer scorn and scoffing,
- So send I you, to toil for me alone.

*So send I you to bind the bruised and broken, Oer wandering souls to work, to week, to wake,
To bear the burdens of a world a weary
- So send I you to suffer for My sake.*

So send I you to loneliness and longing, With heart a hungering for the loved and
known, Forsaking home and kindred, friend and dear one
- So send I you to know My love alone.

*So send I you to leave your life's ambition, to die to dear desire, self will resign,
To labor long, and love where men revile you
- So send I you to lose your life in Mine.*

So Send I you to hearts made hard by hatred, To eyes made blind because they will not
see, To spend, tho it be blood, to spend and spare not
- So send I you to taste of Calvary,

(Margaret Clarkson 1915 - ???; Margaret Clarkson experienced great pain and loneliness in life. First in an unhappy home and suffering from infantile arthritis and later as a teacher in a far off logging camp in Canada. Unable to fulfill her dream of mission work due to her disability she gave herself to the service of the Lord in every way she could imagine. Of this hymn she is often given as an example of one who strove to conform her songs to Scripture and rewrote the words later in life, giving more glory to God and more hope in Christ.)