

Prayer Dispatch 09.09.13 / Matthew 28:19 " Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations..."



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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 use the Family Discipleship Seminar to raise up a new generation of fathers and families committed to the Lordship of Christ and authority of His holy, eternal, inerrant, written Word. Please use these passages from Ephesians as you pray for the families to whom we have been ministering in Russia, Zambia and Cameroon.

Ephesians 6:1-4

1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.

2 HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER (which is the first commandment with a promise),

3 SO THAT IT MAY BE WELL WITH YOU, AND THAT YOU MAY LIVE LONG ON THE EARTH.

4 Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

- B. Call upon the Lord to bless the Marriage Covenant Seminar and to use it to restore marriages in Christ and to build them upon the firm foundation of Christ and obedience to His holy, eternal, inerrant, written Word. Again, pray over these passages from Colossians as you pray for the married couples who have attended our seminars.**

Colossians 3:18-21

18 Wives, be subject to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.

19 Husbands, love your wives and do not be embittered against them.

- C. Petition the Lord to bless the teaching and training ministry of GCI as we seek to equip and develop fruitful leaders in the church.**

Ephesians 4:12-13

12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ;

13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.

Isaiah 55:10-11

10 "For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, And do not return there without watering the earth And making it bear and sprout, And furnishing seed to the sower and bread to the eater;

11 So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth; It will not return to Me empty, Without accomplishing what I desire, And without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it.

- D. Call upon the Lord of the Harvest to use GCI to train and send out laborers in the harvest who will give a clear presentation of the gospel with an earnest appeal for repentance and faith in Christ.**

Matthew 9:37-38

37 Then He said to His disciples, " The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few.

38 "Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest ."

John 4:35-38

35 "Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, and then comes the harvest '? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields, that they are white for harvest .

36 "Already he who reaps is receiving wages and is gathering fruit for life eternal; so that he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together.

37 "For in this case the saying is true, ' One sows and another reaps.'

38 "I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored and you have entered into their labor."

E. Please continue to pray for my coming ministry trip to Nigeria. As you can see from the links below the situation in Nigeria can be very volatile. As you pray please claim...

2 Thessalonians 3:1-2

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.

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

2 Corinthians 9:10-11

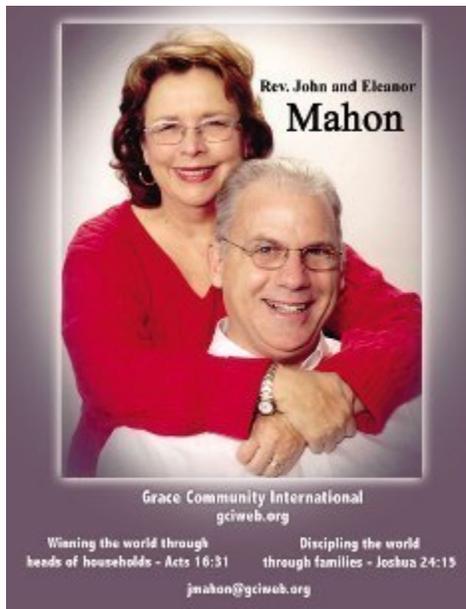
10 Now He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness;

11 you will be enriched in everything for all liberality, which through us is producing thanksgiving to God.

Psalms 67:6-7

6 The earth has yielded its produce; God, our God, blesses us.

7 God blesses us, That all the ends of the earth may fear Him.



Dear Prayer Warriors,

Here is the first of several reports of the fruits of your laborers in Cameroon. Please, do not sell yourselves short. Intercessory prayer is a crucial aspect of the mission endeavor and God the Holy Spirit credits those who faithfully and sacrificially pray as equals with those who go. One goes spiritually, one goes physically but both labor together as

a team. This is stressed to the church by God the Holy Spirit in more than one passage of Scripture. Here are but a few...

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."

Romans 15:30 "Now I urge you, brethren, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to strive together with me in your prayers to God for me,"

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, for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in proclaiming it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak."

It is by your prayers that the Word of God goes forth in power – bearing fruit in the lives of those who hear. It is by your empowering prayers which pave the way for us that we go into all nations – preaching the gospel, baptizing believers, discipling converts, establishing Marriages and Families in the Word, training pastors and ministers, building up the church and sending out laborers into the harvest fields of the countries to which we are called.

Making Disciples - The Family Discipleship Seminar



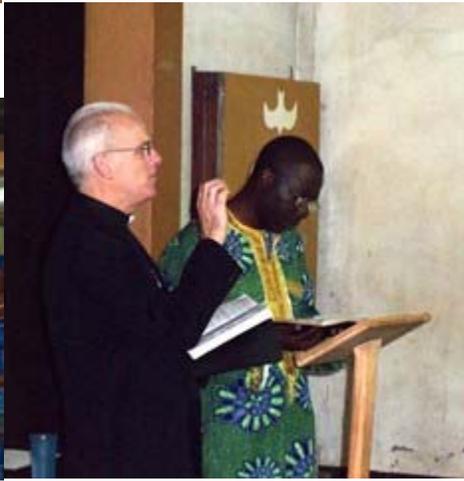
“That’s OK John, we know you do not know how to please men. That’s why we invited you.” The senior minister in response to my mentioning that in my teaching that day I had shared with the bluntly the standards of family from the Word of God. The holy, eternal, inerrant, written Word of God remains the sole authority for us in all our teaching. This includes the Family Discipleship Seminar. Here I open with prayer, “O Lord bless now Your holy Word...” In the adjoining photo El teaches the ladies on “The Spiritual Training of Children In The Home”.

