

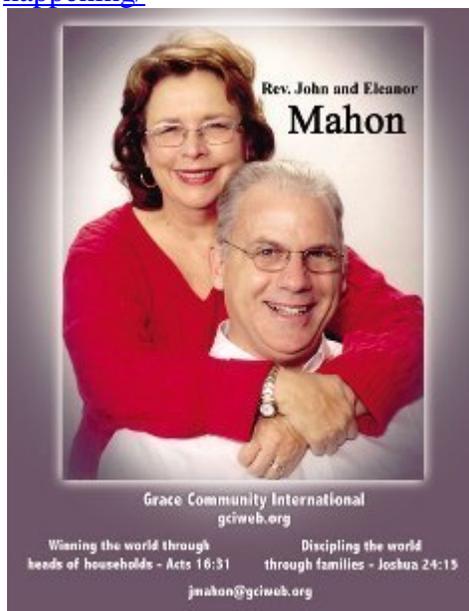
## Prayer Dispatch 08.25.12/ The Smith Family



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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. Ask God to bless the Smith family for their sacrifices in both time and money

*Psalms 5:11-12*

*But let all who take refuge in You be glad, Let them ever sing for joy; And may You shelter them, That those who love Your name may exult in You. For it is You who blesses the righteous man, O LORD, You surround him with favor as with a shield.*

- B. Petition the Lord to protect the Smith family from the attacks of satan**  
*Psalms 121:7-8*  
*The LORD will protect you from all evil; He will keep your soul.*  
*The LORD will guard your going out and your coming in From this time forth and forever.*
- C. Call upon the Lord to raise up more laborers like Richard and Kathy Smith**  
*Matthew 9:37-38*  
*Then He said to His disciples, " The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few.*  
*Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest ."*
- D. Praise God for the fruitful service rendered by the Smith family**  
*Psalms 118:29*  
*Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; For His lovingkindness is everlasting.*
- E. Ask God to continue to bless GCI with resources to impact the world**  
*Psalms 67:6-7*  
*The earth has yielded its produce; God, our God, blesses us.*  
*God blesses us, That all the ends of the earth may fear Him.*

Dear Prayer Warriors,

Please allow me to use this Dispatch to introduce you to the ministry of Richard Smith and family...

### **The Legacy of Richard Smith**



**1** I have known Richard Smith since the early 80's, when he was a student in the ministry at Oklahoma State University. Freshly out of the Air Force, I was immediately impressed by his maturity and humility. Nothing has changed over the years. Richard has remained faithful to the Lord and to his character. As a result, Richard has been on

several mission trips with us. The above photo dates back to 2009 and was taken in Nairobi, Kenya, where we ministered together.



**2a & b** Both Richard and Kathy Smith, along with their two adult children, Amanda and Andrew, ministered with us last year in Cameroon. Richard taught the adult men while Kathy ministered to both women and children. Andrew and Amanda ministered to youth and children, along with their mother. Andrew is a graduate student at Oklahoma State University while Amanda teaches elementary school in Enid, Oklahoma. At last year's conference, both national ministers and staff were impressed at how seriously Andrew and Amanda took this ministry. The country leader testified, "We have been satisfied with babysitting. Amanda and Andrew showed us firsthand that children and youth can be disciplined at conferences."

### **The Macedonian Call and the Smith Family**



**3a & b\_** Although we have received innumerable Macedonian Calls to teach, it was a first for us to have a call issued to a team member. The staff and ministers at last year's conference in Cameroon were unanimous: "Teach our leaders to disciple our children the Smith way" was the call. In the above picture from left to right - Kathy, Richard, Andrew and Amanda plan their schedule. This year they had two commissions - first, to provide the children of ministers with quality discipleship training during the weeklong conference and then, secondly, to train both the parents and the children/youth ministers in how to disciple children.

### **Richard - Training Disciples**

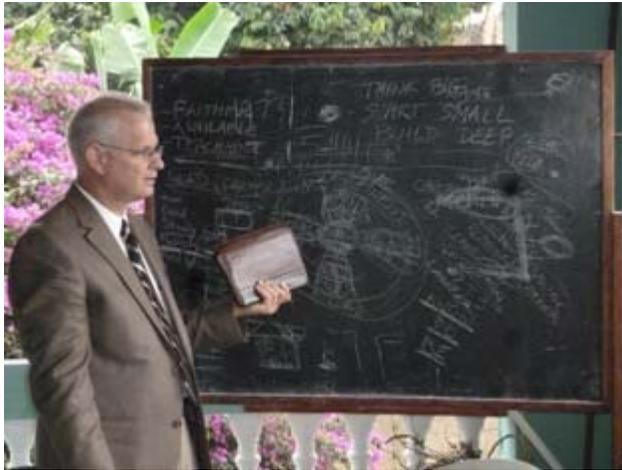
Because of the tremendous response in terms of conference attendance, it was decided that two tracks of training should be offered. The first - Basic Discipleship; the second - advanced leadership and Disciplemaking skills. Because of Richard's availability and flexibility, this was accomplished. The younger men were separated out and met with Richard during the conference.



