

Prayer Dispatch 07.22.17 / Your Faith, Prayers and Gifts Making A Difference in the lives of pastors and lay ministers in Nigeria  
(Please excuse the rough nature of this dispatch. I am banging it out after spending a full day preaching to 500 pastors. Want to get it out while I have internet so between the fatigue and the time crunch it may be a little on the rough side.)



For real time prayer reports and ministry insights - Like us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/gciweb](http://www.facebook.com/gciweb)  
We post daily and you will receive up to the minute real time reports.

In this Prayer Dispatch... (each point on the outline corresponds with an attached picture.)

In This Dispatch...

- I. 1\_Departing with our precious cargo
- II. 2\_The Team Loading up to minister
- III. 3\_Rich Smith Gives his testimony
- IV. 4\_Mike Daily Leads his workshop on Leading Your Children To Christ
- V. 5\_Emeka leads his workshop on The Father As The Disciplemaker
- VI. 6\_O Lord, bless now Your holy Word
- VII. 7\_The objective - men in the Word as spiritual leaders of their families
- VIII. Prayer Requests: Please allow the passages below from holy Scripture 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."*

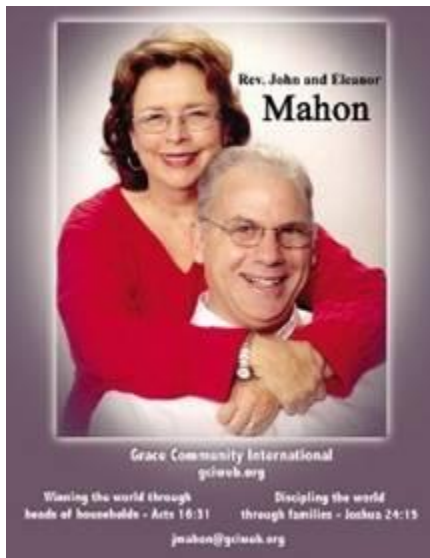
A. Bless the ministry of the Word

- 2 Thessalonians 3:1-3 Finally, brethren, pray for us that the word of the Lord will spread rapidly and be glorified,*
- just as it did also with you;*
- 2 and that we will be rescued from perverse and evil men; for not all have faith.*
- Ephesians 6:19-20 and pray on my behalf, that utterance may be given to me in the opening of my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel,*
- 20 ... that in proclaiming it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.*
- 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."*

B. Continue to bless financially that we might in turn bless others

**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.**
- 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,

**As you can see from this report, your Faith, Prayers and Gifts are making a difference in the lives of pastors and lay ministers in Lagos, Nigeria**

**I. 1\_Departing with our precious cargo**

Praise the Lord!! God was gracious in both supplying the funds and watching over the over 20 boxes of Bibles and Bible study aids which we took to pastors and lay ministers in Nigeria. Not only that but they sailed through customs and security from the US through England and into Nigeria. No duty, no pilferage, no hassle. Your faith and prayers paved the way and we are so grateful to you for this.



## II. 2\_The Team Loading up to minister

Here we are loading up to head to one of the many conferences. This weekend will be the fourth conference in the last two weeks. Today was the first of a two-day pastor's conference and we had over 500 pastors in attendance. 150 of these will receive leather study Bibles. No pastor or staff receives material who does not both attend a conference and exhibit a serious ministry approach. One pastor told me he had been saving for three years to buy a leather study Bible but still did not have enough. He then was moved to tears as he received his Bible. Emeka shared that for many the cost of the leather study Bibles far exceeds their monthly salary. We praise God for your faith, prayers and generosity which is making a difference in the lives of pastors in Nigeria.



## III. 3\_Rich Smith Gives his testimony

Rich Smith has been walking with God since he first received Christ. I first met Rich as a college student in my ministry at Oklahoma State University. He was a great

witness and Disciplemaker and has never missed a beat. He is teaching on such varied themes as Stewardship/Budgeting for the Pastor, Discipling Your Teen, Scripture Memory and more. If you would like a layman to speak to your church, ministry or Bible study on one of these topics contact me and I will put you in touch with Rich.



#### IV. 4\_Mike Daily Leads his workshop on Leading Your Children To Christ

I have known Mike since he was a graduate student in our ministry at Oklahoma State University back in the 80's. Mike Daily is an avid and faithful witness. He led people to Christ on the plane to Nigeria, in Nigeria and on the plane back. If you want someone to speak being a fruitful lay witness I know of no better man than Mike. He also has supplied dozens of Bible studies on the website for teens and has an AWANA ministry with over 100 teens involved. Mike spoke on such varied topics as Eternal Security, How to Lead Your Teen to Christ, The Doctrine of Reconciliation With Christ and How To Make It On The Long Haul.



## V. 5\_Emeka leads his workshop on The Father As The Disciplemaker

What a joy to labor with and be blessed by Emeka, the Navigator Zonal Leader here in Lagos. Emeka is a godly husband, father and minister. The first time I met his teenage son some three years ago he said, "Thank you for teaching my father to spank me". Emeka has spoken on such topics as What Is the Gospel, The Father as A Disciplemaker and The Lordship of Christ. If you are praying about supporting a faithful African minister I would heartily suggest Emeka. Just contact me and I will get you started. Emeka has opened numerous doors for GCI in Nigeria and I strongly recommend him as worthy of your support. Even small donations go a long way because of the strength of the dollar. Just email me and I will send you the link to his account with the Navigators here in the US.



## VI. 6\_O Lord, bless now Your holy Word

This is our sincerer and earnest plea to God. That Jesus would be lifted up, that men and women would submit to the authority of God's holy, eternal, inerrant written Word resulting in restored families, the church being built up and pastors being trained. Your faith, prayers and gifts empower this ministry and drive it ever forward.



## VII. 7\_The objective - men in the Word as spiritual leaders of their families

This last picture says it all – men going deep in the Word as they become spiritual leaders in their families, in their churches and witnesses for Christ in their communities.



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: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5ngePLRMP4>

**Hymn...More Love To Thee**

More love to Thee, O Christ, more love to Thee!  
Hear Thou the prayer I make on bended knee.  
This is my earnest plea: More love, O Christ, to Thee;  
More love to Thee, more love to Thee!

*Once earthly joy I craved, sought peace and rest;  
Now Thee alone I seek, give what is best.  
This all my prayer shall be: More love, O Christ to Thee;  
More love to Thee, more love to Thee!*

Let sorrow do its work, come grief or pain;  
Sweet are Thy messengers, sweet their refrain,  
When they can sing with me: More love, O Christ, to Thee;  
More love to Thee, more love to Thee!

*Then shall my latest breath whisper Thy praise;  
This be the parting cry my heart shall raise;  
This still its prayer shall be: More love, O Christ to Thee;  
More love to Thee, more love to Thee!*

(Elizabeth Payson Prentiss Born: October 26, 1818, Portland, Maine. Died: August 13, 1878, Dorset, Vermont. Prentiss wrote these words during a period of illness, but kept them to herself. When she showed them to her husband 13 years later, he encouraged her to publish them. Howard Doane saw the resulting pamphlet, and wrote music for the words.)