

Prayer Dispatch 10.21.14 / El - A Godly Wife and Servant of the Lord



For the edification of the women who receive this dispatch and pray for Eleanor I am including some links to her messages

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In this Prayer Dispatch...

- I. Pictorial Overview of El's Ministry
- II. Prayer Requests: As you minister with us throughout the world through your intercessions please allow the accompanying passages 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 honor the sacrifices El is making for the ministry
Mark 10:29-31

- ☐ 29 *Jesus said, "Truly I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or farms, for My sake and for the gospel's sake,*
- ☐ 30 *but that he will receive a hundred times as much now in the present age, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and farms, along with persecutions; and in the age to come, eternal life.*
- ☐ 31 *"But many who are first will be last, and the last, first."*

B. El uses as her template in teaching women that which is supplied by God the Holy Spirit in Titus chapter two. Ask God to bless both her words and the ears of the listeners as she teaches and instructs these important Scriptural principles which are meant for women of all times in all ages. El finds herself teaching both "older women" and "younger women". Ask God to empower her instruction of both these groups.

Titus 2:3-5

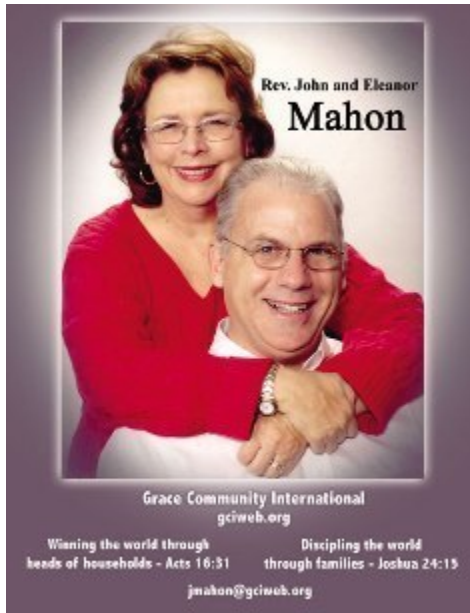
- ☐ 3 *Older women likewise are to be*
 - *reverent in their behavior,*
 - *not malicious gossips*
 - *nor enslaved to much wine,*
 - *teaching what is good,*
- ☐ 4 & 5 *so that they may encourage the young women*
 - *to love their husbands,*
 - *to love their children,*
 - *5 to be sensible,*
 - *pure,*
 - *workers at home,*
 - *kind,*
 - *being subject to their own husbands,*
 - *so that the word of God will not be dishonored.*

C. There is nothing more encouraging to a wife on the mission field than to have the resources necessary to care for her and her husband's needs. Ask God to bless our ministry materially that El might be fulfilled as helpmate, homemaker and wife, no matter the circumstances to which we are called.

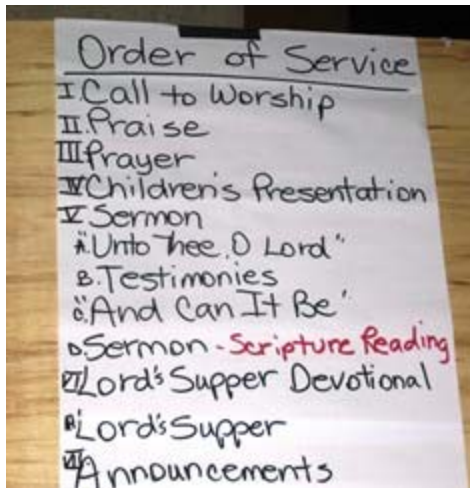
- ☐ *Psalms 134:3 May the LORD bless you from Zion, He who made heaven and earth.*

Psalms 145:17-19

- ☐ 17 *The LORD is righteous in all His ways And kind in all His deeds.*
- ☐ 18 *The LORD is near to all who call upon Him, To all who call upon Him in truth.*
- ☐ 19 *He will fulfill the desire of those who fear Him; He will also hear their cry and will save them.*



Dear Prayer Warriors,



All my artwork and lettering is done by Eleanor. She is a gifted artist and artisan.



One of EI's ministries is to the wives who accompany their husbands on mission trips. Here she is with Kathy Smith - friend, co-laborer and wife of Board member Richard Smith.



I took this picture of a group of pastor's wives who were sitting under EI's teaching. I thought their attentiveness really expresses the blessing she is to the wives of pastors and ministers.