**4a\_** Above, Richard waits for his class to fill up before starting his lectures and workshops on Discipleship. Richard has been teaching for years in home Bible studies, Sunday School classes and conferences. In fact, if you have a laymen's retreat or conference coming up, I could not think of a better man to recommend to teach on personal evangelism and discipleship. You can contact him concerning your next men's conference or retreat at [richkatsmith@sbcglobal.net](mailto:richkatsmith@sbcglobal.net).



**4b\_It was very stimulating to discuss conference strategy with Richard during the breaks.**



**4c\_Richard can clearly communicate discipleship truths to laymen based on a lifetime of service to the Lord**

**Kathy - Bringing the wives of ministers to maturity**

**Titus 2:4-5 states that older women are to *"encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, to be sensible, pure, workers at home, kind, being subject to their own husbands, so that the word of God will not be dishonored."***

What a privilege to have Kathy Smith ministering side-by-side with her husband. Kathy can teach on these areas, not just from head knowledge, but from a lifetime of faithful service to her husband and his ministry as his helpmate. With Kathy teaching on these subjects from personal, firsthand applications in her own life, truly *"the Word of God will not be dishonored."*



**5a & b Above: Kathy joined Eleanor in training the younger women**

## **Amanda - Using her expertise on the mission field**



**6\_Amanda used her skills as a teacher to discipline and train the children.** You can see from the response of these children that Amanda is gifted in communicating the love of Christ to children. Her impact in Cameroon will be felt in the years to come.



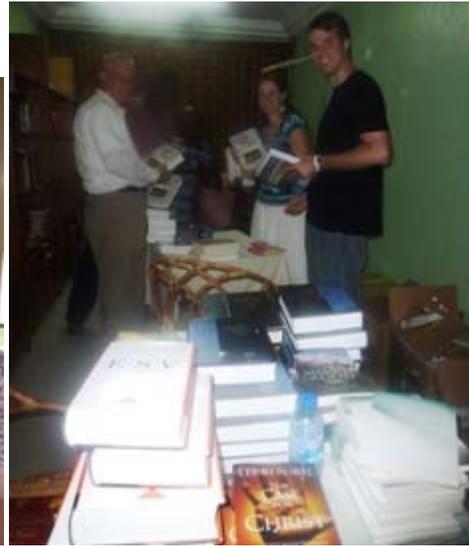
**7\_Amanda gave her testimony in a Biblical manner.** Here Amanda presents her personal testimony at the conference. Having memorized over 12 verses dealing with her salvation, Amanda gives a testimony that is honoring to God and brings glory to Christ, the author and finisher of her faith.

## Andrew - In his father's footsteps



**8\_ & 9\_Andrew, following in his father's footsteps.** What a joy to see the faith of the father in the son! As Andrew quoted Scripture, gave his testimony in a God-honoring fashion, taught the Word and communicated Scriptural truths through the Wheel and Hand illustrations, I could not help but remember his father, at about the same age, doing the same things at student gatherings back in the 80's. Who would have thought at that time that some 30 years later, not only Richard but also his wife and adult children would be teaching the same principles in Cameroon. God the Holy Spirit has put it so well in *1 Corinthians 2:9...* **"THINGS WHICH EYE HAS NOT SEEN AND EAR HAS NOT HEARD, AND WHICH HAVE NOT ENTERED THE HEART OF MAN, ALL THAT GOD HAS PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM."**

**They do not arrive empty handed.**



**10a & b\_** It is embarrassing for me to see short term missionaries arriving on the field with only their suitcase and carryon when there is such need for Bibles and reference works in the third world. How I praise God for the Smith family who not only raised money but sacrificially spent personal money to arrive in Cameroon with Bibles, Bible study aids and Bible reference works in French. These materials will supply national pastors, staff and student workers with valuable aids in the furtherance of the gospel and the Disciplemaking ministry. It has been said that the primary “-ability” which God the Holy Spirit looks for in His servants is “availability”. To think that this family can have an impact throughout the world because of their teachable and available spirit is a lesson to us all.

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  
Rev. John S. Mahon  
Grace Community Int. -

Please allow me to close with 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/c/o/comethou.htm>

**Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace,

Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, Mount of Thy redeeming love.

*Here I raise my Ebenezer that till now I've safely come,  
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;  
He to rescue me from danger Interposed His precious blood.*

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be  
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safety to arrive at home.  
Prone to wander Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

Robert Robinson *Born:* September 27, 1735, Swaffham, Norfolk, England. *Died:* June 8, 1790, Showell Green, Warwickshire, England. Robinson's widowed mother sent him at age 14 to London, to learn the trade of barber and hair dresser. However, his master found he enjoyed reading more than work. Converted to Christ at age 17, Robinson became a Methodist minister. He later moved to the Baptist church and pastored in Cambridge, England. He wrote a number of hymns, as well as on the subject of theology. His later life was evidently not an easy one, he was dismissed from several pastorates and was given to eccentricities and despondency.