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In this Prayer Dispatch: Training Leaders in the Harvest Fields of the World

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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 bless the Word of God as we engage in the ministry of witnessing

Romans 10:17 - So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.

1 Peter 1:23-25

23 for you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the living and enduring word of God.

24 For, "ALL FLESH IS LIKE GRASS, AND ALL ITS GLORY LIKE THE FLOWER OF GRASS. THE GRASS WITHERS, AND THE FLOWER FALLS OFF,

25 BUT THE WORD OF THE LORD ENDURES FOREVER." And this is the word which was preached to you.

2 Timothy 2:25 - with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition, if perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth,

- B. Petition the Lord to empower the preaching and teaching of His holy, eternal, inerrant, written Word.
- Psalms 119:130 - The unfolding of Your words gives light; It gives understanding to the simple.*
 - Hebrews 4:12 - For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.*
 - John 17:17 - "Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth."*
- C. Call upon the Lord to use the conferences and seminars of GCI to raise up a generation of husbands, fathers and families centered upon the Word of God, conforming to its standards.
- Ephesians 5:22 - Wives, be subject to your own husbands, as to the Lord.*
 - Ephesians 5:25 - Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her,*
 - Ephesians 6:1 - Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.*
 - Ephesians 6:4 - Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.*
- D. Bring our ministry before the throne as we equip and train pastors, ministers and lay leaders.
- Isaiah 43:4 - "Since you are precious in My sight, Since you are honored and I love you, I will give other men in your place and other peoples in exchange for your life.*
- 2 Timothy 2:1-2
- 2:1 You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.*
 - 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.*
- E. Intercede on our behalf that God would bless the ministry materially, that we might in turn bless those to whom we minister – supplying them with Bibles, Bible study aids and Bible reference works (as well as scholarships for pastors to attend the leadership conferences.) Because of the modern banking system, you may still give towards our coming ministry in Cameroon. Checks mailed in and designated for this ministry can be accessed in a few short days through the ATM system which is now prevalent in Cameroon. Your gift will go towards scholarships for ministers and pastors in rural areas to attend either a Ministers Leadership Conference or a Family Discipleship Conference. Not only does GCI

cover the cost of the conference for pastors and ministers but we also supply them with their travel expenses (bus fare.) On my first trip to Cameroon, I met a pastor who walked three days (sleeping under the stars) with his worn-out paperback Bible, a “golf pencil” and a brown paper sack on which to take notes. I told God that, by His grace and the faith of my prayer warriors, no pastor attending one of our conferences would ever be found in such condition.

☐ *Philippians 4:17 - Not that I seek the gift itself, but I seek for the profit which increases to your account.*

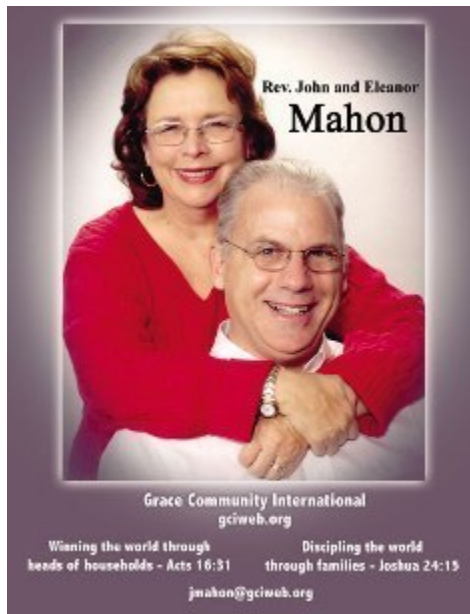
☐ *Philippians 4:19 - And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.*

2 Corinthians 9:10-12

☐ *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.*

☐ *12 For the ministry of this service is not only fully supplying the needs of the saints, but is also overflowing through many thanksgivings to God.*



Dear Prayer Warriors,



Supplying leaders with Bibles and ministry tools. As we train and minister to pastors, missionaries and lay ministers, we do not simply exhort them to action without supplying them with the tools they need to accomplish their ministry. Many ministers in third-world countries are using Bibles which obviously came from the lost and found box of some church or a used bookstore. Many are children's Bibles, pink or white confirmation Bibles or have the original owner's name imprinted on the front with the dedication filled out to another. We supply ministers with quality leather study Bibles, their names imprinted on the front. In most cases these study Bibles exceed their monthly salary. Another example is Scripture memory cards. Many student ministers

cannot afford to buy the packets. GCI supplies all Bible study books, Scripture memory cards and packets and ministry supplies at no cost.





Meeting with pastors in Bible study and in ministry training is one of the joys of my ministry. Whether early in the morning, in an office or on an evangelistic call, it is a privilege and an honor to teach, encourage, train and model the ministry to these fine pastors.



Preparing future pastors for the ministry is an important aspect of our ministry. In this capacity, I teach at Bible colleges, seminaries and staff training institutes throughout the world.

