



Richard Smith has written a Blog Testimony on “Ministering Together As A Couple”

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In this Prayer Dispatch...

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V. 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. Because I had to have my passport on my person in Nigeria, I was not able to send off for my Cameroon visa until my return. This leaves just a two-week window for the application and processing of this visa. Please pray that this administrative miracle will take place and we will have passports and visas in hand for our departure next Wednesday.

*Proverbs 29:26 Many seek the ruler's favor, But justice for man comes from the LORD.*

*Psalms 5:12 For it is You who blesses the righteous man, O LORD, You surround him with favor as with a shield.*

*Proverbs 21:1 The king's heart is like channels of water in the hand of the LORD; He turns it wherever He wishes.*

B. Call upon the Lord and petition the Holy Spirit to be at work in the hearts of Cameroonians who will be receiving the Word of God, that it will fall on fruitful ground.

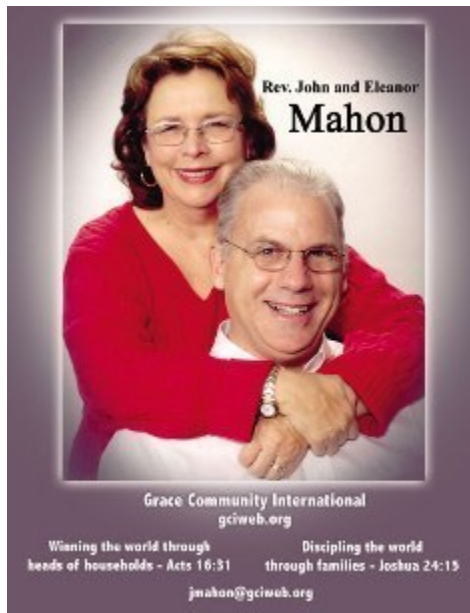
*Mark 4:14 & 20 "The sower sows the word... And those are the ones on whom seed was sown on the good soil; and they hear the word and accept it and bear fruit, thirty, sixty, and a hundredfold."*

C. Safety: These are perilous times for international flights. Ask God to keep us safe.

*Isaiah 41:10 "Do not fear , for I am with you; Do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, surely I will help you, Surely I will uphold you with My righteous right hand."*

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

- ❑ *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."*
- ❑ *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."*



Dear Prayer Warriors,

***Romans 16:3 "Greet Prisca and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus,"***

Paul had a lay couple, Aquila and his wife Priscilla, who often ministered with him on mission trips. I would like to introduce you to three modern-day Aquillas and Priscillas and ask you to take a moment to pray for them.

### **Rich and Kathy Smith**

Rich and Kathy have ministered with me in both Kenya and Cameroon. On more than one occasion, his adult children have joined him. Pray for the Smiths as they present the gospel and the Word of God throughout the world.



Richard is a well-respected teacher of the Bible, both in his church and in Africa.



He not only loves the Lord but his family, as well. In this picture, they are being recognized for their contribution to the national conference in Cameroon.



As you pray for Richard and Kathy, ask God to bless them as they teach the Word of God in Cameroon this August.

### **Dan and Judy McCollum**

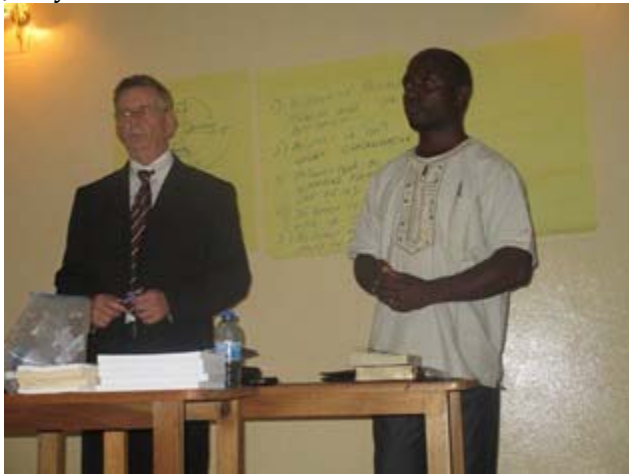
Dan and Judy have ministered with me in Kenya, Zambia and Cameroon. They are faithful servants of the Lord – boldly teaching and preaching Jesus. Ask the Lord to bless them for their willingness to be available as laborers in the harvest fields of the world.



Dan and Judy are probably the most well-traveled of any couple with whom we co-labor.



Judy is an excellent Bible teacher and has a real heart for the lost.



