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Enock Mulomba, MD & Dr. Henry in Ndola, Zambia -- August 25, 1996

It all started with a prayer seminar in **Kiev, Ukraine** in August, 1995. One of the participants was a medical student from **Zambia**, **Enock S. Mulomba**. As I taught, he caught my eye because he was taking copious notes. It was obvious that the Holy Spirit was his teacher, bringing the Word of God alive. On his response card, **Dr. Mulomba** wrote: "God bless you! What did God teach me? I learned that I need to confess my sins specifically, not generally; to be Spirit-filled is to be led by the Spirit, not getting more of Him; that I have been praying less and have become disorganized. What am I going to do with what I have learned? I will name my sins and confess them specifically. I will seek always to be led by the Spirit, and not self. I will organize my prayer life from Monday to Sunday. In conclusion, I say, 'It's my move and I am ready to begin now.'"

We became friends and **Dr. Mulomba** shared that he was returning home to **Zambia**, where he would practice medicine. He asked if Sue and I would come to **Ndola**, **Zambia** and teach his people. We assured him that when he was settled in Zambia that we would come. Out of the Zambian seminars, a link was made with **South Africa**. **Gabriel**, who had attended several of the Zambian seminars, became a student at a Bible college in South Africa and asked us to come to **South Africa**. We did and met **Leslie Motsalane** with whom we have worked for over a decade in **South Africa**, **Botswana**, **Namibia**, **Lesotho**, **Swaziland**, and **Mozambique**. Recently, we added **Kenya** and the **Democratic Republic of the Congo**. Thousands upon thousands have attended prayer seminars in these nations due to the invitation of Dr. Mulomba to come to **Zambia** and share what he had learned in **Ukraine**. He now practices medicine in **Maun**, **Botswana**.

Say to the Nations, THE LORD REIGNS ... Psalm 96:10

Perspectives

A few years ago, Kay Warmerdam (longtime **Doorkeeper** who lives in Texas) introduced an aspect of spiritual warfare I did not know by sharing a course syllabus and teaching tapes developed by Carroll **Thompson**. His course is entitled "Possess the Land." His thesis is that Christians have too long allowed Satan to occupy territory that is rightfully theirs resulting in defeat and discouragement. His challenge to his students was "to do battle with the enemy and to arise to enter into all of God's provisions promised to His people." That was a helpful concept and a building block in my understanding of spiritual warfare. As Christians, you and I do not have to be defeated. The reality is that the devil has no place to stand in a Christian unless we give him a place, the literal meaning of Ephesians 4:27.

During the six-hour prayer seminar, the subject of spiritual warfare is raised several times. My approach throughout the seminar is to introduce a concept, move away from it, and return to it later--a teaching-learning technique that I have found effective.

Spiritual warfare introduced. Early in a seminar, spiritual warfare is introduced based on the Prince of Persia's delaying an answer to Daniel's prayer for twenty-one days from the time God sent it from Heaven (Daniel 10:13). Remarkable! The lesson is that Satan is not omniscient, omnipresent, or omnipotent, but he is organized.

Hell—Satan—Warfare. Later in the seminar, I deal with the three worlds prayer touches—Heaven, Earth, and Hell. When prayer touches Heaven, it is looking toward God and that is worship. When prayer touches earth, it is looking toward people and circumstances, and that is work. When prayer touches hell, it looks toward Satan, and that is warfare. A key truth is introduced: "I will never win the war if I do not know where the battle is being fought!"

The "warfare passage" is **Ephesians 6:10-18**. God has provided armor to protect His children when they go to battle, but He does not put it on for us. The armor is identified in **verses 13-17**. It is up to the believer to put on the whole armor of God, and then covered by God's panoply, to go to battle. He needs the armor to be able to stand against the "wiles" of the devil. "Wiles" is a military term and means "stratagems" or battle plans. The first activity mentioned in **verse 18**, after the armor is on, is prayer. The battleground is prayer. Additional information about Satan's organization is found in verse twelve where four distinct layers of power depict a Satanic hierarchy of organizton.

Satan is already perfectly defeated, an action that was wrought on the Cross and then culminated when the Lord Jesus Christ went down to hell and claimed the keys of death, hell, and the grave as an attestation of Satan's defeat. Believers should not allow Satan to defeat them: "Greater is He who is in you [the Holy Spirit] than the one who is in the world [Satan]" (1.John 4:4). It is crucial to understand an injunction Paul gave the Ephesian believers in a list of directives (Ephesians 4:25-32) when he inserts: "nor give place to the devil" (v 27). Paul taught that a Christian gives the devil a "place" when he harbors and nurtures sin with self in control, not the Holy Spirit. Ideas behind "place" include "place to stand," "foothold," "ground," or "an opportunity or chance to operate." We give ground to the enemy when we permit Satan to exercise influence over us by the sins and wrong behavioral patterns we allow in our lives.

