



Nigeria Bound

Even now, Rich Smith and I are flying over the Atlantic on the first phase of our trip to Nigeria. Will you please join us in lifting up these verses and prayers to God on our behalf over the next 10 days? And don't forget to follow us on [Facebook](#) for updates on how God is moving through your gifts and prayers just as the Apostle Paul reminds us that "you also [join] 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" (2 Corinthians 1:11)!



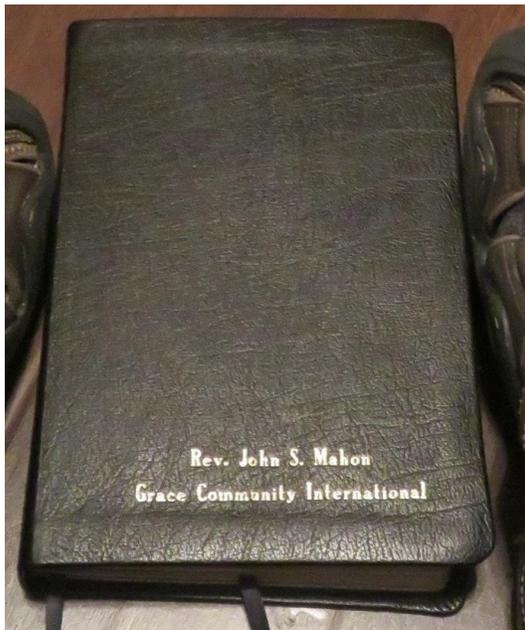
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“You are from God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world.” (1 John 4:4)

For God to move in the hearts of those with authority so that we might deliver our precious cargo without theft, penalty or delay.



“The king's heart is like channels of water in the hand of the LORD; He turns it wherever He wishes.”
(Proverbs 21:1)



For the Lord of the harvest to bless the preaching of His holy, inerrant Word.

"But the seed in the good soil, these are the ones who have heard the word in an honest and good heart, and hold it fast, and bear fruit with perseverance." (Luke 8:15)

That God would bless the ministry materially so that we might bless those to whom we minister.

"God be gracious to us and bless us, and cause His face to shine upon us that Your way may be known on the earth, Your salvation among all nations." (Psalm 67:1-2)



A Closing Hymn

Please allow me to close with the words of the hymn "O For a Heart to Praise My God" by Charles Wesley which has proven especially meaningful to me as I prepare for ministry in Nigeria. (Click [here](#) to hear the music for the hymn.)

O for a heart to praise my God,
A heart from sin set free,
A heart that always feels Thy blood
So freely shed for me.

*A heart resigned, submissive, meek,
My great Redeemer's throne,
Where only Christ is heard to speak,
Where Jesus reigns alone.*

A humble, lowly, contrite, heart,
Believing, true and clean,
Which neither life nor death can part
From Christ who dwells within.

A heart in every thought renewed
And full of love divine,
Perfect and right and pure and good,
A copy, Lord, of Thine.

Thy tender heart is still the same,
And melts at human woe:
Jesus, for thee distressed I am,
I want Thy love to know.

My heart, Thou know'st, can never rest
Till Thou create my peace;
Till of mine Eden repossess,
From self, and sin, I cease.

Thy nature, gracious Lord, impart;
Come quickly from above;
Write Thy new name upon my heart,
Thy new, best name of Love