

Prayer Dispatch 11.14.14/ The Team



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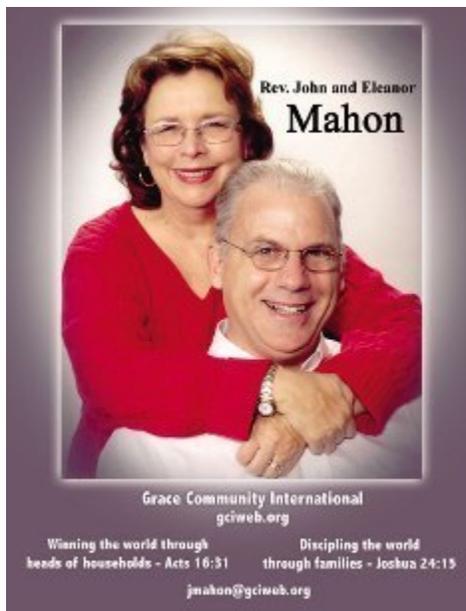
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In this Prayer Dispatch...

- I. Pictorial Review of GCI Mission Team Members
- 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 financial and career sacrifices these men and women are making to do mission work with GCI. (More than one team member has received grumblings at work that he spends his time converting people to Christ and preaching the Bible, as opposed to digging wells, fighting malaria or some other humanitarian effort.)
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."
 - B. Pray in obedience to the command of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ that He would continue to send laborers into the harvest fields of the world, including with GCI.
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 ."
 - C. Ask God to give these men and women steadfast hearts. That their zeal would not grow dim in the face of co-workers, family members and even church members who question their zeal and sacrificial service.
1 Corinthians 15:58 "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord."

Galatians 6:9 "Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary."

- D. Many of the men who travel with me are making very real financial and career sacrifices. Mission trips that center on evangelism and the teaching of the Word of God are not only unpopular in the workplace but also (I am ashamed to say) many times just as unpopular in their churches. Perhaps the Lord will lay it on your heart to sponsor or aid these men and women. I recently had a deacon in a church tell me - "John because of health and family reasons I can't go, but I can give. I will supply the money, if you will supply the laborer." And I did!! This is just the plan God the Holy Spirit had in mind when He says in 3 John 8 "Therefore we ought to support such men, so that we may be fellow workers with the truth." Those who give are on an equally footing with those who go. Perhaps you cannot go at this time but you can give to another who would be happy to go but lacks the finances. Together you will make a great team. Please ask the Lord of the Harvest if He would have you supply a harvester on an upcoming mission trip.



Dear Prayer Warriors,

I wanted to key on the various team members that made our recent mission trip to Cameroon a success. I thought this would give you a good idea of the work that goes into a mission trip as well as an opportunity to pray for these godly men and women who serve so sacrificially with us to make this ministry possible.



Training of team members takes place on site and in webinars. The first shot is of Dan and Judy McCollum. Dan and Judy spend countless hours in Bible study and personal preparations here in Houston. The second is of Rich Smith in Edmond, Oklahoma. Because of the miracle of the internet those far away can participate in training and check in for regular question and answer times. Mission team members must memorize Scripture, do Bibles studies, have personal daily quiet times alone with God, engage in personal evangelism and Bible study leadership – all in preparation to do and teach these same disciplines on foreign fields.



On the home front team members labor selflessly into the night to get the boxes of Bible, Bible study aids and Bible reference works ready to go.



Team members spend scores of hours in Bible study preparation. No team member teaches on an area that he or she does not personally apply as a lifestyle back here in the US. We seek to allow Ezra's testimony to guide us in this area - *Ezra 7:10 "For Ezra had set his heart to study the law of the LORD and to practice it, and to teach His statutes and ordinances in Israel."*



My son Sam has taken up the ministry of the airport run now that Rick Hughes has moved across state. He and Megan also come to our packing parties. Megan and Sam keep an eye on the house while we are gone. Lizzy works tirelessly behind the scenes to keep our donors and prayer warriors informed and to keep us up on international events that might effect our ministry or safety. Becca prays for us faithfully. How we praise God for godly children who so freely give of their time and love to make our ministry possible.



The Cameroonian team eagerly awaits our arrival. Even though it is late at night when we finally make it to Peter's home they will be waiting for a time of fellowship, praise and prayer.



Andre and Wilson (both laymen) teach the Family Discipleship Seminar and Marriage Covenant Seminars in their churches. Because of their ministry we are able to minister with them.



Earnestina has a ministry to special needs children. She opened the door for Eleanor to teach the parents on child raising.



Dan, McDonald, Kathy, Rich and Peters all gave up vacation time and many hours of preparation and expense to minister with us. This greatly expands the ministry of GCI.



Wilson and Andre opened the door for us to minister at one of the largest Baptist churches in Cameroon.



Noella and Taniform Peters. Pictured also the Peters extended family. Their heart for Cameroon, their sacrificial service and their desire to see the Scriptural principles from the FDS and Marriage Seminar that have blessed them to be passed on to others opens many doors in Cameroon.



"Our man in Bamenda" Vincent. Vincent opened the door for us to minister to a pastor's conference in his city.

Last but not least are you our prayer warriors. In 2 Corinthians 1:11 God the Holy Spirit teaches the churches of the world - "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." Your prayers help us, your prayers cause thanksgivings to be offered up to God, your prayers bestow favor on us and upon those to whom we minister. How we praise God for your faithful prayers!

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: <http://nethymnal.org/html/t/m/tmlalib.htm>

Take My Life

Take my life and let it be Consecrated, Lord to Thee;
Take my hands and let them move At the impulse of Thy love, At the impulse of Thy love.

*Take my feet and let them be Swift and beautiful for Thee;
Take my voice and let me sing Always, only for my King, Always, only for my King.*

Take my lips and let them be Filled with messages for Thee;
Take my silver and my gold, Not a mite would I withhold, Not a mite would I withhold

*Take my love, my God, I pour, At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take my self and I will be Ever, only, all for Thee, Ever only all for Thee*

(Frances Ridley Havergal *Born*: December 14, 1836, Astley, Worcestershire, England. *Died*: June 3, 1879, Caswall Bay, near Swansea, Wales. Daughter of hymnist [William Havergal](#), Frances was a bright but short lived candle in English hymnody. She was baptized by hymnist [John Cawood](#). She was reading by age four, and began writing verse at age seven. She learned Latin, Greek and Hebrew, and memorized the Psalm, the book of Isaiah, and most of the New Testament. She died of [peritonitis](#) at [Caswell Bay](#) on the [Gower Peninsula](#) in [Wales](#). Her sisters saw much of her work published posthumously. [Havergal College](#) in [Toronto](#) is named after her. Of this hymn she wrote in her diary, "I went for a little visit of five days (to Areley House). There were ten persons in the house, some unconverted and long prayed for, some converted, but not rejoicing Christians. He gave me the prayer, "Lord, give me *all* in this house!" And He just *did*. Before I left the house every one had got a blessing. The last night of my visit after I had retired, the governess asked me to go to the two daughters. They were crying, &c.; then and there both of them trusted and rejoiced; it was nearly midnight. I was too happy to sleep, and passed most of the night in praise and renewal of my own consecration; and these little couplets formed themselves, and chimed in my heart one after another till they finished with "Ever, Only, ALL For Thee!"