Reclaiming surrendered ground. But what happens when the Christian gives Satan ground (a place, a foothold that provides the devil with an opportunity or chance to operate) to stand on—in your thoughts or your behavior? Thank God, it is possible to take back and reclaim the ground that has been surrendered. Let's conclude this brief study on spiritual warfare by seeing how to regain the territory. Then you must reclaim any surrendered ground.

Satan has no place to stand unless the believer gives him a place. Paul makes it clear that the believer is the one who yields his ground to Satan. Satan has no authority in a Christian's life except that which the Christian has surrendered to him.

Get alone with paper and pencil. Ask God to show you the places where Satan has a foothold in your life. Remember to ask Him to bring to your mind things you are doing that He does not want you to do and things you are not doing that He wants you to do. A model for your prayer is one mouthed by David long ago: "Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my thoughts: and see if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting" (Psalm 139:23-24). Ask for a full-scale investigation.

Don't be surprised if a number of the works of the flesh listed in **Galatians 5:19-21** or the ones mentioned by the Lord Jesus Christ in **Mark 7:21-23** are brought to mind. Write the sins down one by one. Keep asking: "Is there anything else?" Often you will be surprised to see little things which offend God are laid out.

Once you see a sin is there that has allowed the enemy to have a place to stand, think about it and how it is playing out in your life. Do you want the sin to remain or have you changed your mind about it? If you can honestly say, "I have changed my mind about this thing," you have activated biblical repentance—a necessary step in reclaiming surrendered ground. God not only is ready to forgive and cleanse, He is eager to do so. For Him to act, you must confess specific sins. "Confess" means that you agree with God about the sin in your life and you say the same thing about it He has said. If confession is general, not specific, you will not experience forgiveness and cleansing. Rather, you have simply run the lawn mower over the weed and left the root in the ground. The weed will soon come back. The moment you confess, you have forgiveness and cleansing (1 John 1:9). The act of confession brings the forgiveness and cleansing. Then you must yield to the Holy Spirit.

The key verse to apply is **James 4:7**: "Submit yourself to God; resist the devil and he will flee from you." You must begin by submitting to God. What is submitting to God? It includes conviction, repentance, confession, receiving forgiveness and cleansing, a changed direction, and yielding to the Holy Spirit. Then, you will be in a position to take back the surrendered ground by exercising the authority you are given to "resist the devil". Begin by renouncing Satan's hold in the particular area with which you are dealing. The people of God are to overcome Satan by "the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto death" (Revelation 12:11). These people testified that they would rather die than compromise with Satan and evil. You can do the same regardless of what you have done. You must receive His forgiveness and cleansing by an act of the will.

It is not only vital to renounce Satan's claim to the land, it is important to declare aloud your intent to serve Jesus. A model for your declaration of intent might be: "Father, I have decided that I don't want anything more to do with Satan's ways or works in my life. I want to be totally committed to the Lord Jesus Christ."

As you submit to Christ and resist the devil, he will flee from you. When Satan comes to hassle you—and he will—remind him that he has no place to stand. He has to flee when you stand against him in the authority of the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and His blood.

Yours in Calvary love,

J. Gordon Henry

In Loving Memory

Doorkeeper Doris Geiger (Mrs. Frank) Honolulu, Hawaii

"Absent from the body, present with the Lord"

A formidable challenge

For many reasons, 2008 is proving to a year of challenges—one right after the other. We face a difficult economy, a morally deficient society, and an uncertain future. The United States is a democratic republic. Democracy means "rule of the people." We exercise that rule through choosing elected representatives at the ballot box on what is known as "election day." On November 4, we elect a new President and Vice President, along with thousands of leaders nationwide.

As I have prayed for God's wisdom and guidance, a plaintive cry from the prophet Joel lingers in my mind: "Let the nations be wakened; and come up to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; For there I sit to judge all the surrounding nations. Put in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Come, go down; for the winepress is full, The vats overflow—for their wickedness is great. Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision" (Joel 3:12-14).

I do not know why this is the passage the Holy Spirit is burning into my spirit. I have lived long enough to know that when God speaks from His Word to pay attention. Frankly, I am concerned beyond words for our nation. God's children must cry out to Him. Of all the things we can do for our country at this historic time, nothing is more important than prayer. If we truly want God to bless America-to stand beside her and guide her-we must pray. I have not given up on America because I know 2 Chronicles 7:14 is still in effect. The formidable challenge can only be met when God's children "humble themselves, pray [for His hand to guide], seek His face, and turn from their wicked ways." I encourage every family and every congregation to give attention to prayer as never before. May God have mercy on America as many attempt to rid our nation of His influence. May God bless, not curse, America! Elections have consequences.