Dan, too, has a zeal for the Lord and is truly gifted for teaching the Word of God.

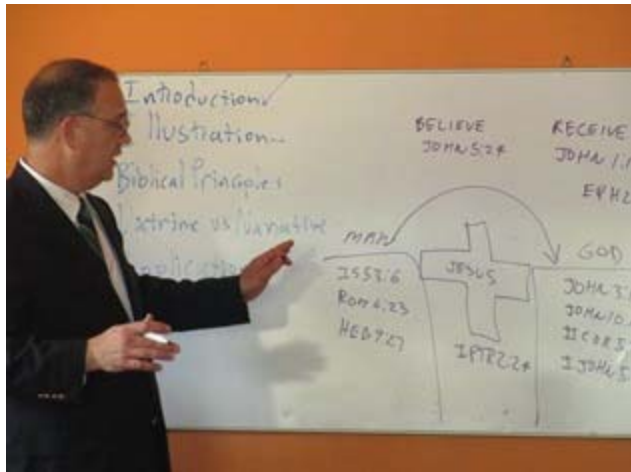


Though in their retirement years, Dan and Judy have traveled cross-country in Kenya, Zambia and Cameroon, proclaiming Christ and teaching the Word. They keep a schedule and make sacrifices that men and women half their age would find daunting.

**Mike Daily**



Mike Daily has faithfully made disciples, ministered to youth and taught the gospel in the U.S. and in Zambia. Pray for Mike as he seeks to serve the Lord at home and abroad.



Mike is not only an accomplished witness for Christ but is able to train others in this skill.



Mike is not only an accomplished lay minister to youth but is also able to train others in this skill.



At a time in their lives when executives such as Mike pull back and enjoy a lifetime of hard work and dedication to the church, Mike can be found departing aircraft in foreign countries to tell people about Jesus.



Since his college days, Mike has, as a layman, witnessed fruitfully for Christ, taught the Bible and served in the church. It is a privilege to minister side by side with such a sober and dedicated man.

### **You????**

What about you? These are laymen and women just like you. They teach the Bible and preach Jesus in far off countries. Perhaps God has not made it possible for you to go physically, as they go, but you can serve with them as co-laborers through:

#### **Prayer**

*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."*

#### **Giving**

*3 John 8 "Therefore we ought to support such men, so that we may be fellow workers with the truth."*

If God has not made it possible for you to join us physically on one of our ministry mission trips, then join us spiritually through your faithful prayers and sacrificial gifts.

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 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/i/n/inneedteh.htm>

### I Need Thee Every Hour

**I need Thee every hour, Most gracious Lord;  
No tender voice like Thine Can peace afford**

*I need Thee every hour, Stay Thou near by;  
Temptations lose their power When Thou art nigh.*

**I need Thee every hour, In joy or pain;  
Come quickly, and abide, Or life is vain.**

*I need Thee every hour, Teach me Thy will,  
And Thy rich promises In me fulfill*

**I need Thee every hour, most Holy One;  
O make me Thine indeed, Thou blessèd Son.**

*Refrain:*

*I need Thee, O I need Thee; Every hour I need Thee  
O bless me now, my Savior - I come to Thee.*

*(Annie Sherwood Hawks Born: May 28, 1836, Hoosick, New York. Died: January 3, 1918, Bennington, Vermont. Hawks' poems first began appearing in newspapers when she was 14 years old. She married Charles H. Hawks in 1857. They lived in Brooklyn, New York, and attended the Hanson Place Baptist Church, where [Robert Lowry](#) was pastor. It was to Pastor Lowry that Annie entrusted her hymn who added the tune and the refrain and saw that it was published at the National Baptist Sunday School Convention in 1872. When her husband died in 1888, she moved to Bennington, Vermont to live with her daughter and son-in-law (W. E. Putnam). She wrote 400 hymns in her life, mostly for use in Sunday schools. Annie Hawks wrote: "One day as a young wife and mother of 37 years of age, I was busy with my regular household tasks. Suddenly, I became so filled with the sense of nearness to the Master that, wondering how one could live without Him, either in joy or pain, these words, "I Need Thee Every Hour," were ushered into my mind, the thought at once taking full possession of me. I did not understand at first why this hymn had touched the great throbbing heart of humanity. It was not until long after, when the shadow fell over my way, the shadow of a great loss, that I understood something of the comforting power in the words which I had been permitted to give out to others in my hour of sweet serenity and peace.")*