

## Prayer Dispatch 02.26.14 / The Macedonian Call



Attachment: Brochure for Helena, MT Family Discipleship Seminar March 20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>

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### In this Prayer Dispatch...

I.

II. **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. **Call upon the Lord to open doors for the ministry**

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

*Revelation 3:8 "I know your deeds. Behold, I have put before you an open door which no one can shut ..."*

Remaining 2014...

March 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Watermark Church – Dallas, Texas

March 20<sup>th</sup> Helena, MT Multi-Baptist Church FDS

March 27<sup>th</sup> NavNight TAMU College Station, Texas

May – Zambia

June – South Africa

July – Nigeria

August – Cameroon

September – St. Petersburg, Russia

October – Tyumen, Russia

First of 2015

February – Tyumen, Russia

March - St. Petersburg, Russia  
May - Madagascar

**B. Ask God to move in the hearts of those who will make decisions concerning entrance visas.**

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

*Daniel 1:9 "Now God granted Daniel favor and compassion in the sight of the commander of the officials,"*

**C. Petition the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into the harvest fields of the world.**

*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 ."*

*Psalms 110:3 "Your people will volunteer freely in the day of Your power..."*

**D. Please pray that God the Holy Spirit would be moving in the hearts of those who will hear the Word of God.**

*John 16:8 "And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment..."*

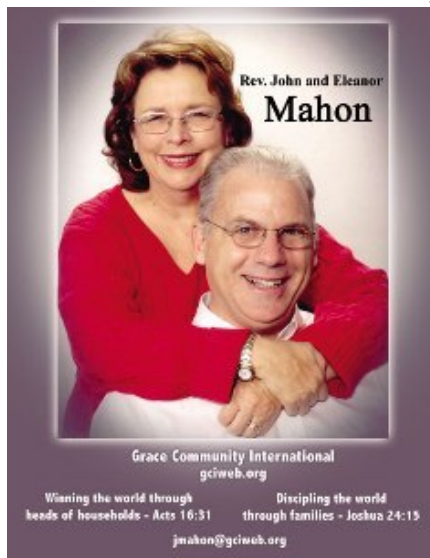
**E. Pray that God would bless the ministry materially, that we might in turn bless those to whom we minister.**

*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,

We have delayed our departure for the mission field this year so we can take part in the celebration of the birth of our ninth grandchild. Lizzy is set to give birth to little baby Eleanor on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Eleanor will stay with her for several weeks until she feels good about resuming her normal schedule as this is a C-section. During this time I have been active teaching the Word of God here in the U.S. and planning for our departure this spring. In our last Dispatch I caught you up on our ministry to date. Here is the countdown for our departure and a look into the coming year to guide you in 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."

The Macedonian Call

Acts 16:9-10

"...a man of Macedonia was standing and appealing to him, and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us... immediately we sought to go into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them."

All our mission trips are based on the Macedonian Call. No one sends us anywhere. We receive these calls, we pray and if God leads and provides we go. Currently we have "Calls" extending into 2018. By God's grace and your prayers we will fulfill these calls.

March 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Watermark Church : <http://www.watermark.org/ministries/equipped-disciple/>

Bill was in our ministry back in the mid 70's when we were on Navigator staff at Texas A & M University. Bill lived in our home and was one of the most creative students I have ever ministered to when it comes to evangelism outreach ideas. Bill now owns his own company and is active in the discipleship ministry of his church. It will be our privilege to minister to the small group leaders of Watermark church. If you are in the area please do plan to join us.



March 20<sup>th</sup> Helena, MT – Board member Dan Clark (third from right) will be hosting a multi-Baptist Church Family Discipleship Seminar in Helena, Mt. March 20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>. If you have contacts in the area let me encourage you to forward them the attached brochure.



March 27<sup>th</sup> NavNight Texas A & M University – From 1976 to 1980, Eleanor and I represented the Navigators at TAMU. Over the years we have been invited back to speak to the students and this is always a joy. Cameron Norvell directs the ministry there. Cameron was a student at Spring Memorial Baptist Church when I was Education Pastor. His stepfather Rick Hughes was in a morning Bible study with me. For ten years (until he was transferred out of town) Rick took it upon himself to personally load our boxes of Bible and materials and transport them to the airport.