Update from Martin in Kenya

Martin Sikuku reports that God continues to bless His work in Eldoret, Kenya. You will remember the devastation that took place in the post-election violence in December and during the early months of 2008. Conditions could not have been any bleaker. Through your gifts, he was able to return to his ministry quickly. He not only has reestablished his church ministry, he has conducted prayer seminars in Kenya and in Rwanda.

Martin writes: "The Reflector has encouraged me more to keep up the good character of feeding from the Word. God is really blessing my church in a new way. We have started a pre-school for our small children and have a Grade One program. It is doing well despite the lack from many of the parents. Pray that God will provide some needed support for our teachers who are volunteering their services. Secondly, we started a Baptist Bible School to train church pastors/leaders within our church field. Seventeen showed up on September 8. They will be in class Monday-Friday. We will stress the five main emphases of the early church from the prayer seminar. You are speaking to them through the prayer seminar workbook, as well. Five are sleeping in what used to be my house within the church compound. The tap water has been reconnected after we repaired the pipes that were destroyed during the January political violence. We have water, electricity, and the place to learn and sleep. Pray also that God will provide ten mattresses, ten blankets, and twenty bed sheets. The Bible school program will run for the next two years."

Thanks to gifts from **Doorkeepers Eva Winebarger and Lili Wykle**, funds have been transmitted to provide the mattresses, blankets and sheets. What can we say, but "amazing." I firmly believe that God is going to continue to use **Martin Shikuku** and **Andrew Sakari** as they continue to teach prayer seminars. Please continue to pray for the work in Kenya.

Dr. Warren Wiersbe's life verse

Around fifty years ago, **Dr. Warren Wiersbe** and I conducted funeral services for a mutual friend in Richmond, Kentucky. He was pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Covington, Kentucky. I was blessed with his words that day and greatly encouraged when he put me on the mailing list for *At Calvary*. Little did I dream that God would use him as a pastor, writer, and speaker (including Back to the Bible) in the manner that He has done. He has the gift of communication that God continues to use around the world. What is the explanation of his great ministry?

Recently, I came across a testimony Dr. Wiersbe shared in December 1971 that answers that question. He said: "It was September, 1948, and as a young seminary student, I was sitting at my desk in a plain, lonely dormitory room, in the city of Chicago. I had just purchased a new Bible, and before I opened it, I prayed: 'Lord, this is the beginning of a whole new life for me, and I don't know what lies in the future. Give me a promise that will take me through.' I opened to the Book of Psalms and began to read; and soon, one verse just leaped out at me. That verse has been my 'life verse' ever since and has helped me through many difficult experiences. Here it is: Thou wilt show me the path of life: in Thy presence is fullness of joy; at Thy right hand there are pleasures forevermore" (Psalm 16:11)."

For sixty years, God has guided Dr. Wiersbe. For the believer, the best is yet to come! As all of us follow **Psalm 16:11**, and live on God's path, live in God's presence, and live for God's pleasures, we will also receive abundantly all that He has for us!

Out of touch

David said, "I thought on my ways and turned my feet unto Thy testimonies" (**Psalm 119:59**).

Many Christians at the present time are dangerously out of touch with the Word of God. Not out of sight—that is a very different thing. Bibles are all around us. But we are still out of touch. To be really in touch with the Word of God is to live in it, be steeped in it, be repeatedly searched and shakened by it, be constantly lighted and lifted by it, be unceasingly cleansed, corrected, and controlled by it. It is dangerous to be out of touch with the Word of God. The effects are disastrous.

Decisions determine destiny. Why not think about your ways? Do you know where your Bible is? Is it time to do a SPIRITUAL INVENTORY? **Dwight L. Moody** observed that he had never seen a useful Christian who was not in the Word of God. Are you a useful Christian?

If your assessment leads you to conclude that you neglect the Word of God in your lifestyle, don't waste time in regret. Schedule a time today and tomorrow and each day ahead to (1) pick up your Bible; (2) hold it in your hands; (3) breathe a prayer for God to speak to you out of the Word: "Open Thou my eyes that I may behold wondrous things out of Thy Law" (Psalm 119:18); (4) open it; and (5) read—until you know that you are in touch with the Word of God. Don't live dangerously.

YOU HAVE THE ABILITY TO INFLUENCE THE WORLD

Mounting tensions and international turmoil—yet you can make a difference. How? By praying for kings and those in authority (1 Timothy 2:1-4). Just as we are not praying for laborers for the fields, which is the way Jesus indicated to get the harvest gathered (Matthew 9:35-38; Luke 10:2; John 4:35), we are not obeying the Word in praying for government leaders. America, as do all nations, needs godly leaders. There is no better way to make a difference by praying for our leaders. After all, this is what the Word of God teaches.