Making Disciples - The Marriage Covenant Seminar



Marriage Covenant Seminar - El and Judy

In the first photo Eleanor teaches on “The Holy Wife” and Judy teaches on “Submission To Your Husband”



Marriage Renewal, Men and Word

The Marriage Renewal Service on Sunday was a highpoint in the conference. In the second photo the men raise their hands in their vows to their wives. As always, the Word of God is the sole authority in our teaching on marriage. One minister told me, "You are the only speaker on marriage my wife trusts. Many come from our organization to speak on marriage but what they really want is for us to sacrifice our marriage for the ministry. You are the only one who teaches us how to have stronger marriages in the ministry."



Marriage Renewal couples

Post conference photos reveal the joy in these couples. They are just a few of the scores who renewed their vows. One couple who came across country to attend the conference said, "We are tired of taking personality tests and hearing about psychology. We came here because we knew we would hear God's Word."

Making Disciples - Equipping Leaders In the Church



Leaders supply

We do not exhort leaders to center their ministry on the Word of God without supplying them with the tools they need. As Paul requested Timothy in 2 Timothy 4:13 *“When you come bring the cloak which I left at Troas with Carpus, and the books, especially the parchments .”* So we too, when we come bring Bible, Bible study aids and Bible reference works – so precious to pastors and ministers.



Leaders trained in Word

God the Holy Spirit's model fulfilled in another generation of laborers and leaders - 2
Timothy 2:2 **"The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also."**





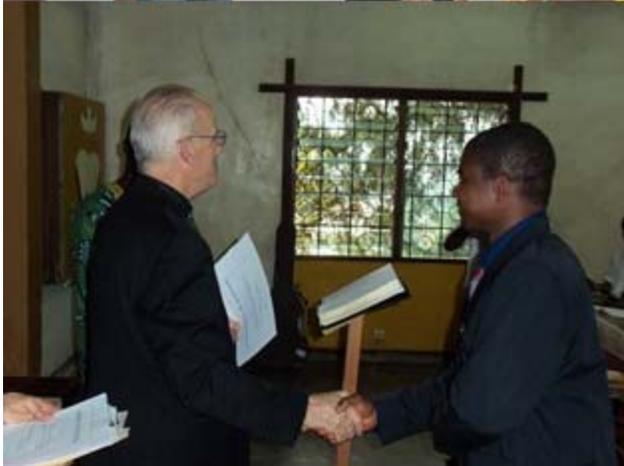
Leaders Team and a,b,c,d

Pictured are Ricahard Smith, Dan and Judy McCollum, (Tanniform and Noella Peters – our hosts) and then my lovely wife Eleanor. We could not have accomplished what we did without this faithful team. I feel about them as Paul did Epaphroditus - Philippians 2:20-22 *“For I have no one else of kindred spirit who will genuinely be concerned for your welfare. For they all seek after their own interests, not those of Christ Jesus. But you know of his proven worth, that he served with me in the furtherance of the gospel like a child serving his father.”*

Making Disciples - Training Laborers For the Harvest Fields



Harvest Sched – Paul reminded the Corinthian church *1 Corinthians 14:8* “*For if the bugle produces an indistinct sound, who will prepare himself for battle?*” The Cameroonian team leaders (Tambolin, McDonald and Wilson) did an excellent job of keeping us abreast of our duties. Here I stand by the ministry flow chart we posted on our wall. The team met each evening for prayer and to discuss the events of the day as well as the coming responsibilities.



Harvest Fruit – Bapt and Bapt Cert

The harvest is neither philosophical nor conceptual but extremely pragmatic – training men to share the gospel, resulting in men repenting and coming to Christ, resulting in men being baptized and disciple. Cameroonians highly prize their Baptismal Certificates and display them publicly on their office or home walls with other awards and diplomas. They use these for witnessing opportunities. I think this is a great idea.



Harvest Laborers

The answer to your prayers – men and women learning how to witness and follow-up new believers.



Rich and Harvest

Richard Smith is a bold witness and firmly believes in the immediate follow-up and discipleship of those he has led to Christ. Here he teaches witnesses the first stages of follow-up. When we train men to witness we expect fruit and prepare them for this.

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. – Lately back from Cameroon, heart and mind now turning towards Nigeria...

Please allow me to close this dispatch with a hymn from my prayer notebook that has been especially meaningful to me. It is of all hymns my most treasured. It has been my favorite hymn since I first sung it as a university student in 1970...

(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:

And Can It Be

And can it be that I should gain
An interest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain?
For me, whom Him to death pursued?
Amazing love how can it be
That Thou my God, shouldst die for me?

*He left His Father's throne above,
So free, so infinite His grace!
Emptied Himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race!
Tis mercy all, immense and free, For,
O my God, it found out me.*

Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night.
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray;
I awoke the dungeon flamed with light!
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

*No condemnation now I dread:
Jesus and all in Him is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head,
and clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach the eternal throne,
and claim the crown through Christ my own.*

Charles Wesley Born: December 28, 1707, Epworth, Lincolnshire, England. Died: March 29, 1788, London, England. Charles Wesley wrote over 6,000 hymns. Like most hymnists, his works were frequently altered. In the preface to the 1779 *Collection of Hymns for the Use of the People called Methodists*, his brother [John](#) wrote: "I beg leave to mention a thought which has been long upon my mind, and which I should long ago have inserted in the public papers, had I not been unwilling to stir up a nest of hornets. Many gentlemen have done my brother and me (though without naming us) the honour to reprint many of our hymns. Now they are perfectly welcome to do so, provided they print them just as they are. But I desire

they would not attempt to mend them, for they are really not able. None of them is able to mend either the sense or the verse. Therefore, I must beg of them these two favors: either to let them stand just as they are, to take things for better or worse, or to add the true reading in the margin, or at the bottom of the page, that we may no longer be accountable either for the nonsense or for the doggerel of other men."