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### In this Prayer Dispatch...

1. Supplying God's saints with the tools then need to complete the mission.
2. Prayer Requests: As you minister with us throughout the world through your intercessions please allow the accompanying passage 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. Please claim these passages as you intercede on our behalf at the throne of grace. Specifically oppose satan who will seek to oppose our ministry and blind the hearers to the Word of God.

1. James 4:7 Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you
2. Romans 16:20 The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.

3. *Acts 26:18 open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the dominion of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith in Me.'*
  4. *1 Thessalonians 2:18 For we wanted to come to you – I, Paul, more than once – and yet Satan hindered us.*
- B. As you pray for us, claim these passages – that God would bless the preaching and teaching of His holy, eternal, inerrant written Word. Please allow these passages concerning the spiritual truths and dynamics of this ministry to guide you.**

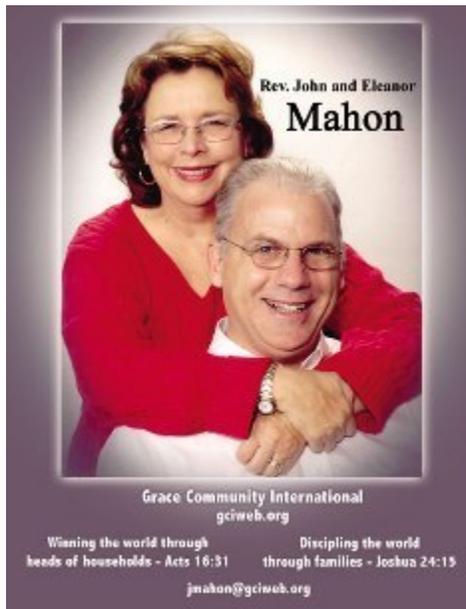
*Mark 4:14-20*

1. *14 "The sower sows the word.*
  2. *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.*
  3. *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.*
  4. *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.*
  5. *20 "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."*
  6. *2 Timothy 2:26 and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, having been held captive by him to do his will.*
  7. *2 Corinthians 4:4-6*
  8. *4 in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. 5 For we do not preach ourselves but Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your bond-servants for Jesus' sake. 6 For God, who said, " Light shall shine out of darkness," is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.*
- C. That God would bless the ministry materially, that we might in turn bless those to whom we minister.**

*2 Corinthians 9:10-14*

1. *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;*
2. *11 you will be enriched in everything for all liberality, which through us is producing thanksgiving to God.*
3. *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.*
4. *13 Because of the proof given by this ministry, they will glorify God for your obedience to your confession of the gospel of Christ and for the liberality of your contribution to them and to all,*

5. *14 while they also, by prayer on your behalf, yearn for you because of the surpassing grace of God in you.*



Dear Prayer Warriors,

Your ministry of intercession is crucial to our mission trips. Paul, the great missionary, by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, teaches us - *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.”***

In this passage, we learn a number of truths concerning this important ministry of intercession:

1. ***“you also joining in helping us through your prayers”*** When we pray for missionaries, we are co-laborers with them. We are joining them. In God’s eyes we are a team.
2. ***“so that thanks may be given by many persons on our behalf”*** Our ministry of co-laborship with missionaries causes those nationals to whom they minister to multiply praise and thanksgiving to God.
3. ***“for the favor bestowed on us through the prayers of many.”*** The reason for this is that missionaries receive favor and blessings as a direct result of our prayers.

Yours, then, is an important ministry . As intercessors, you are co-laboring with us on the mission field, you are causing nationals to praise God and we experience very real blessings in our ministry as a direct result of your

A crucial aspect of this is supplying God’s saints with the tools they need to accomplish to call which God has extended to them.



Many Zambian pastors have never owned a New Testament in their native Chichewa tongue. These precious boxes have just arrived and are waiting to be repacked for Zambia



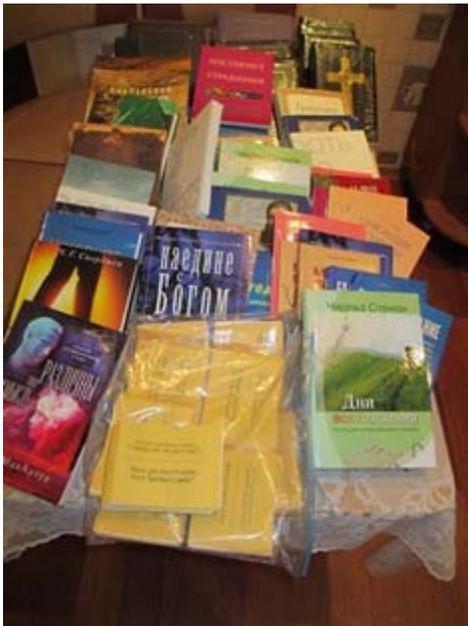
These Zambian pastors are receiving Leather Holman Study Bibles. The cost exceeds their monthly salary.



Here is the initial sorting of English materials for Cameroon. French materials must be shipped from an evangelical bookstore in Quebec, repacked and then taken with us to Cameroon.



Our children always know when a mission trip is nearing. Here Bibles for Nigeria and South Africa are waiting in our foyer.



Pastor Ravil requires his church to memorize Romans 8 or complete the How To Pray Workbook before receiving a Bible or book.



Your gifts purchase leather Bibles not only for Russian pastors but also for their wives. These godly women would go without a quality leather study Bible in their native tongue if it were not for your faith and generosity.

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  
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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/g/g/ggreater.htm>**

### **Grace Greater Than Our Sin**

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, Grace that exceed our sin and our guilt,  
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured, there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

*Sin and despair, like the sea waves cold, Threaten the soul with infinite loss;  
Grace that is greater, yes, grace untold, Points to the refuge, the mighty cross.*

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide, What can avail to wash it away?  
Look! There is flowing a crimson tide; Whiter than snow you may be today.

*Marvelous, infinite matchless grace, Freely bestowed on all who believe;  
All who are longing to see His face, Will you this moment his grace receive?*

Refrain: Marvelous grace, God's grace, Grace that will pardon and cleanse within.  
Marvelous grace, God's grace, Grace that is greater than all our sin.

*(Julia Harriette Johnston Born: January 21, 1849, Salineville, Ohio. Died: March 6, 1919, Peoria, Illinois. Johnston lived in Peoria, Illinois, from age six. Her father was pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Peoria, and Julia directed the Sunday school there for over 40 years. She also found time to serve as president of the Presbyterian Missionary Society of Peoria for 20 years, and to write more than 500 hymns.)*