God—the Origin of Grace



John Newton

The hymn, "Amazing Grace," has become a favorite among Christians and many other groups. **John Newton**, an Anglican pastor who lived during 1725-1807, wrote its words. As a young man, Newton lived a rebellious, untamed life. For a time he served as captain of a slave ship that sailed between Great Britain and West Africa. A stormy voyage in 1748, caused the twenty-three old Newton to rethink his relationship to God. Eventually, he was converted and left the cruel, vicious life-style of slave trading.

Sensing God's call to preach the gospel, Newton began pastoring a small Anglican church in the village of Olney, England. During the next fifteen years he had a fruitful ministry preaching throughout the area. Crowds flocked to hear the testimony of the converted sea captain. He also wrote many heartfelt hymns for his people to sing. The hymn "Amazing Grace" was typical of these simple, personal songs. Newton later moved to London to minister in a church. Until his death, at age 82, he continued to marvel at God's saving grace. Before he died hearers recalled his exclamation while preaching, "My memory is nearly gone, but I remember two things: 'That I am a great sinner and that Christ is a great Savior!"

It is through Christ's atoning death that the **penalty** of our sins may be forgiven; it is through His indwelling Spirit that the **power** of our sins may be broken.

John R. W. Stott

Peace with God— Then the Peace of God

Heaven above is softer blue,
Earth around is sweeter green;
Something lives in every hue
Christless eyes have never seen;
Birds with gladder songs o'erflow,
Flowers with deeper beauties shine,
Since I know, as now I know,
I am His and He is mine!

Jesus is alive

"Fear not, I am He who lives, and was dead; and behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death" (**Revelation 1:17-18**). By trusting Him, you are building on the ROCK and will never fall.

Someone said that God and a man must combine resources to do His work. God, Himself, brings infinite resources and places them at the disposal of a man with whom He walks. Man places all his resources in the hands of the God who walks with him. The work is two ways—man making his effort with God's help and God making His effort with man's help. I look forward day by day confident that the best is yet to come as we continue to be obedient to His call moving forth with dependence upon Him.

None of us has unlimited resources, but we have unlimited access to the sovereign God's resources through prayer. Heaven is headquarters for the believer where all supplies ever needed are kept. AND GOD DOES NOT HAVE TO PUT US ON BACKORDER--EVER! God is able! God is willing! God is waiting for us to call upon Him. Let's not fail.

GOD BLESS AMERICA, LAND THAT I LOVE, STAND BESIDE HER AND GUIDE HER...

PRAYER CALENDAR OCTOBER 2008

"I will give myself to prayer..." **Psalm 109:4b**



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1

MATT 1-4 (Madagascar 19.4M)

Wayne & Edie Aardsma (IL)

Burnace Abrams (OH)

Marie Adams (VA)

Robert & Susanne Adams (TN)

Rosalee Adams (VA)

Wayne & Jennie Agee (VA)

Norma Ailes (FL)

Clyde & Kathryn Allen (VA)

Lon & Denise Anderkin (FL)

Tommy & Pat Apple (NC)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2 MATTHEW 5-7 (Malawi 13.6M)

Milcie Arnold (VA)

Solomon & Kriskna Arrington (MD)

Leonor Avila (MD)

Carolyn Barkley (NY)

Stan & Emily Baskin (TN)

John & Joan Bateman (PA)S

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3 MATT 8-11 (Malaysia 24.8M)

Carter Mylam Baynes (NC)

Jean Beasley (TN)

Tommy & Sue Bell (TN)

Wayne & Barbara Belt (TN)

Johnny & Juanita Bernard (FL)

Ron & Teri Bernardi (IL)

Bethesda Ministries

Jerry & Joan Crain (SC)

Dorothy Spickard Biddle (NC)

Stephen & Joyce Bishop (VA)

Charles & Andrea Black (VA)

Ed & Loretta Bolen (VA)

Everett & Deborah Boston (MD)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4 MATT 12-15 (Maldives 369.031)

Bob & Jewel Bouchard (KY)

Bob & Jewel Bodenard (KT)

William & Debbie Bowden (MD)

Gordon & Chloe Ann Bowyer (VA)

Curtis & Carol Bradbury (NJ)

Emilee & Kimberlee Bradshaw (VA)

Nancy Bretz (PA)

Von M. Bridges (TX)

Clint & Dorothy Brooks (VA) Henry & Ruby Brown (AZ)

Shirley Brown (VA) SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

Jack & Arretta Bruce (KY)

Joe & Martha Bruno (AL)

Freddie & Yvonne Brunson (DE)

Don & Gayle Buchanan (KY)

Janice Bugg (TN)

Ruby Burger (TN)

Sunday & Grace Bwanhot (IL)

Mary Ann Cabannis (VA)

Don & Lucy Campbell (VA)

Lew & Mary Campbell (ID)

Ron & Julia Carlin (AL)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6

MATTHEW16-19(Mali 12M)

