

Prayer Dispatch 05.22.14 / First Week In Zambia



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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. Strength and Stamina

Isaiah 40:29-31

29 He gives strength to the weary, And to him who lacks might He increases power.

30 Though youths grow weary and tired, And vigorous young men stumble badly,

31 Yet those who wait for the LORD Will gain new strength; They will mount up with wings like eagles, They will run and not get tired, They will walk and not become weary.

Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.

B. Empower the Word of God

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.

Isaiah 55:11 So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth; It will not return to Me empty, Without accomplishing what I desire, And without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it.

C. Leadership in the church and home would be equipped and established through the ministry of the Word of God

2 Timothy 3:16-17

16 All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;

17 so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

D. This year, attendees to our previous conferences, who had driven long distances themselves, hosted Marriage Covenant Seminars in their home churches. Now, those who drove to these new locations are asking that we come back to their home churches in their towns and cities. As the ministry continues to expand and grow in churches throughout Zambia, ask that God would bless the ministry materially, that we might in turn bless those to whom we minister.

Philippians 4:19

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

2 Corinthians 9:10-11

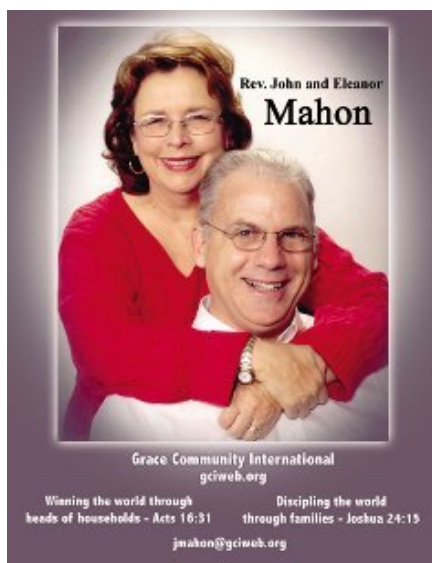
10 Now He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness;

11 you will be enriched in everything for all liberality, which through us is producing thanksgiving to God.

Psalms 67:1-2

1 God be gracious to us and bless us, And cause His face to shine upon us — Selah.

2 That Your way may be known on the earth, Your salvation among all nations.



Dear Prayer Warriors,

Empowered By Your Prayers

(For real time reports and events here in Zambia to guide your prayers - like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/gciweb. We try to post pictures and reports daily on the gci Facebook page.) Attached are the notes and follow-up devotional Bible studies for the Marriage Covenant Seminar.

Kabwe Marriage Seminar



Pastors and church leaders from the greater Kabwe area gathered to attend the Marriage Covenant Seminar.



The objective - Pastors and their wives getting into the Word as it pertains to their marriages. Leadership couples of all ages attested to renewal in their marriages. Reports continue to come in of the great blessing this conference was to both them and their churches. We also supplied ministry tools to all pastors, that they might return to preach on this subject, as well as form small groups and Bible classes.



Kabwe Sunday Service

“O Lord, bless now your holy, eternal, inerrant, written Word. You have prayed, O Lord, ‘Sanctify them in Truth, Thy Word is Truth’. Use Your Holy Word to set us apart this morning to Your service and to Your glory...”

I begin every seminar, service and workshop by calling upon the Lord to bless the preaching and teaching of His holy Word.

Back In Lusaka



On weeknights I meet on campus with leadership teams such as this. My topic was “Discipleship and Christ the Center – Do Not Stumble Over Jesus.”



Dumasami was led to Christ by Mike Daily about this time last year. He has continued in the faith. He is Nelson’s youngest brother and lives with them in their home. Each morning I meet with him before breakfast in a Daily Quiet Time Alone With God, just like Mike did after leading him to Christ last year.



Two years ago I had the privilege of leading Charles to Christ. He is currently head of the Social Security System of Zambia. Charles and I had a great lunch together before

he departed for Geneva to meet with pension fund leaders from around the world in a U.N. conclave. Charles remains strong in the Lord. He once again thanked me for the Marriage Covenant Seminar-- the change it brought about in his marriage, which, in turn, made him open to the gospel.



Abraham brought his brother by who is a personal guard to the president of Zambia. We had a good time of fellowship and he and others on his team will now be joining us for the Marriage Covenant Seminar in Lusaka.



Another teaching opportunity is with single professionals. Here I am teaching on Witnessing and Prayer.



Meanwhile, Eleanor meets with the ladies on staff, to teach on "Convictions, Perspectives, and Priorities."

Looking Ahead

I hope this gives you an idea of our ministry here in Zambia. This weekend we will be doing a multi-church conference to rural pastors deep inside Zambia, on the shores of the Zambezi River. The roads are impassable when it rains but, by your prayers we will safely go and return. This will be followed by another full week of ministry and then a multi-church Marriage Seminar here in Lusaka. We will just have time to finish up, pack and depart for South Africa, where we will minister with Udobong Idemeter and put on a multi-church Family Discipleship Seminar in Pretoria.

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
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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:

Jesus The Very Thought Of Thee

Jesus the very thought of Thee
With sweetness fills my breast
But sweeter far Thy face to see
And in Thy presence rest

*No voice can sing no heart can frame
Nor can the mem'ry find
A sweeter sound than thy blest name
O Savior of mankind*

O hope of every contrite heart
O joy of all the meek
To those who fall how kind Thou art
How good to those who seek

*Jesus our only joy be Thou
As Thou our prize wilt be
Jesus be Thou our glory now
An thro' eternity.*

When once Thou visitest the heart,
Then truth begins to shine,
Then earthly vanities depart,
Then kindles love divine.

*Thee, Jesus, may our voices bless,
Thee may we love alone,
And ever in our lives express
The image of Thine own.*

(Bernard of Clairvaux *Born*: 1091, in his father's castle at Les Fontaines (near Dijon), Burgundy; *Died*: August 21, Bernard's father Tecelin was a knight and vassal of the Duke of Burgundy. Bernard was educated at Chatillon, where he was distinguished by his studious and meditative habits. He entered the monastery of Citeaux (the first Cistercian institution) in 1113. Two years later, he was sent, with 12 other monks, to found a daughter monastery in the Valley of Wormwood, about four miles from the Abbey of La Ferté, on the Aube. Bernard was a man of exceptional piety and spiritual vitality. [Martin Luther](#), 400 years later, called him, "the best monk that ever lived, whom I admire beyond all the rest put together." He also wrote "O Sacred Heart Now Wounded")