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**In this Prayer Dispatch...**

- I. God Is Richly Answering Your Prayers and Empowering His Word
- II. A Report Of Those Saved and Baptized In Cameroon
- III. Prayer Requests: As you minister with us throughout the world through your intercessions, please allow the accompanying passage 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 continue to embolden His disciples and empower His Word.

*Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.*

- B. As you pray over this passage in Mark chapter four, please join us in opposing satan and, at the same time, empowering the message of the gospel that it might continue to bear fruit.

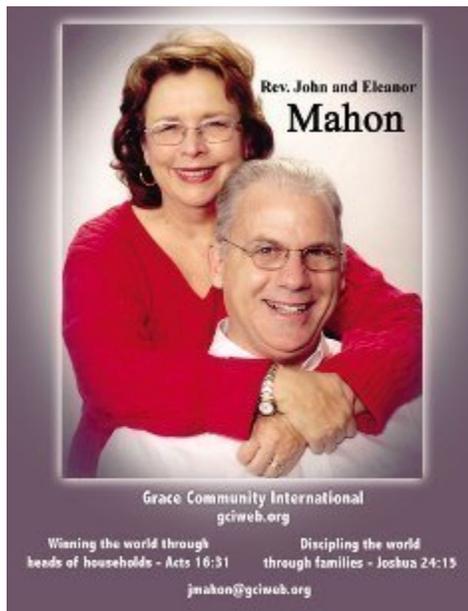
**Mark 4:14-20**

- 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."*

**C. That God would bless the ministry materially, that we might in turn bless those to whom we minister.**

*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,



*Acts 19:18-20 "Many also of those who had believed kept coming, confessing and disclosing their practices. And many of those who practiced magic brought their books together and began burning them in the sight of everyone; and they counted up the price of them and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver. So the word of the Lord was growing mightily and prevailing."*

Before baptism, the candidates must complete a nine-page Bible study and then give public confession that they have burned all talismans, jujus, idols and satanic objects. Before this baptismal service, these were publicly burned. Homes were inspected by Jean Francois. Here I am, demanding a public confession that this has been done.



We awarded fourteen baptismal certificates. These will be publicly displayed in homes and offices for a testimony to all. Many opportunities for witnessing will result. I think this is a great idea. We display all sorts of certificates and awards, why not our baptismal certificate as well?



The river used for baptism is also used by cab drivers to wash their cabs, by those collecting water, by mothers who are washing clothes and children and for many other reasons. We approached the river singing and praising God and then those being baptized gave a short testimony of salvation to all who were listening.



Eric – with whom I have shared Christ many times over the years. This year he prayed to receive Christ when Taniform Peters once again presented the gospel to him and exhorted him to be ready to be baptized with the others. When I was a counselor for the Billy Graham Crusade, they told us that most of those accepting Christ at the Crusade had been asked to receive Christ at least ten times previous to their decision.



Jean François' Mother was a village witch and sorceress. She woke one morning with a paralyzed leg. None of the incantations of her and her fellow witches availed, so they called for the only Christian member of the family. Jean Francois prayed for his mother and the leg was healed. She then wanted to accept Christ, as did the extended family. He said, though, that they should study the Bible. He came back the next day and they did an extensive day-long Bible study with the family. At the conclusion, they all prayed to receive Christ. They then dug up and removed all the occult items around her house and burned the witch hut which she had used. She publically renounced witchcraft and has shared Christ with many who used to come to her for spells and potions. She now gives them a Bible.



Jean François' cousin – Womba. He, too, destroyed cultic objects and possessions and came to Christ. When his uncle and mother saw the power of Christ to deliver him from demonic attack they, too, came to Christ.



Dr. Womba has a PHD in Math. He waited for the spirits to attack Jean François. When, instead, Jean François openly attacked the spirits, burning objects and destroying idols, he came to Christ.

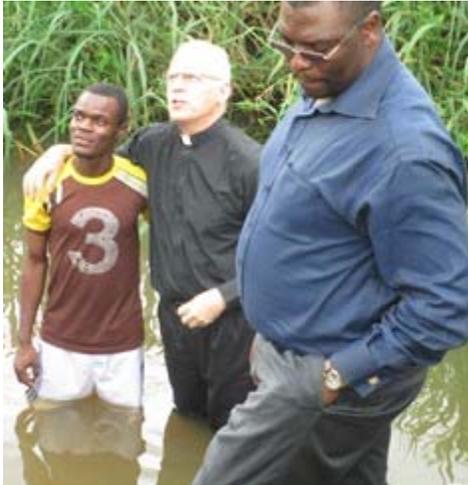


I first met Julius as a single man. Over the years I have seen him grow in Christ, marry a Christian wife and raise a family. He led his son, Lawrence, to Christ and it is a privilege to baptize this fine young Christian teenager.