David & Martha Cecil (VA)

Merry J Chandler (MD)

Mary Clarke (VA) Harry & Nancy Coffee (VA)

Margarie Coffee (VA)

Jim & Kathy Connolly (VA)

Foster & Georgia Covington (VA)

Terry & Sonja Craig (TN)

Joel & Paula Criz (HI)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7

MATT 20-23 (Malta 401,880)

Robert & Charlotte Crout (SC)

Bill & Beverly Curtis (PA)

Lin & Barbara Custalow (VA)

Ida J. Davis (GA)

John & Margaret Davis (VA)

Lelia Dean (FL)

Robert & Virginia DeBoer (NE)

Harold & Tama Decker (NY)

Nick & Wilma DeGroot (IL)

WEDNESDAY,, OCTOBER 8

MATT 24-25 (Marshall Isl 61,815)

Delmarva Evangelistic Church (MD)

Ruth Chamberlain, Pastor

Alan & Rebecca Dockrey (KY)

Mary J. Dugans (LA)

Walt Edwards (NC)

Paul & Joyce Eggleston (VA)

Lynn Elkins (TN)

Evalena Enoch (VA)

Gene & Shirley Farley (CA)

Lynne Farrow (NJ)

Larry & Cara Fields (VA)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9

MATT 26-28 (Mauritania 3.3M)

June Fisher (TN)

Josephine Fitzgerald (AL)

Claire & Mary Ann Fredstrom (NE)

Ronald & Brenda Fristoe (VA)

Raymond & Estelle Gabbard (KY)

Frank & Pauline Garrett (NJ)

Carole B. Garvin (PA) Frank Geiger (HI)

Robert & Sara George (GA)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

MARK 1-3 (Mauritius 1.3M)

Frances Glass (AL)

Gloucester Co. Community Church

Bruce Sofia, Pastor (NJ)

Ronald & Maryann Gold (CO)

Odether Gray (GA)

Linda Gregory (NJ)

Uel & Hazel Hartless (VA)

Jim & Joyce Hengoed (FL/CT)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11 MARK 4-7 (Mayotte 208,783)

Bruce & Gina Henry (VA)

Doug Henry (TN)

J. Gordon & Sue Henry (VA)

Jacqueline Henry (VA)

Mark Henry (TN)

Melody Henry (VA)

Roger Henry (OH)

Sean Henry (KS)

Susan & Jamey Henry (TN)

Jerry & Sandra Hodge (VA)

Joanna Holland (VA)

John & Glenda Holland (VA)

Jayson & Marylynn Hooker (VA)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

Russ & Dorothy Hornbaker (MI)

Mike & Sonya Hosick (VA)

Sam & Linda Hough (VA)

Lamar & Cindy Sue Houser (MD)

Bonnie Houston (TN)

Coy Hunsucker (NC)

Joyce Hunt (TN)

Wilbert & Almaretta Hupp (PA)

Ed Hurlow (IN)

H. J. & Paula Hutchins (MS)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13

MARK 8-10 (Mexico 108.7M) Oliver & Janie Jackson (NY)

Louis & May Jenkins (DC)

Vernelle Jenkins (MD)

Paul & Suzanne Jennings (TN)

Jonathan & Julie Jobe (NC)

Peter & Millicent John (NY)

Dan & Jayne Johnson (KY)

Jim & Penny Johnson (KY)

Tara Johnson (KY)

Wilbur & Gwendolyn Johnson (AZ)

MARK 11-13 (Micronesia 107.862)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14

Paul & Deanna Jones (KY)

W I & Eloise Jones (SC)

Howard & Suzie Kauffmann (GA)

Harper & Shelia Keebaugh (PA)

Joyce Kelley (OR)

Kerby Knob Baptist Church (KY)

Bruce Kirby, Pastor

Alice Kern (NJ)

Archie & Mary King (TN)

Kenneth & Bonnie Kirby (PA)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15

