

Prayer Dispatch 03.24.14/ Stateside Ministry Report
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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 conserve the fruit

John 15:15 "No longer do I call you slaves, for the slave does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you."

B. Call upon the Lord to resist the devil, the world and the flesh at it seeks to thwart the Word of God and make it unfruitful – Mark 4:14-19

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."*

C. Petition the Lord of the harvest to continue to open doors for our ministry both here and abroad.

1 Corinthians 16:9 "for a wide door for effective service has opened to me, and there are many adversaries."

Colossians 4:3 "praying at the same time for us as well, that God will open up to us a door for the word, so that we may speak forth the mystery of Christ..."

Revelation 3:8 "...I have put before you an open door which no one can shut..."

D. Pray that God would bless our personal time hearing, reading, studying, memorizing and meditating on the Word of God.

Jeremiah 33:3 "Call to Me and I will answer you, and I will tell you great and mighty things, which you do not know."

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. "

E. Ask God to prepare hearts in the U.S., Zambia, South Africa, Cameroon, Nigeria and Russia – that the Word of God would fall upon good soil, prepared by the Holy Spirit and bearing much fruit.

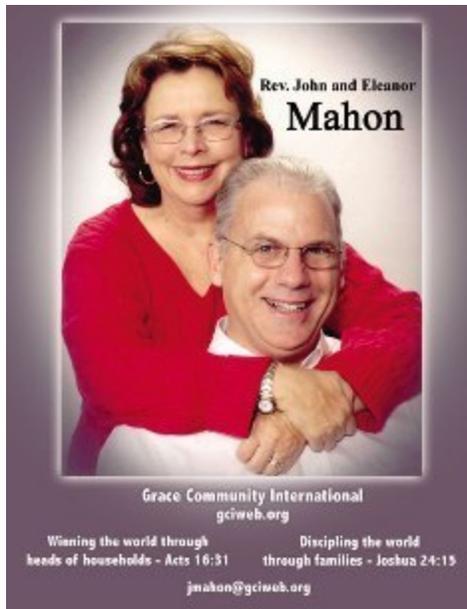
John 15:5 & 7

5 "I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing."

7 "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you."

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

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



Dear Prayer Warriors,

Watermark Church - Dallas, Texas

Bill Roberson invited us to minister to his discipleship class at Watermark church in Dallas, Texas. It was my privilege to minister to Bill when he was a college student at Texas A & M University. I was humbled to see over 300 men and women memorizing Scripture, doing Bible study, learning to witness and following the Lord in Discipleship through Bill's small group ministry at Watermark. I have personally only met one layman with as expansive a ministry as Bill in my over 35 years in the disciple making ministry.



Bill has over 300 laymen hearing, reading, studying, memorizing and meditating on the Word of God. Not to mention witnessing and serving in their church.

Big Sky Fellowship Baptist Church, Helena, Montana

Dan Clark invited us to minister to his discipleship ministry at ***** church in Helena, Montana. It was my privilege to minister to Dan and his wife Sharon when they were students in our ministry at Oklahoma State University. Since then Dan has been a businessman, a foreign missionary, a businessman again, a home missionary and now once again a businessman. Through all these transitions and calls Dan has remained faithful to the Lord. Dan serves on our Board of Directors and is a constant example to me in the areas of humility, sacrifice and faithfulness to ones call.



Dan and Sharon Clark organized, promoted, put together and lead this conference of couples from three churches.

Texas A & M University - College Station Texas

Cameron Norvell has invited us to minister to his campus ministry at Texas A & M University in College Station, Texas. I have known Cameron since the days when he was a single college student himself. Cameron's step-father Rick is a great friend and was in Bible study with me for years. You may remember seeing Rick's picture for he took it upon himself to personal transport us and our boxes to the airport for every mission trip we took until he was transferred to another part of the state. Rick and Cameron's mom Laura were also faithful supporters, prayer warriors and never missed a packing party. Eleanor and I ministered at Texas A & M University from 1976 - 1980 so it is a blessing to be invited back once again to minister the Word of God.



It is great to be invited back to my old stomping grounds

Conroe Bible Church - Greater Houston, Texas metroplex

Grace Community International embraces an unwavering commitment to the local church as the Body of Christ here on earth. As such all those who minister with GCI are expected to have active ministries in and through a local congregation. It is our privilege to be a member of Conroe Bible church. Here we are both ministered to when in the U.S. but here also we carry out an active ministry of teaching.



It is always an honor to be asked to fill the pulpit at my home church

Heritage Baptist Church - Oklahoma City, OK



Rich Smith is our newest board member. He and Kathy have served with us in Oklahoma, Kenya and Cameroon. They will be returning again this summer to minister the Word of God in Cameroon.

Grace Bible Church - Bryan/College Station, Texas



What an honor to be asked back to minister at Grace Bible church. Dr. Mike Shaub and his wife Linda have been friends since 1974. Dan McCollum came with me to share his testimony. Dan has ministered with me in Kenya, Cameroon and Zambia while Mike has ministered with me in Cameroon.

Have I shown you pictures of my new grandbaby -

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Our youngest daughter Liz and her husband Joe presented us with our ninth grandbaby (their second child). Joe and Lizzy are so affirming, loving and accepting of us and I am continually humbled by the way in which they honor us (warts and all). Just follow this link to our Facebook page.

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/a/m/a/amazing_grace.htm

Amazing Grace

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!*

Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

*The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;*

*He will my Shield and Portion be,
As long as life endures.*

Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
And mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess, within the veil,
A life of joy and peace.

*The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
The sun forbear to shine;
But God, who called me here below,
Will be forever mine.*

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

John Newton 1725-1807

Newton's mother died when he was seven years old. At age 11, with but two years schooling and only a rudimentary knowledge of Latin, John went to sea with his father. His life at sea was filled with wonderful escapes, vivid dreams, and a sailor's recklessness. He grew into a godless and abandoned man. He was once flogged as a deserter from the navy, and for 15 months lived, half starved and ill treated, as a slave in Africa. A chance reading of Thomas à Kempis sowed the seed of his conversion. It was accelerated by a night spent steering a waterlogged ship in the face of apparent death. He was then 23 years old. Over the next six years, during which he commanded a slave ship, his faith matured. He spent the next nine years mostly in Liverpool, studying Hebrew and Greek and mingling with Whitefield, [Wesley](#), and the Nonconformists. He was eventually ordained, and became curate at Olney, Buckinghamshire, in 1764. It was at Olney that he formed a life long friendship with [William Cowper](#), and produced the *Olney Hymns*. *The depiction of Newton in the popular film "Amazing Grace" as that of a penitent friar, broken by the burden of guilt and seeking pardon from God through a life of poverty and self-denial is completely false. John Newton experienced the total release of his guilt and sin in Christ and lived out his life in joyous service of our Lord as a protestant minister.*