To my left is Eleanor sitting, watching, encouraging and waiting for some need – perhaps water, perhaps to assist in handouts or writing on the board. I am humbled by her loving and devoted spirit.



Here is Eleanor waiting to load up for the seven hour drive through central Cameroon in a car packed with seven people. She spends untold hours in cars on difficult roads, sitting in airplanes for nine to twelve hours on end, sitting in airports, pulling luggage in airports, going up and down stairs as most buildings have neither elevators nor working escalators and more.



I like these two photos as they show the number of ladies who come out to greet El on her arrival or say good-bye to her when we depart. She has impacted the lives and marriages of women all over the world and I praise God for such a godly and devout wife.



At an age when many women are settling in to enjoy the fruits of a lifetime devoted to husband, children, family and church Eleanor finds herself packing and unpacking in over 27 countries throughout the world. Her home is her suitcase, her porch as often as not is a cold airport and her friends say good-bye more often than hello. Yet I have never heard her once complain nor question her commitment to her ministry as my helpmate.



Eleanor's gift in languages is a great blessing. The Franco-phone women of Cameroon feel a special kinship with her as she is able to minister to them in French.



I like this picture because it conveys Eleanor's devotion to the Word of God and her ability to communicate Scriptural principles to women.



Eleanor searches the Internet before every mission trip to find the best deals on Bibles, Bible study aids and Bible reference works. French materials are especially hard to find but Eleanor always seems to be able to find what is needed.



El leading pastor's wives in prayer before teaching. A godly wife, committed to the Word of God and to prayer - I am truly blessed. There are so many women conference speakers whose aim and goal is to set wives and mothers free from the authority and constraints of the Word of God. I praise God for a wife who clearly teaches the holy, eternal, inerrant, written Word of God to women throughout the world.



One of the highlights of our seminars is the question and answer time. El will be up there with me to take the ladies questions.



These are more shots of Eleanor teaching the Word of God. In 1972, when I first met Eleanor, she was known as one of the girls in the college ministry at the University of Texas who loved and taught the Word of God. Her devotion to the Lord, to the Word of God and to ministering to women has remained unchanged and undimmed all these years. I praise God for such a godly and loving wife.

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
Grace Community Int. -

Please allow me to close this dispatch with a hymn from my prayer notebook. It is Eleanor's favorite hymn and it reflects her heart for God.

(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/d/a/daybyday.htm>

Day By Day

(Eleanor's favorite hymn)

Day by day, and with each passing moment,
Strength I find, to meet my trials here;
Trusting in my Father's wise bestowment,
I've no cause for worry or for fear.
He Whose heart is kind beyond all measure
Gives unto each day what He deems best—
Lovingly, its part of pain and pleasure,
Mingling toil with peace and rest.

*Every day, the Lord Himself is near me
With a special mercy for each hour;
All my cares He fain would bear, and cheer me,
He Whose Name is Counselor and Power;
The protection of His child and treasure
Is a charge that on Himself He laid;
"As thy days, thy strength shall be in measure,"
This the pledge to me He made.*

Help me then in every tribulation
So to trust Thy promises, O Lord,
That I lose not faith's sweet consolation
Offered me within Thy holy Word.
Help me, Lord, when toil and trouble meeting,

Ever to take, as from a father's hand,
One by one, the days, the moments fleeting,
Till I reach the promised land.

Karolina Wilhelmina Sandell-Berg; *Born:* October 3, 1832, in the rectory at Fröderyd, Småland, Sweden; *Died:* July 27, 1903, Stockholm, Sweden.; *Buried:* Solna Cemetery, near Stockholm. Lina was the daughter of Jonas Sandell, pastor of the Lutheran church in Fröderyd. At age 26, she accompanied her father on a boat trip across Lake Vättern to Göteborg, during which he fell overboard and drowned before her eyes. The tragedy profoundly affected Lina and reportedly inspired her to write hymns. Known as the [Fanny Crosby](#) of Sweden, she wrote 650 hymns. She married Stockholm merchant C. O. Berg in 1867, but continued to initial her hymns “L. S.” What is missing from the modern praise movement of the 21st century are songs of praise to God which spring from tragedy. The ability to worship God, “trusting in my Father’s wise bestowment” in the midst of tragedy, even if that tragedy is to watch your earthly father drown before your helpless eyes is a message much needed and a worship much called for in the church today.