MARK 14-16 (Moldova 4.3M) Robert & Andrea Klepper (TN) Sherry Klutz (WA) Quentin & Mary Knauer (OH) Kenneth & Amy Kollar (NY) Irwin & Joyce Koopman (MI) Korean Branch: Dr. Shin Kwang Suk Joel & Jackie Kramar (VA) David & Cathy Laing (FL) Craig & Molly Lampe (AZ) Phil & Loetta Landers (OK) THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16 LUKE 1-2 (Monaco 3 M) Charles & Cynthia Larson (MI) Bob Lawrence (MD) Raymond & Janet LeMay (VT) Mike & Earlene Lips (MS) Vincent & Mary Lobisco (MI/FL) George & Ginger Locklear (NC) Stacy Logsdon (KY) Ray & Bobbie Long (WV) Brian & Stacey Loomis (VA) FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17 LUKE 3-6 (Mongolia 2.9M)) Kenneth & Debra Magee (SC) Manship Chapel (DE) Bud & Wilma Marcum (KY) Larry & Sue Mason (VA) Dan & Meribeth Martin (VA) Reginald & Gloria Martin (OH) Bill & Mirle Matheny (VA) Deborah Mathias (NY) Murray & Loretta Mathis (TN) Bill & Shirley Maybin (SC) SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18 **LUKE 7-9 (Montenegro 684,736)** Dan & Fay McConville (VA) Gary & Anna McElwaine (KY) Sid & Jane McLaughlin (AL) Jim & Lin McLean (TN) Leonard & Martha Meador (VA) Don & Barbara Meduna (CO) Memorial Christian Church (VA) SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19 Ken & Betsy Miedema (MI) Terry & Sandra Metzgar (VA) Lewis & Martha Miller (IN) Lowry & Marjorie Miller (VA) Mike & Cherylann Miller (CO TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20 LUKE 10-12 (Montserrat 684,736) Earl & Marvel Mills (VA) Ronald & Wilma Moore (NC) Katherine Morgan (VA) New Harvest Christian Min (MD) Marcus Johnson, Pastor Chet & Betty Nichols (WA) Craton & Helen Noyes (KY)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21

Ann Palumbo (NJ)

LUKE 13-15 (Morocco 33.8M)

Jim & Barb Peterson (MI) Willis & Joyce Pillow (VA) Pleasant Hope Baptist Church (KY) Luther & Leslie Poellnitz (MD) Ben Poplin (VA) Ayers & Nina Porter (TN) Marshall & Lois Powell (KY) Brandon Jeanne, Maggie Pribble (VA) WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22 LUKE 16-18 (Mozambique 20.9M) Mike & Joyce Riley (KY) Cynthia Roach (VA) Windi & Caleb Roach (OK) John & Sandra Roberts (FL) Bo & Betty Robinson (MS) Dudley & Isabel Robotham (NY) Clark & Marie Rogers (VA) THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23 LUKE 19-21 (Namibia 2M) Fred & Jeannette Rolater (TN) Bob & Shirley Rose (MI) David & Amy Ross (KY) Sandra Rumore (VA) Curtis & Trudy Russell (VA) John Saint (PA) Don & Marie Satterwhite (MD) David & Betty Schaum (NY) Tyler & Rebecca Scarlett (VA) Gary & Sandy Schnittjer (PA) Frank & Alta Schollaert (PA) FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24 LUKE 22-24 (Nauru 13,528) Philip & Wendy Schrank (IL) John & Peggy Seibert (AL) Dennis & Monica Shannon (OH) Shenandoah Valley Baptist Ch (VA) Eric Farel, Pastor Nellie F. Shepard (CT) Sam & Lola Simpson (NY) Mary Skiles (KS) SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25 JOHN 1-2 (Nepal 28.9M) Paul & Mary Smith (TX) Doris Snyder (FL/OH) Walt & Betty Sommers (VA) John & Helen Sourlis (MD) Leroy & Suk Hi Standifer (WA) Marion J. Stansell (TX) Tim & Pam Steger (ID) Carol Snow Stewart (AZ) Gary/Leta Fern Stillwagon (GA) Jerry & Reba Stinnett (VA) SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26 Johnny & Rose M. Street (AR) Bob & Sandy Swain (VA) Tabernacle Baptist Church (DC) William Stroman, Pastor Brian & Janice Tarraferro (TX) Taylor's Chapel Baptist Church (TN) Ron & Mazie Taylor (VA) Stephanie Taylor (GA)

Mona Henry Thomas (VA) Mildred V. Thompson (GA) Paula Tipton (TN) Virginia Trask (VA) Carrol & Ouida Troutman (KY) Clay & Lisa Troutman (KY) Kelly & Janice Troutman (KY) TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28 **JOHN 6-8 (Neth Antilles 223,652)** Malcom Troutman (KY) Marshall & Mary Troutman (KY) Tommy & Frances Turpin (VA) Sara Underwood (TN) Patrick & Patricia Vaden (TN) Harris & Jane Verkaik (MI(/FL) George & Jeanette Vernarchik (NY) Sam & Rita Verghese (NJ) WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29 JOHN 9-12(New Caledonia 221,943) Tommy Waddell (TN) Horace & Becky Ward (NC) Michael & Sandra Ward (IN) Beau Ware (VA) Kay Warmerdam (TX) Don & Joyce Warpoole (TN) Rodger & Jean Watts (WI) Gale & Nancy Wetzel (KY) Allan & Judy Whitmore (VA) THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30 JOHN 13-17 (New Zealand 4.1M) George & Virginia Whitner (FL) Paul & Diane Wieland (PA) Edward Williams (NC) Elijah Williams (NJ) Julie L. Wilson (PA) Tim & Merry Gregory (Thailand) Mulamba Placide Kituta (Congo) Stephen Latong (Nigeria) John & Egberta McSween (Trinidad) Leslie/Tabitha Motsalane (S. Africa) Adam/Dianna Nathanson (Venezuela) Andrew J.Sakari (Kenya) Martin & Anne Shikuku (Kenya) Onesimus Sule (Nigeria) FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31 JOHN 18-21 (Niger 12.9M) Cliff & Marcia Vincent (Brazil) Silas & Alice Yashim (Nigeria) Roy & Eva Winebarger (VA) Dot Winfield (MD) Amos Wipf (GA) The Word Church (NJ) Buz Offenbacker, Pastor Bert & Teresa Worley (VA) Greg & Lori Worley (GA) Todd & Stephanie Wright (KY) Lili Wykle (VA) Robin & Deborah Yohee (PA)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27

