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Greetings from G.E.M.!

Greetings to you, our beloved missionary battalion!

“See how great [how beautiful, how marvelous] a love the Father has bestowed upon us, that we should be called the children of God; for such we are [!]” (1 John 3:1a).

That’s not all! See too how awesome it is that the Father has commissioned us to serve Him in the mission field! What a privilege for us all to participate in the harvest of the “Great Commission.”

The sublime truth is that the Omnipotent, Sovereign God could have evangelized the whole world without us. Rather, in His infinite wisdom and unfathomable grace, He called us to be His fellow-workers (1 Corinthians 3:9)! What an honor!

We celebrate a decade of God’s faithfulness! Yes! We have seen it, you have seen it, and others around the world have seen it too, that Grace Evangelistic Ministries is TOTALLY GOD’S ESTABLISHMENT. No doubt about it! Last year, while in Nigeria, we celebrated our 10th Anniversary. A decade of God’s faithfulness -- A decade of what He

alone has accomplished through this ministry! In attendance, we had point men from Pakistan, Kenya, Sierra Leone, Gambia and Zimbabwe, just to name a few.

We wish you had been there at the conference to hear the heartfelt testimonies of pastors and their life changing experiences in ministry. They were just a few representing the many pastors whom the Lord has brought in contact with Truth through Grace Evangelistic Ministries. You could have witnessed the testimonies as a reminder of the faithfulness of God. What a fair God! What a celebration of His grace and faithfulness! What a joy for us all!

We are encouraged that God's establishments always have His support! Here at G.E.M., we have witnessed His faithfulness to us in every sense of the word. He never ceases to meet the needs of this ministry as He continues to open doors for pastors' conferences and crusades worldwide.

Over and over, we have witnessed God's use of you as a privileged channel, through which He has made provisions for hundreds of thousands of copies of *Riding the Death Train*, (our Gospel booklet) to be printed, reprinted and distributed worldwide in various languages, Swahili (East/Southern Africa) Telugu (India), Urdu (Pakistan), French, Spanish, the list goes on and on. Thousands of Muslims, Hindus and others, through our missionary endeavors, have come to embrace the Free Gift of salvation "faith alone in Christ alone" and many pastors have been strengthened in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. If we dare give you a detailed report, accompanied by the many testimonies from various countries, it will turn into a whole book. In all, we give God the GLORY! He has done all the work!

Again, what a privilege! We thank you deeply for your passion, commitment and support for the work of His Kingdom! The missionary task ahead is quite enormous, but our comfort and confidence in God's faithfulness remains undiminished. We solicit and covet your prayers fervently! Remember, God considers those who are in the supply line equally as important as those on the mission field. It's team work! We are co-workers!

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all!

Your co-worker in the grip of His matchless grace,
Moses C. Onwubiko

Word of Encouragement

Who better illustrates God's faithfulness than King David? After all, he was "a man after God's own heart." He was a spiritual giant. He was a man of great spiritual failure too and equally a man of great spiritual recovery! He lived through Israel's golden age. He saw it all; he experienced it all--ups and downs! When he thought of God's faithfulness, these sobering words rushed out of his soul:

I have been young, and now I am old, yet I have not seen the righteous [believer of spiritual integrity] forsaken, or his descendants begging bread (Psalm 37:25).

That's right! Come what may, no matter the economic trends, no matter what the future holds, God will never ever fail those whose spiritual lives are upright! That's the fact of Scripture! What's more, His Word guarantees it!

The word of the Lord came to me: "Son of man, if a country sins against me by being unfaithful and I stretch out my hand against it to cut off its food supply [economic bankruptcy] and send famine upon it and kill its men and their animals even if these three men-- Noah, Daniel and Job [men of spiritual uprightness]-- were in it, they could save only themselves by their righteousness, declares the Sovereign LORD... Or if I bring a sword against that country and say, "Let the sword [of terrorists] pass throughout the land," and I kill its men and their animals, as surely as I live, declares the Sovereign Lord, even if these three men were in it, they could not save their own sons or daughters. They alone would be saved [by their righteousness]" (Ezekiel 14:12-14, 17- 18 NIV).

Again, no matter what economic indicators show, we should never be overly concerned about the future. If we are to be concerned about anything at all, it should be about our spiritual lives, and never about the future. The future is in His Hands! He will shield those who love Him - no matter the trends of time!

You may say to me: "Moses, you don't really understand; I have financially hit the bottom." So what? God has not hit the bottom, has He? Silver and gold are His (Haggai 2:8), aren't they? The hills are His (Psalm 65:8), aren't they? The cattle on a thousand hills are His (Psalm 50:10). Are they not? Sure, I may never understand, but God the Omniscient does! He is the One who causes all things to work together for the good of believers of those who love Him. Do you love God? If so, relax! He is blending all things in your life with an anticipation of a splendid outcome! So, as you and I surf through the waves of economic suffering, (or any suffering for that matter), we should never lose focus on why God has seen fit to leave us here on planet earth: to glorify Him in every aspect of our lives! Consequently, whatever the cause may be, always remember that God is the Lord of history. We can anchor our souls on these infallible promises:

...no matter what economic indicators show, we should never be overly concerned about the future.

Do not fear, for I am with you; Do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, surely I will help you. Surely I will uphold you with my righteous right hand (Isaiah 41:10).

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; And through the rivers, they will not overflow you...For I am the LORD your God (Isaiah 43:2, 3a).