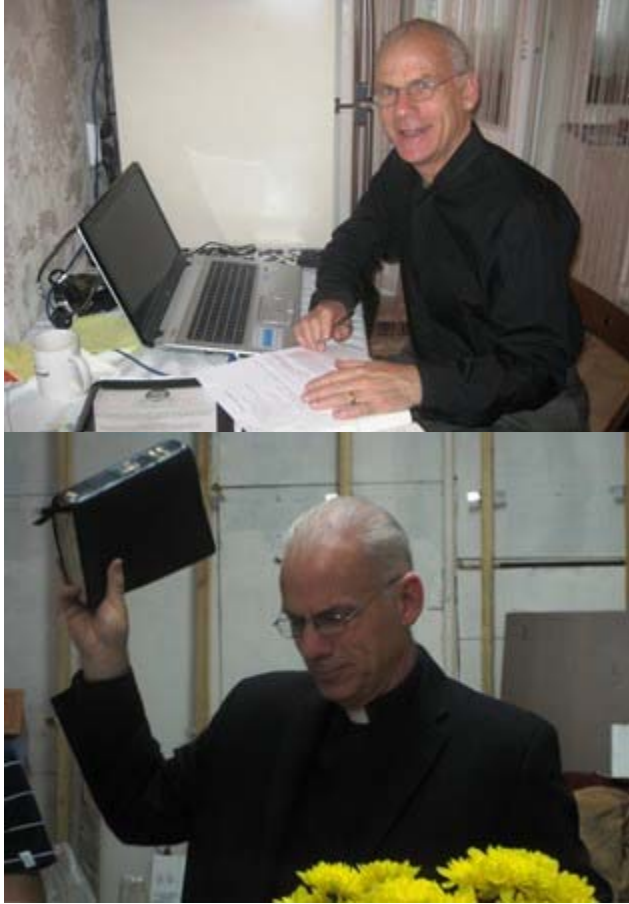


Preparing laymen for leadership roles in the church and training and ministering to deacons and elders is another important aspect of the GCI ministry. Unlike in the U.S., there are few opportunities for spiritual development outside their church for these godly and sacrificial servants.





Building up the next generation of fathers and parents, that they might establish Christian homes based upon Biblical standards, remains one of our ministry priorities.



As we began, so we close-- the ministry is based upon the holy, eternal, inerrant written Word of God. On this we stand. All other good works can be duplicated by the secular world. God can raise up worldly men and organizations to do them, should He so choose. However, the ministry of the Word in evangelism, discipleship, the building up of the family and the building up the Church can only be accomplished by Christians committed to this kind of ministry. It is the unique and powerful ministry of all true followers of Jesus and on this ministry we stand or fall.

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/htm/j/p/jpaidall.htm>

Jesus Paid It All

I hear the Savior say, "Thy strength indeed is small,
Child of weakness, watch and pray, Find in Me thine all in all"
Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe, Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.

*Lord, now indeed I find Thy power and Thine alone,
Can change the leper's spots And melt the heart of stone.
Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe, Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.*

For nothing good have I whereby Thy grace to claim;
I'll wash my garments white In the blood of Clavry's Lamb.

Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe, Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.
*And now complete in Him My robe His righteousness,
Close sheltered 'neath His side, I am divinely blest.
Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe, Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.*

And when, before the throne, I stand in Him complete,
"Jesus died my soul to save", My lips shall still repeat
Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe, Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.

(Elvina Mable Hall Born: June 4, 1822, Alexandria, Virginia. Died: July 18, 1889, Ocean Grove, New Jersey. Daughter of Captain David Reynolds, Elvina married Richard Hall of Westmoreland County, Virginia, and, after his death, Thomas Meyers, a Methodist minister of the Baltimore, Maryland, Conference. She attended the Monument Street Methodist Church in Baltimore for four decades.) A member of the choir, Elvina Hall was 45 years old when she wrote the hymn-poem "Jesus Paid It All" while sitting in the choir loft of her church in Baltimore, Maryland. She was supposed to be listening to the sermon that Sunday morning in 1865. But something caught her attention, and she began scribbling some verses in the flyleaf of the church hymnal. She presented it to the minister after the service—perhaps with an apology for being distracted while he was preaching.

The music which fits it so well was written by John P. Grape. Here is his testimony... Our church was undergoing repairs, and the cabinet organ was placed in my care. Thus afforded a pleasure not before enjoyed, I delighted myself in playing over some of our Sunday school hymns. I determined to give tangible shape to a theme that had been running in my mind for some time, to write, if possible, an answer to Bradbury's beautiful piece, "Jesus Paid It All." I made it a matter of prayer and study and gave to the public the music now known as "All to Christ I Owe." It was pronounced very poor by my choir and friends, but my dear wife persist-

ently declared that it was a good piece of music and would live. Time has proved the correctness of her judgment. Soon after, the Rev. George W. Schreck called on me to select anything new that I had to offer. On hearing this piece he expressed his pleasure with it and stated that Mrs. Elvina M. Hall had written some words that would just suit the music. I gave him a copy of it and it was soon sung in several churches here in Baltimore [Maryland] and well received. At the suggestion of friends I sent a copy to Professor Theodore Perkins and it was published in Sabbath Carols. Under the providence of God it has been going ever since. I trust that it has not failed to accomplish some good to my fellow-men for the glory of God.