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In this Prayer Dispatch...

- I. Pictorial Report of the Ministry of the Word in Nigeria
- II. 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

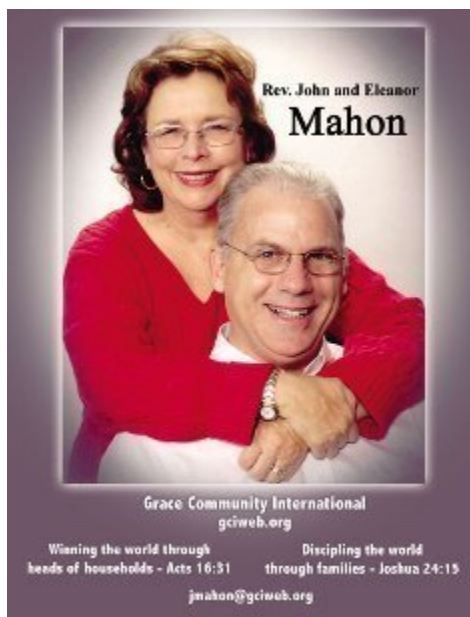
2 Corinthians 1:11 "you also joining in helping us through your prayers, so that thanks may be given by many persons on our behalf for the favor bestowed on us through the prayers of many."

- A. Please use Jesus Christ's explanation of the Parable of the Sower to guide your prayers concerning the ministry of the Word of God in Nigeria

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."
- B. That God would bless the ministry materially, that we might in turn bless those to whom we minister.
- 3 John 1:6-8" ... You will do well to send them on their way in a manner worthy of God. For they went out for the sake of the Name, accepting nothing from the Gentiles. Therefore we ought to support such men, so that we may be fellow workers with the truth."



Dear Prayer Warriors,

This Dispatch contains a report on the ministry of the holy, eternal, inerrant written Word of God in Nigeria...



The ministry of the Word begins with the collection and packing of Bibles, Bible study aids and Bible reference works for pastors, ministers, student workers and lay ministers attending the conference. Because of your prayers not one volume was lost to damage or pilferage and not one penny was paid to customs. All were delivered intact and unmolested to the hands of waiting ministers in Nigeria.



Praise God for the help in carrying this precious cargo up three flights of stairs. Pictured is Dr. Mukolwe (GCI Board member and fellow conference speaker) who helped me sort them and get them ready for distribution.



My ever constant prayer – “O Lord, bless now Your holy, eternal, inerrant written Word...” This is our ministry, on it we stand or fall, the teaching and preaching of the written Word of God. Our ministry is unabashedly centered upon the Word of God. We teach, we preach, we equip, we train and we supply ministers with the holy, eternal, inerrant, written Word of God. This is it, beginning and end, first and last.



This picture clearly reveals the seriousness with which these ministers and their wives approach the teaching of the Word of God.



At every meal pastors and their wives wanted to meet with me and discuss applications in their lives and their ministries from the Word of God.



Here I am passing out leather Scripture memory holders and sheets of perffed Scripture memory verses. Verse Packs and verse card containing Ephesians 5:22 – 6:4, plus various passages in Proverbs were supplied to all who attended this seminar.



The Saturday night service ended with the presentation of leather study Bibles. The sacrifices you made in prayer and financial support to make this aspect of our ministry possible resulted in praise the Lord from these ministers and their wives.



Each morning at 6 a.m. I met with the men to go deeper into the Word of God. Everywhere I go I am told that men will not get up early in the morning to study and memorize the Word of God. Everywhere I go I find men willing to get up early in the morning to memorize and study the Word of God.

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
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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/n/b/nbtblood.htm>

Nothing But The Blood

What can wash away my sins
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
What can make me whole again
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
Refrain: O precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow
No other fount I know
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

*For my pardon, this I see,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
For my cleansing this my plea,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus*

Nothing can for sin atone,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
Naught of good that I have done,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
Refrain

*This is all my hope and peace
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
This is all my righteousness
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
Refrain
Refrain*

(Robert Lowry *Born:* March 12, 1826, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. *Died:* November 25, 1899, Plainfield, New Jersey. Lowry attended the University at Lewisburg (later re-named Bucknell University), where he became a professor of literature. He was ordained as a Baptist minister and pastored a number of churches in the north east U.S. .He wrote about 500 Gospel tunes and hymns.)