



Grace Community International goes mobile! The Grace Community International free app for Android touch is now available on the App Store. Listen to sermons and workshops delivered at conferences around the world. Keep up-to-date with Rev. Mahon's blog. View Grace Community International's ministry photo albums. Search "Grace Community International" on the Google Play today!

Grace Community International goes mobile! The Grace Community International free app for iPhone, iPad, and iPod touch is now available on the App Store. Listen to sermons and workshops delivered at conferences around the world. Keep up-to-date with Rev. Mahon's blog. View Grace Community International's ministry photo albums. Search "Grace Community International" on the App Store today!

Like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/gciweb

To access our blog follow the link and look at the task bar at the top and then choose "blog" ...
<http://www.sermonaudio.com/gci>.

For Family Discipleship messages, Bible studies, daily devotionals and other ministry resources at no cost, follow this link to www.gciweb.org

In this Prayer Dispatch...

- I. Ministering At Home
- II. Preparing For Foreign Fields
- III. 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. Ask God to bless the Marriage Covenant Bible Study. Use this passage to guide your prayers for these couples

Ephesians 5:22-26

- 22 *Wives, be subject to your own husbands, as to the Lord.*
- 23 *For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself being the Savior of the body.*
- 24 *But as the church is subject to Christ, so also the wives ought to be to their husbands in everything.*
- 25 *Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her,*
- 26 *so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word,*

B. Petition the Lord of the Harvest to open doors. As you pray claim these truths and promises from the Holy Scriptures.

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."*

Colossians 4:3

- 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, for which I have also been imprisoned;*

Revelation 3:8

- 8' *I know your deeds. Behold, I have put before you an open door which no one can shut, because you have a little power, and have kept My word, and have not denied My name.*

C. Pray for our visas. God has shown Himself faithful in the past to move in the hearts of pagan authorities when God's people prevail in prayers. Please use these passages to guide your prayers. Because of your faithful prayers we have gained visas into many closed or difficult countries. Please stand with us on our requests for the coming year.

Daniel 1:9

- 9 *Now God granted Daniel favor and compassion in the sight of the commander of the officials,*
- Daniel 2:16-19 "So Daniel went in and requested of the king that he would give him time, in order that he might declare the interpretation to the king. Then Daniel went to his house and informed his friends, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah, about the matter, so that they might request compassion from the God of heaven concerning this mystery, so that Daniel and his friends would not be destroyed with the rest of the wise men of Babylon. Then the mystery was revealed to Daniel in a night vision. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven;"*

Proverbs 21:1

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

Ezra 6:22

- 22 *And they observed the Feast of Unleavened Bread seven days with joy, for the LORD had caused them to rejoice, and had turned the heart of the king of Assyria toward them to encourage them in the work of the house of God, the God of Israel.*

D. Use your prayers to empower the preaching and teaching of God's holy, eternal, inerrant written Word

- John 17:17 " Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth."*
- 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."*

- 1 Peter 1:23 *"for you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the living and enduring word of God."*

E. That God would bless the ministry materially, that we might in turn bless those to whom we minister. Use these passages to pray both for the ministries who will be blessed by the generosity of our support team and for those who give, that they too would be blessed of God.

Philippians 4:17-19

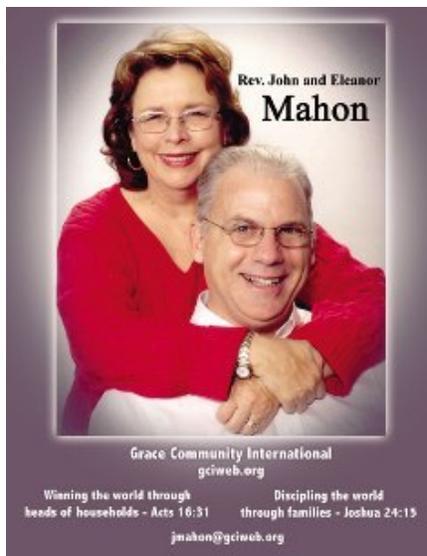
- 17 *Not that I seek the gift itself, but I seek for the profit which increases to your account.*
- 18 *But I have received everything in full and have an abundance; I am amply supplied, having received from Epaphroditus what you have sent, a fragrant aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well-pleasing to God.*
- 19 *And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.*

Luke 6:38

- 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."*

Ecclesiastes 5:4-5

- 4 *When you make a vow to God, do not be late in paying it; for He takes no delight in fools. Pay what you vow!*
- 5 *It is better that you should not vow than that you should vow and not pay.*



Dear Prayer Warriors,

Between mission trips we are hard at work ministering, communicating with prayer warriors and friends, raising support and did I mention, moving to a smaller one story house now that we are empty nesters (whew)...

Ministering At Home



Board of Directors Meeting: God greatly blessed our Board of Directors meeting



Connecting with friends and donors at churches – One of the joys of being back home.



Teaching the Marriage Covenant Seminar – I cannot keep from preaching and teaching God's holy, eternal, inerrant, written Word.



Leading Couples Bible studies – El and I have been doing this every year since we were married (40 years this May).

Preparing For Foreign Fields – Raising money, preparing messages and applying for visas



South Africa Conference – We will be once again ministering in South Africa. Pictured the conference and the Bibles and Bible study aids your gifts supply pastors and ministers.



Raising support for Russia – Your gifts supply Bibles and Bible study aids for pastors, seminar students, deacons, elders and ministers.



My Russian Snow Princess – what a spring outing looks like in Russia



Ministering with Pastor Ravil in Tyumen. Pastor Ravil and I have been ministering together since he was a seminary student.

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/i/l/ilttts.htm>

I Love To Tell The Story

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love.

I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;
It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

*I love to tell the story; more wonderful it seems
Than all the golden fancies of all our golden dreams.
I love to tell the story, it did so much for me;
And that is just the reason I tell it now to thee.*

I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat
What seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet.
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
The message of salvation from God's own holy Word.

*I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
'Twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.*

Refrain: I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.

Words: [A. Katherine Hankey](#), 1866.

This is from a long poem on the life of Jesus that was written in 1866. It is in two parts. The first part is a poem of fifty stanzas, and is titled, "*The Story Wanted*," being dated January 29, 1866. The second part is titled "*The Story Told*," and is dated November 18, 1866. It is said that the author had a serious spell of sickness just before this poem was composed, and that she occupied the long days of convalescence in writing the poem. Certain verses were taken from Part I. by Dr. W. H. Doane in 1867 to make the popular and familiar hymn beginning, "[Tell me the old, old story](#)," for which he composed the familiar tune to which those words are commonly sung. From Part II. certain verses have been selected to make the above hymn, "I Love to Tell the Story," the tune to which was composed by W. G. Fischer. This is one of the most popular of all modern hymns, and has been translated into several different languages. These and other hymns by the author have been published from time to time in different forms, sometimes accompanied by tunes composed by herself. Many of her hymns are found in a little volume which she published in 1870, titled *Heart to Heart*. Very few hymns written in the last fifty years have so taken hold of the hearts of the people, both the young and the old, as has this simple little song.

By His mercy,
II Corinthians 4:1
Rev. John S. Mahon
Grace Community Int.