

Prayer Dispatch #5 Supplying The Word of God...



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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. These are passages that I pray for myself from my prayer notebook. Join with me in asking God to make me a good steward of the Word of God--that God would empower the Word, as well as using me as His vessel in the teaching and preaching of the holy, eternal, inerrant written Word of God.
 - Acts 9:22 But Saul kept increasing in strength and confounding the Jews who lived at Damascus by proving that this Jesus is the Christ.*
 - I Corinthians 2:12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things freely given to us by God,*

- ☐ *I Corinthians 2:13 which things we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual thoughts with spiritual words.*

B. That the ministry would manifest the resurrection power of Christ – again, passages that I claim for myself and my ministry from my prayer notebook.

- ☐ *Philippians 3:10 that I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death;*
- ☐ *Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.*

C. That God would teach us His ways that we might do His will – I also pray daily for this in my prayer notebook. Thank you for joining me in asking God to make these verses a very real part of my life and ministry.

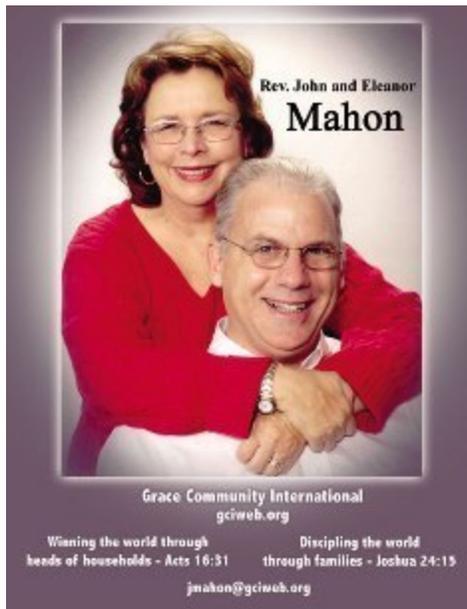
- ☐ *Hosea 14:9 Whoever is wise, let him understand these things; whoever is discerning, let him know them. For the ways of the LORD are right, and the righteous will walk in them, but transgressors will stumble in them.*
- ☐ *Matthew 7:13-14 Enter by the narrow gate; for the gate is wide, and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and many are those who enter by it. For the gate is small, and the way is narrow that leads to life, and few are those who find it.*

D. Ask God for good soil, that the fruit of evangelism and discipleship would last, would grow and would multiply.

- ☐ *Mark 4:20 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."*
- ☐ *Isaiah 60:21-22 Then all your people will be righteous; They will possess the land forever, The branch of My planting, The work of My hands, That I may be glorified. The smallest one will become a clan, And the least one a mighty nation. I, the LORD, will hasten it in its time."*

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

- ☐ *Luke 6:38 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."*
- ☐ *Proverbs 11:24 There is one who scatters, and yet increases all the more, And there is one who withholds what is justly due, and yet it results only in want.*
- ☐ *Proverbs 11:25 The generous man will be prosperous, And he who waters will himself be watered.*



Dear Prayer Warriors,

Our Ministry – the holy, eternal, inerrant, written Word of God made possible by your faith, prayers and ministry of liberality...

We stand on this – the message of the cross and the holy Word of God preached and taught clearly and without compromise. Your faith and your ministry of liberality as co-laborers in this ministry have been greatly rewarded. Not only in the past in Russia, not only in the present in Zambia but also looking to the future (by God's grace,) we will continue to minister together in Cameroon and Nigeria in the coming weeks and months. We look to the written Word of God in... \

Evangelism: 1 Peter 1:23-25 for you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the living and enduring word of God. For, "ALL FLESH IS LIKE GRASS, AND ALL ITS GLORY LIKE THE FLOWER OF GRASS. THE GRASS WITHERS, AND THE FLOWER FALLS OFF, BUT THE WORD OF THE LORD ENDURES FOREVER." And this is the word which was preached to you.

Teaching: 2 Timothy 3:16-17 All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

Supplying bibles, bible study aids and bible reference works: 2 Corinthians 9:12 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.

What follows is an overview of your ministry in this third area up to now...

Your ministry - As in Russia...



Your ministry supplied pastors, elders, deacons and teachers with quality Bibles and Bible study aids which they would otherwise not have. Seminary students were supplied with their first study bible. No longer will they have to stay after class or come early to have access to a study bible from the seminary library.

so in Africa...





In the first picture, a Baptist pastor in Russia receives a study bible and reference materials. In the second picture, a Baptist pastor in Zambia receives a study bible and reference materials. In the last picture, take a closer look at this ministers bible – it is tattered and torn and falling apart. He has used it up. Your ministry supplies ministers with quality study bibles to replace the ones with torn pages, broken bindings and deteriorating covers.