Sorelle

You will remember Wilson, who sponsored the Marriage Conference in the Baptist Church. Sorelle came to Christ as a result of Wilson's ministry in the University here in Yaoundé.



I baptized Moïse Stephan two years ago. This year his disciple, Tiku Fabrice, whom he led to Christ through an evangelistic Bible study, is baptized.



Tatiana is a francophone professional engineer with an advanced university degree. She is working in Limbe and came to Christ through an evangelistic Bible study.

Notice the constant here – a clear presentation of Christ, followed up with a careful study of the holy, eternal, inerrant, written Word of God. These conversions were not supposed to happen. They all resulted from training in presenting the gospel in a clear, concise manner, using the written Word of God and calling for immediate repentance and acceptance of Christ as Lord and Savior. They are non-Christians, who speak French as their first language, considered “hard to reach.” In my experience, the “hard to reach” people groups are the people groups where Christians have lost confidence in the gospel. The problem is not with the hearers but with the proclaimers. My faith remains unwavering in Christ and the gospel as presented in the holy, eternal, inerrant, written Word of God. Quite frankly, the only people I know who disagree with this approach are the ones not leading people to Christ, baptizing them and then discipling them.

***Romans 1:16 “ For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.”***

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. – 30,000 feet, somewhere over the north Atlantic...

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/o/s/osacredh.htm>**

### **O Sacred Head, Now Wounded**

O sacred Head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down,  
Now scornfully surrounded with thorns, Thine only crown;  
O sacred Head, what glory, what bliss till now was Thine!  
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call Thee mine.

What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered, was all for sinners' gain;  
Mine, mine was the transgression, but Thine the deadly pain.  
Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve Thy place;  
Look on me with Thy favor, vouchsafe to me Thy grace.

My burden in Thy Passion, Lord, Thou hast borne for me,  
For it was my transgression which brought this woe on Thee.  
I cast me down before Thee, wrath were my rightful lot;  
Have mercy, I implore Thee; Redeemer, spurn me not!

What language shall I borrow to thank Thee, dearest friend,  
For this Thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end?  
O make me Thine forever, and should I fainting be,  
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to Thee.

My Shepherd, now receive me; my Guardian, own me Thine.  
Great blessings Thou didst give me, O source of gifts divine.  
Thy lips have often fed me with words of truth and love;  
Thy Spirit oft hath led me to heavenly joys above.

Here I will stand beside Thee, from Thee I will not part;  
O Savior, do not chide me! When breaks Thy loving heart,

When soul and body languish in death's cold, cruel grasp,  
Then, in Thy deepest anguish, Thee in mine arms I'll clasp.

The joy can never be spoken, above all joys beside,  
When in Thy body broken I thus with safety hide.  
O Lord of Life, desiring Thy glory now to see,  
Beside Thy cross expiring, I'd breathe my soul to Thee.

My Savior, be Thou near me when death is at my door;  
Then let Thy presence cheer me, forsake me nevermore!  
When soul and body languish, oh, leave me not alone,  
But take away mine anguish by virtue of Thine own!

Be Thou my consolation, my shield when I must die;  
Remind me of Thy passion when my last hour draws nigh.  
Mine eyes shall then behold Thee, upon Thy cross shall dwell,  
My heart by faith enfolds Thee. Who dieth thus dies well.

Bernard of Clairvaux *Born:* 1091, in his father's castle at Les Fontaines (near Dijon), Burgundy; *Died:* August 21. Bernard's father, Tecelin, was a knight and vassal of the Duke of Burgundy. Bernard was educated at Chatillon, where he was distinguished by his studious and meditative habits. He entered the monastery of Citeaux (the first Cistercian institution) in 1113. Two years later, he was sent, with 12 other monks, to found a daughter monastery in the Valley of Wormwood, about four miles from the Abbey of La Ferté, on the Aube. Bernard was a man of exceptional piety and spiritual vitality. Martin Luther, 400 years later, called him, "the best monk that ever lived, whom I admire beyond all the rest put together." He also wrote "Jesus The Very Thought of Thee"