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In this Prayer Dispatch...

- I. Pictorial Report - the second week in Bamenda
- II. Prayer Requests: As you minister with us throughout the world through your intercessions please allow the accompanying passages from the Word of God to guide your prayers
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. Our ministry in Bamenda was centered upon the holy, eternal, inerrant written Word of God. As you pray, ask the Lord of the harvest to either bless or protect the labor and fruit of this ministry as you pray over the Parable of the Sower.

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 & 17 *"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; 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.

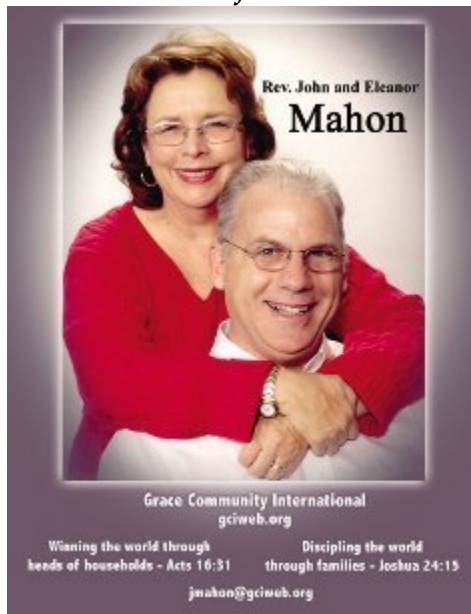
- ❑ 18 & 19 *"And others are the ones on whom seed was sown among the thorns; these are the ones who have heard the word, but the worries of the world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things enter in and choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.*
- ❑ 20 *"And those are the 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. Join with us in trusting the fruit of this ministry to the Lord, even as did Paul and the first missionaries to Go forth in the harvest fields of the World.

- ❑ *Acts 20:32 "And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified."*

C. That God would continue to raise up those who desire to minister with us through their finances, that we might in turn bless those to whom we minister.

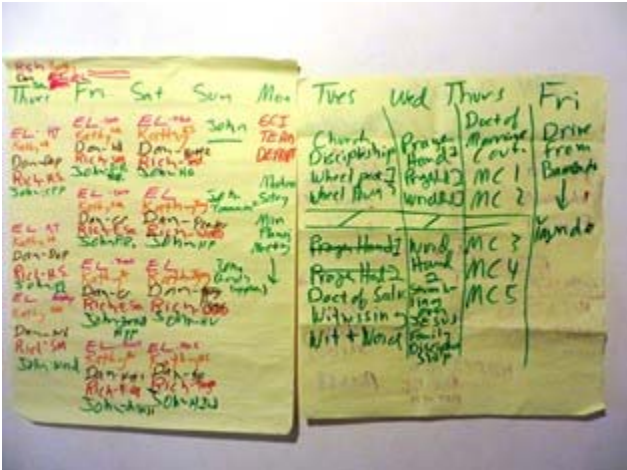
- ❑ *3 John 8 "Therefore we ought to support such men, so that we may be fellow workers with the truth."*



Dear Prayer Warriors,

God greatly blessed your prayers during the second week of our ministry in Bamenda, Cameroon. Your faith, your gifts and your prayers were all put to work and all bore fruit. Please continue to pray for Hope Baptist Church, the other Baptist and Reformed churches who participated in the conference and for the Navigator ministry which works so hard to equip leadership in these various churches. I am attaching two

handouts that were well received in the Bamenda conferences and I trust they will be a blessing to you as well.



As you can see, the team worked very hard the first week, but on their departure the pace did not let up. We are called as laborers in the harvest fields of the world and we strive to be always hard at work in these fields.



Hope Baptist Church hosted the Pastor's and Ministers Conference which was attended by leaders from a number of Baptist and Reformed Churches.



One of the things I wanted you to notice in these photos is the earnestness and zeal of these ministers. They sat for six hours a day, in a dimly lit, dirt floor auditorium, on backless chairs, in a windowless building with no central ventilation system. I was greatly humbled by their desire to learn.



One of the frustrations of my early Christian experience was to be exhorted to do things without being told how to do them and without being given the resources to do them. I strive never to do this to those to whom I minister. Not only do we seek to exhort in the Word of God, we also seek to give practical "How To" materials and resources for application.

I close this e-mail, 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
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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: <http://nethymnal.org/htm/w/e/r/wereston.htm>
We rest on Thee, our Shield and our Defender!

We rest on Thee, our Shield and our Defender!
We go not forth alone against the foe;
Strong in Thy strength, safe in Thy keeping tender,
We rest on Thee, and in Thy Name we go.
Strong in Thy strength, safe in Thy keeping tender,
We rest on Thee, and in Thy Name we go.

*Yes, in Thy Name, O Captain of salvation!
In Thy dear Name, all other names above;
Jesus our Righteousness, our sure Foundation,
Our Prince of glory and our King of love.
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We go in faith, our own great weakness feeling,
And needing more each day Thy grace to know:
Yet from our hearts a song of triumph pealing,
"We rest on Thee, and in Thy Name we go."
Yet from our hearts a song of triumph pealing,
"We rest on Thee, and in Thy Name we go."

*We rest on Thee, our Shield and our Defender!
Thine is the battle, Thine shall be the praise;
When passing through the gates of pearly splendor,
Victors, we rest with Thee, through endless days.
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Edith Gilling Cherry 1872-1897 This hymn has a stirring story associated with it. In January 1956, five missionaries sang it before entering the Ecuadorian jungle to bring the Gospel to the Auca Indians. Their names were Nate Saint, Ed McCully, Jim Elliott, Roger Yoderian, and Peter Fleming. After the men reached the Aucas, the Indians murdered them on the Curaray River. However, the story does not end here. Years later, contact with the Aucas was re-established, and many came to Christ, including the killers, which is how first hand details of the missionaries' deaths came to light. One of the best known of the five martyrs was Jim Elliot. A number of his sayings are still quoted (e.g., "He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep, to gain what he cannot lose"). Elliot's wife Elisabeth went on to considerable fame as an author and radio broadcaster. Her book *Through the Gates of Splendor* describes the encounter with the Aucas; its title comes from a line in this hymn.