Temple of Praise (TX)

Gilbert Perez, Pastor

JOHN 3-5 (Netherlands 16.6M)

Vignettes from Brazil

August 20—September 4, 2008 Belo Horizonte and Montes Claros

- Six prayer seminars (five full & one mini-seminar)
- Attendance 1,440
- Number of churches 56
- Number of pastors 49
- Leadership conferences 2
- Sermons 2
- Professions of faith 25
- Miles traveled 12,600

Pastor Renato Souza and his staff at the Greater Grace Church in Belo Horizonte left no stone unturned in preparing for the prayer seminars and other events for our visit. The response confirms that God's people in Brazil see the importance of prayer, desire to know how to pray more effectively, and are willing to be taught. Renato has taken steps to bring together the pastors/leaders for unified praying for Belo Horizonte, a city of four million in an ongoing program.



Instensity in listening/note taking

A remarkable story. Twenty-four years ago, God called a thirty-six year old man to preach. There was only one problem facing **Fransciso F. Goncalves**, "Nobody believed in me, but God sent a missionary from the United States who did." God has used this brother to build a great church with many saved over the years.

New Canaan Baptist Church was organized with thirty-four members in an area in Montes Claros where there was no water and no power. Now there are 472 members. The congregation has given up members to establish four other churches. Currently, three additional congregations are ready to be organized.



Pastor Franciso and Dr. Henry

The beautiful facilities include an auditorium to seat 500 and ample educational space. The church has a school, pre-school through seventh grade, with 509 students enrolled. The church has fifteen pastors including a ministry in the worst prison in Rio de Janerio. "We had nothing plus God."



Forty-nine pastors participated

An exciting congregation. Seven years ago, Mt. Carmel Baptist Church was organized in Montes Claros, a city of 400,000 five hundred miles north of Belo Horizonte. The growth has been phenomenal. Spending the weekend with them was a highlight of our time in Brazil. We started on Friday night with ninety pastorsleaders, had an all-day prayer seminar on Saturday with many churches represented, and a preaching service on Sunday night. On Sunday morning, twelve were baptized. When an invitation was given at the baptismal service, four adults were saved. On Sunday evening, there was a large congregation filling the building. When I commented about the number, the response was simply that "Sunday night is an evangelistic service." Many bring their friends to hear the Gospel. Pastor Lopes Joserster Coste Castro, who is bi-vocational, thanked **JGHM** for making the prayer seminar possible in his city. "We could never have had such an uplifting and inspiring event without the **JGHM** partners."



Pastor Desiderio, Renato Souza, and Dr. Henry

Answered prayer. Pastor Manuel Desiderio is seventy-seven years old and has recently led his people to build a beautiful building for Agape Baptist Church in Sao Benedito, a suburb of Belo Horizonte. The first night there were 120 present. Attendance on the second evening was well over 200, including a large number of pastors. The pastor, for some months, has been waking up at 3 a.m. to pray for his city. The Lord burdened him that the pastors were to begin a prayer meeting for their city. At the close of the prayer seminar, he shared that the prayer meeting would begin since seven pastors signed up to gather for prayer.

Certainly there is no doubt. The ninety-four people who gave gifts to bless the believers in Brazil can be assured that this is what has happened. Thank you for making the 2008 Brazilian prayer seminars possible.

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Mrs. C. H., Virginia



NOTES from my BIBLE

Note 1171. One person aligned with God in prayer is greater than any army that the world can bring together.

Note 1172. Through prayer, you can have an important part in changing the world for God. *Note 1173.* The most important thing you can do for your family is pray for them.

Note 1174. You can travel around the world many times each day on your knees.

Note 1175. How often we try to fit God around our schedule instead of fitting our schedule around Him; He wants our precious time, not our spare time.

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"We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers"

1 Thessalonians 1:2 August 9--September 15, 2008

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Kenya 2 550.0	
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Dirty dishes

Thank God for dirty dishes, They have a story to tell And by the stack I have, It seems we are living very well.

