

Prayer Dispatch 06.04.14/ Weeks Three & Four – The Lower Zambezi/Chiawa Region



Because of the limitations of email while we are overseas the two best ways of maintaining a “real time” connection with our ministry are first – our ministry Facebook page. If you will “Like” us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/gciweb then when we post our daily ministry reports you will have real-time information on which to base your prayers. Also the albums we put on Facebook will have many more pictures and explanations than the ones we are able to place in an email.

Secondly we post a weekly blog/ ministry report. 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>. This site will also carry the messages which we are giving at the various seminars.

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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. **Finish Strong** – Call upon the Lord to give us grace, strength and focus to finish our time here in Zambia strong in the Lord and in His service

Colossians 3:23-24

23 Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men,

24 knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve.

1 Corinthians 9:24

24 Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win.

- B. **Go Before Us To South Africa** – We are continuing on with boxes of Bibles, Bible study aids and Bible reference works for the churches and ministries in South Africa. Ask God to work in the hearts of gate officials

and customs officials to allow this precious cargo to pass through intact and without extra duty.

Proverbs 29:26 "Many seek the ruler's favor, But justice for man comes from the LORD."

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. Conserve The Fruit of the Ministry** – God has opened many doors here in Zambia. The conferences have all been filled and the responses all positive. Now ask the Lord of the harvest to conserve the harvest. That fruit in churches, families and marriages would be evident to all and result in a platform to share the gospel of Christ.

John 15:16 "You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and that your fruit would remain, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you."

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."

- D. That God would bless the ministry materially, that we might in turn bless those to whom we minister.** We ask nothing for ourselves but only for the privilege and joy of blessing the servants of the Lord who labor so sacrificially on foreign soils. The “miracle” of international banking allows your gifts to be immediately put to use. Ask God to continue to move in the hearts of our prayers warriors to supply Bibles, Bible study aids and ministry tools to pastors, ministers and churches in Zambia, South Africa, Nigeria, Cameroon and Russia.

Psalms 67:1,2,6 & 7

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

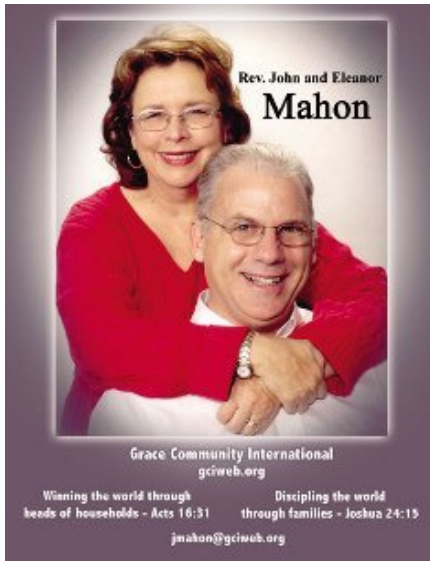
2 That Your way may be known on the earth, Your salvation among all nations.

6 The earth has yielded its produce; God, our God, blesses us.

7 God blesses us, That all the ends of the earth may fear Him.

3 John 1:8 Therefore we ought to support such men, so that we may be fellow workers with the truth.

Philippians 4:19 And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.



Dear Prayer Warriors,

Report On Chiawa / Lower Zambezi Region Multi-Church Seminar:

God greatly blessed in answer to your prayers, our ministry in the Chiawa/Lower Zambezi Region. Throughout Africa, when we say we are going to Zambia the reply is, "Zambia is the REAL Africa."



Each morning as the sun came up and, in the distance, over the river, we could hear the hippos grunting and the baboons starting to forage and bark at each other. We heard elephants calling from across the Zambezi River from the Zimbabwe side. Our dwelling had a thatched roof with no glass on the windows but, thankfully, screens. We could hear the morning noises clearly. As the sun rose, the exotic birds were calling out and the small monkeys added to the crescendo. When they fight over food, they sound like 100 cats, all screaming at each other. No alarm needed here. (This is not a game park but the day beginning as usual in this area of Zambia.) God greatly blessed the ministry here and we are so thankful for your prayers. I wanted to take time to give you a report on your ministry of intercession.



The Seminar: One of the joys of my life is to minister side by side with Eleanor. We do this during the question and answer sessions at a conference. Here I read a question submitted.



The Bibles – Pictured left is the need – a pastor ministering with an old worn-out Bible, held together by tape. Pictured right is the solution – a leather Bible, in his own language. The picture on the right shows his old Bible next to the one your faith and generosity supplied.



Ministering To Pastors – At the conference and Sunday service I called the pastors forward to kneel in subjection to Christ and His holy, eternal, inerrant written Word. One of our ministries is to call ministers back to the Word of God.



The Baboons: This particularly vicious male led a pack of baboons that caused quite a bit of trouble. They broke into the kennel, killed and ate our host's guard dogs. They attacked, ripped apart and ate goats in the village. They took up residence on the roof,

waiting for the children at the conference. The elders had to chase them off and the children be moved inside.



The Elephants: There was a herd of Elephants moving in the area. I took this picture, which is my favorite. We had to make sure the conference ended well before dark so that people could be in their homes when the elephants move at dusk. They tore up and ate our host pastor's banana trees, which were a great loss to him. This is not a game park – again, the real Africa.

Report On Multi-Church Marriage Seminar: Lusaka



Co-laboring with Nelson – what a joy to co-labor with such a godly and humble man. Nelson started the conference by speaking on “The Marriage Covenant” and ended it with the application message.



Overflow Crowds: We had well over 100 in attendance. I made 140 workbooks and they were all taken. During one session, I took the men outside and Eleanor took the ladies inside. One of the myths and lies of satan is that the Africa church is made up of old women and children. We actually had more men at our marriage conference than women.



Sunday Service – I called the elders and pastors to the front to ask God’s blessing on His holy, eternal, inerrant written Word.

Ministering Throughout The Week:



Nelson has a packed schedule and we minister together just about every day. Here I am speaking at an impoverished church that sits literally on the edge of a horrible dump. These dear ministers and leaders would never own a leather study Bible in their entire lives if it were not for your faith and generosity.

Preparing To Depart For South Africa:



Here are the boxes of Bibles, Bible study aids and Bible reference works ready for South Africa. We leave in the morning for the airport. Pictured also is El doing something she has done in over 27 different countries – packing our suitcases--to move on to the next ministry to which God has called us in the harvest fields of 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. -

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/bttblife.htm>

Break Thou The Bread Of Life

Break Thou the bread of life, dear Lord to me,
As Thou didst break the loaves, Beside the sea;
Beyond the sacred page I seek Thee Lord;
My spirit pants for Thee, O living Word

*Bless Thou the truth, dear Lord, To me, to me,
As Thou didst bless the bread By Galilee;
Then shall all bondage cease, All fetters fall;
And I shall find my peace, My all in all.*

Thou art the bread of life, O Lord, to me,
Thy holy Word the truth That saveth me;
Give me to eat and live With Thee above;
Teach me to love Thy truth, For Thou art love.

*O send Thy Spirit, Lord, Now unto me,
That He may touch mine eyes, And make me see;
Show me the truth concealed Within Thy Word,
And in Thy Book revealed I seek Thee Lord.*

(Mary Artemesia Lathbury; 1841-1913; Daughter of a Methodist minister. Active in the women's temperance movement and wrote for several Christian periodicals. Of her gift for poetry she said she felt the Lord had impressed upon her these thoughts concerning this, "Remember, my child, that you have a gift of weaving fancies into verse and a gift with the pencil of producing visions that come to your heart; consecrate these to Me as thoroughly as you do your inmost spirit.")