Your ministry bearing fruit in Zambia





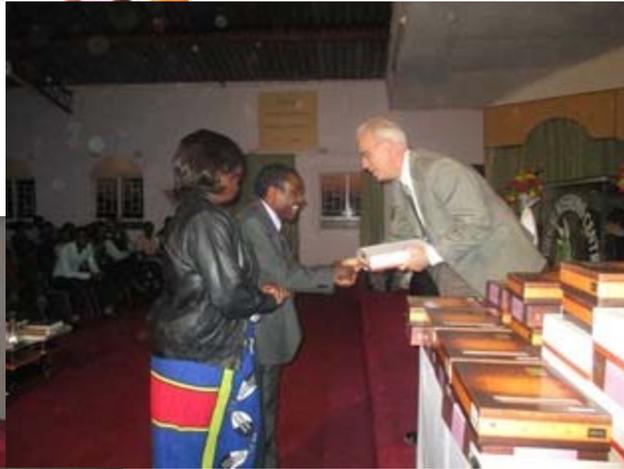
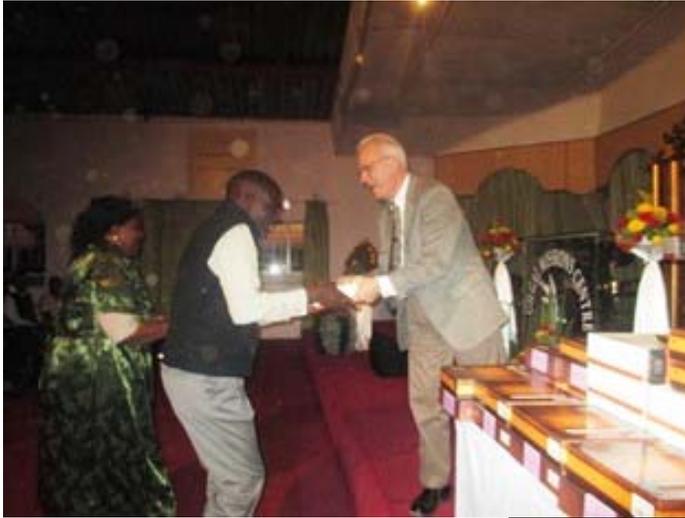
Your faith and generosity supplied these bibles, bible study aids and bible reference works for churches and ministries in Zambia. They were not haphazardly distributed but each was earmarked for a pastor, lay minister or Bible student who would use them faithfully in the ministry. In many cases, these volumes exceed the monthly salary of the one receiving them.

Because of your ministry - Eleanor and Mike both teach the Word and equip ministers with tools...



As Eleanor taught the wives of pastors and ladies' Bible study leaders, your ministry supplied them with the tools to apply what they learned. Ask Mike taught on witnessing and Scripture memory, your ministry supplied the tools to enable these men to make immediate application in their lives and ministries.

Because of your ministry - A great celebration - 62 pastors, lay ministers, student workers and bible teachers receive quality leather ESV, Holman and MacArthur Study Bibles...



Words cannot begin to express the gratitude which was expressed towards your ministry of faith and generosity as these ministers and their wives received study bibles. You may be assured that your ministry of faith, intercession and liberality is bearing fruit in the lives of ministers, staff, student workers and churches throughout the world.

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. - Lusaka, Zambia

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/s/isurrend.htm>

I Surrender All

All to Jesus I surrender, all to Him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust Him, In His presence daily live.

Refrain: I surrender all, I surrender all, All to Thee, my blessèd Savior, I surrender all.

*All to Jesus I surrender, Humbly at His feet I bow,
Worldly pleasures all forsaken; Take me Jesus, take me now.*

All to Jesus I surrender, Make me, Savoir, wholly Thine.
Let me feel the Holy Spirit, Truly know that Thou art mine.

*All to Jesus I surrender, Lord I give myself to Thee;
Fill me with Thy love and power, let Thy blessing fall on me.*

(Judson W. Van DeVenter, Born: December 5, 1855, near Dundee, Michigan; Died: July 17, 1939, Temple Terrace, Tampa, Florida. Van DeVenter attended Hillsdale College, then taught art in Sharon, Pennsylvania. After several years, though, he decided to switch to a career in evangelism, working with [Wilbur Chapman](#) and others in America and England. Toward the end of his life, he lived in St. Petersburg, Florida, then moved to Tampa, Florida, around 1923. He was professor of hymnology at the Florida Bible Institute (now Trinity Bible College) for four years. "The song was written while I was conducting a meeting at East Palestine, Ohio, in the home of George Sebring (founder of the Sebring Camp meeting Bible Conference in Sebring, Ohio, and later developer of the town of Sebring, Florida). For some time, I had struggled between developing my talents in the field of art and going into full-time evangelistic work. At last the pivotal hour of my life came, and I surrendered all. A new day was ushered into my life. I became an evangelist and discovered down deep in my soul a talent hitherto unknown to me. God had hidden a song in my heart, and touching a tender chord, He caused me to sing.")