While people in other lands are starving, I haven't the heart to fuss, For my stack of evidence says, God's awfully good to us.

Education has been given us from above for the purpose of bringing to the benighted the knowledge of the Saviour. If you knew the satisfaction of performing a duty, as well as the gratitude to God which the missionary must always feel in being chosen for so noble and sacred a calling, you would feel no hesitation in embracing it. For my own part I have never ceased to rejoice that God has appointed me to such an office. People talk of the sacrifice I have made in spending so much of my life in Africa. Can that be called a sacrifice which is simply paid back as a small part of a great debt owing to our God, which we can never repay?"

David Livingstone



David Livingstone 3/19/1813--5/1/1873

David Livingstone died on May 1, 1873. He took his final breath while kneeling in prayer at his bedside. Since his heart was in Central Africa, he had asked that his physical heart be removed from his body before it was taken home to England. His heart was buried under a Mvula tree near the spot where he died and his body reposes in Westminster Abbey in London. From 1858 until 1864, he moved into African areas no white person had ever traversed—to take the Gospel. His wife, Mary, died during this period.

The sacrifice that Livingstone made will be much on our minds as we conduct a series of prayer seminars in November in **Maun** and **Shakware. Botswana** in the **Okovango Delta** area. We will spend one week there and one week in **South Africa** working with **Leslie Motsalane** through JGHM Southern African Branch.

Elections have consequences CONTINUED FROM PAGE TWELVE

it heads. This is why in biblical prophecy so many of the prophet's condemning words are directed against capital cities and their inhabitants.

Today we often hear statements that the "private life" of a political leader or a candidate for office should not be examined. What a foolish idea. Of course it should. The personal and social morality of the individuals who lead any government have a dramatic impact. We must, therefore, examine the private lives and personal convictions of candidates for office and vote accordingly.

Micah indicted Israel's rulers (3:1-4) and religious leaders (vv 5-8). He pictured a group of leaders who "hate good and love evil" and who exploited people for their personal profit. Leaders are called to serve their people, not to exploit them. A youthful Solomon pleased God greatly when, rather than asking for personal wealth or glory, he requested "wisdom and knowledge, that I may lead this people" (2 Chronicles 1:10). This is the attitude appropriate to any position of leadership.

A danger

A leader needs to examine his heart carefully and assess his motive for seeking office. When there are wrong motives and actions, Micah said that when trouble comes "they cry out to the Lord, but He will not answer them: (Micah 3:4). The leader, either secular or non-secular, whose motives and actions are pure can call on God, and expect him to answer. If this is not true, "They will all cover their faces because there is no answer from God (v 7). We need to be in a position to call on God because trouble has come. Elections have consequences.

Specific prayer point

Pray for **Dr. Enock Mulomba** (**Botswana**) and **Leslie Motsalane** (**South Africa**), our coordinators for the November 12--December 1 prayer seminars. Pray for the Holy Spirit to guide us in our budget development for this work.

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SCIE & TABITHA MOTSALANE PRAYING WITH A MAN IN SOUTH AMERICA IN 2007. PRAY FOR A MIGHTY MOVING OF GOD DURING THE NOVEMBER PRAYER SEMINARS IN SOUTH AFRICA AND BOTSWANA PRAY THAT GOD WILL GET GLORY!

Elections have consequences

Most of the mainstream media do not want to hear it but it is true nevertheless. There is a holy God who is looking down. As always, decisions determine destiny. This is true of individuals, but it is also true of nations. It is true of America where it is election time.

Franklin Graham's statement

In his September 2008 newsletter, Franklin Graham said it well: "The national election campaign has moved into high gear, and the news media is providing wall-to-wall coverage about the candidates. People sense that America is at a critical crossroads." Indeed, this is true. Graham went on to say, "In the last several months I met personally with both Senator John McCain and Senator Barack Obama, discussed matters of faith with them, and prayed for them. The differences between the two candidates are substantial, and the choice Americans make in November will affect our nation for years to come." He said that the Grahams do not endorse candidates for office. He concluded by saying: "I urge every believer to pray carefully about the direction this country should take, closely examine the issues, and then vote."

Micah's statement

Many of you have read the Minor Prophets during September. Their God-given messages to Israel and Judah seem to fit in an amazing way to what is happening in the United States. Through Micah, there is a message of judgment to "Samaria and Jerusalem" (Micah 1:1). Capital cities named in the Bible often represent nations. For example, Damascus represents Syria, Ninevah represents Assyria, and here Samaria represents all of Israel and Jerusalem all of Judah.

The capital city was the residence of the royal family and the aristocracy: the ruling class that established policy and set the moral as well as political tone of the nation. In a real sense, the capital city sums up the character of the nation

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