May – Zambia – Once again we will be ministering with Nelson Musipa throughout the great country of Zambia. We will also be bringing with us Bibles, Bible study aids and

Bible reference works for pastors, ministers and student workers. Pictured here is the truck filled with God's precious cargo made possible by your gifts and prayers of faith.



June - South Africa Udobong Idemeter and I have ministered together in Oklahoma, Nigeria and South Africa. We have been friends since we first met in 1983, when he visited us in our home in Stillwater, Oklahoma. Udobong was himself a student minister and was ministering in Nigeria at the time. He had asked if he could "shadow" me for a month. He lived in our home and we have been great friends ever since then. Ten years later, I made my first visit to minister with him in Nigeria in 1993. He has hosted us several times and we are thrilled to minister with him in South Africa this June.



July - Nigeria I will be returning to do the Marriage and Family Conference in Jos, Nigeria this July. Your prayers for my safety and ministry were greatly blessed last year and I ask that you pray earnestly again this year as well. Pictured next to me, on the right, is Dr. Tekdek. We have ministered together for over 20 years and I praise God for this godly man and his heart for the marriages and families of ministers in Nigeria.



August - Cameroon God has greatly blessed our ministry over the years in Cameroon. Joining us once again this year will be Rich and Kathy Smith of Oklahoma. Pictured here is Rich speaking on the subject of Personal Discipleship in Yaoundé, Cameroon. We praise God for Taniform & Noella Peters and their faithful service to the Lord in the country of Cameroon. I have known and ministered with Taniform since he was a University student. Now he is an accomplished minister and father of four.



September - St. Petersburg, Russia Eleanor and I look forward this fall and next winter to minister once again with our good friends Oleg and Natasha Volkov. Oleg is the Pastor of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of St. Petersburg, as well as serving as the Rector of the Seminary.



October – Tyumen, Russia After this we will travel inland to central Siberia, where we will spend a month ministering together with Pastor Ravil. God has greatly blessed Ravil, Yulia and their two boys. Now that God has given them a stable location for their church, I have a great burden to see them in a permanent house. They have had to move every year of the ten years they have been ministering in Tyumen. I am asking God to give them a permanent home so Ravil’s full attention can be devoted to his church.

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/b/t/btcjesus.htm>**

### **Beneath the Cross of Jesus**

Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,  
The shadow of a mighty Rock within a weary land;  
A home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,  
From the burning of the noonday heat and the burden of the day

*There lies beneath its shadow but on the further side  
The darkness of an awful grave that gapes both deep and wide  
And there between us stands the cross two arms outstretched to save  
A watchman set to guard the way from that eternal grave.*

Upon that cross of Jesus mine eye at times can see  
The very dying form of One who suffered there for me;  
And from my smitten heart with tears, two wonders I confess  
The wonders of His glorious love and my own worthlessness

*I take, O cross, the shadow for my abiding place;  
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of His face;*

*Content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,  
My sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.*

(Elizabeth C. Clephane Born: June 18, 1830, Edinburgh, Scotland. Died: February 19, 1869, Bridgend House, near Melrose, Roxburghshire, Scotland. Published posthumously in the *Family Treasury*, a Scottish Presbyterian magazine, in 1872, titled “Breathing on the Border.” The magazine’s editor, W. Arnot, wrote:

**“These lines express the experiences, the hopes and the longings of a young Christian lately released. Written on the very edge of life, with the better land fully in [view](#) of faith, they seem to us footsteps printed on the sands of time, where these sands touch the ocean of Eternity. These footprints of one whom the Good Shepherd led through the wilderness into rest, may, with God’s blessing, contribute to comfort and direct succeeding pilgrims.”**

Elizabeth was the third daughter of Andrew Clephane, Sheriff of Fife and Kinross. She lived most of her life in Melrose, Scotland, about 30 miles southeast of Edinburgh. She spent most of her money on charitable causes, and was known locally as “The Sunbeam.” Clephane’s hymns appeared posthumously, almost all for the first time, in the *Family Treasury* (1872), under the general title of “Breathings on the Border.”)