*...Has He said, and will He not do it? Or has He spoken will He not make it good?
(Num 23:19).*

And so my friend do not be discouraged, but keep on trusting the very God who never fails for He Himself has said:

"I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you" (Heb 13:5b).

That's a promise! That's God's Word!

You [God] will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in you. Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord, the Lord, is the Rock eternal (Isaiah 26: 3-4 NIV).

...WEEPING MAY LAST FOR THE NIGHT, BUT A SHOUT OF JOY COMES IN THE MORNING (Psalm 30:5).

Doctrine of Grace

KING DAVID A Symphony of God's Grace
(Continued from volume 46)

David s Mindset:

He [Samuel] said, "In peace, I have come to sacrifice to the Lord. Consecrate yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." He also consecrated Jesse [David's father] and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they entered he [Samuel] looked at Eliab [and because of his outward appearance] thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is before Him." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look at appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for God sees not as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart" (1 Samuel 16:5-7).

Man's inclination is to judge a book by its cover. Let's face it. That's man's nature. He is often too quick to draw a conclusion on sight, as seen in the above passage with the Prophet Samuel. He took just one glance at Jesse's first born and concluded without a doubt, "Surely the Lord's anointed was before him." Gee! Was he ever surprised when the Omniscient One spoiled his enthusiasm; "No, Samuel, not so fast! 'For God sees not as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.'"

That's right! God looks at the heart! So the parade of Jesse's sons went on until seven sons had passed by the Prophet Samuel; but still no approval from the Lord. How can it be? Everyone was disappointed including Jesse! Who else could it be then? I can sense Jesse saying to the Prophet, "Sam, I am as totally flabbergasted as you are; I had my eyes on Eliab too! What a son! He's well-rounded and well-built--certainly material for the people's king. Are you sure you are in the right house? These are all my sons except one who does the lowest job of the household. He is tending sheep yonder." It surely can't be him, he thought. Guess what? The lowly one, the shepherd boy, was indeed God's choice!

"Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here" (1 Samuel 16:11b).

You may ask, "Who is this fellow that kept everybody on their feet, for who knows how long?" He was no other person than the shepherd boy David, Jesse's youngest son. Someone else may ask, "Why did God choose the shepherd boy, the lowly one of the family, and make him the finest king in Israel's history?" The answer is in one word GRACE. We have studied grace in the past ¹. You can agree with me, I'm sure, that the doctrine of grace is inexhaustible. With this in mind, let us focus on grace from a different dimension, from the standpoint of how God dealt with David, one of the finest kings the world has ever known. God's grace surrounded the life of King David who responded with an awesome gratitude to God and grace toward others. David's grace and generosity can be seen in his refusal to accept Araunah, the Jebusite's offer of free land. David insisted on paying for this land which was to be offered to God:

"I will not offer burnt offerings to the Lord my God which cost me nothing" (2 Samuel 24:24b--italics mine).

What an expression of a mental attitude of gratitude to God! This is a man who spent his youth hiding from King Saul (who wanted him dead), but rejected a golden opportunity to retaliate in kind:

"...Far be it from me because of the Lord that I should do this thing to my lord [kill Saul], the Lord's anointed, to stretch out my hand against him, since he is the Lord's anointed" (1 Samuel 24:6).

What a grace gesture! Again we ask: "Who was this King that reached out and touched the heart of God?" Why was he so precious in the sight of God? Why is his name cited more often in God's Word than any man in Scripture? Consider the Lord Himself in His humanity; He is many times referred to as the Son of David. We could go on and on with intriguing questions about David. Just think of it. Even the Lord Himself ended His revelation to man with these amazing words:

¹ Moses C. Owubiko, *Overview of God's Grace*

"I am the root, and descendent of David, the bright morning star" (Revelation 22:16b).

He could have said, "I am the King of kings, Lord of lords, the bright morning star!" Rather He ended by paying tribute to David! What a man! What an object of God's awesome grace!

Single-handedly, David was indeed, a man after God's own heart (1 Samuel 13:14). We are not finished yet; and so we pause to ask: "Why did God open Heaven and pour out His blessing on David in such a stunning way?"

This is a BIG QUESTION that would probably take the whole of eternity to answer. The truth is that we do not know God's thoughts until He reveals them to us. He is Omniscient and we are not. We cannot ascertain what goes on in His mind or in His decision making. In His Sovereign will and purpose, He assembled the entire life of David and decided to elevate him beyond measure. It's all grace! That's God's prerogative!

We need to consider what Scripture revealed about David's mindset. It has been said that David was "a man after God's own heart." According to Scripture he was a man yearning for God's heart. No question about it! David yearned for God's heart until death. How can we be dogmatic? Scriptural references abound!

My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God (Psalm 84:2 NIV).

O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water (Psalm 63:1 NIV).

As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God (Psalm 42:1-2 NIV).

One thing I ask of the LORD, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life (27:4a NIV).

"My soul yearns, even faints" are perfect words to describe a man whose mindset was heavenward. No question about it, a careful examination of Scripture reveals David's soul thirsted and panted for God all the days of his life. He yearned for God's heart *the mind of Christ], and it shaped his heart and made him a symphony of God's grace. He had the right mindset. "One thing I ask of the LORD, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life." He had his mind securely locked on the Lord. His priority was centered on just "one thing." Nothing else mattered to him. All he ever wanted in life was a deep and meaningful relationship with God. We can say this in another way: David's mindset was infused in God's heart; consequently, God's heartbeat, God's love, God's passion, and God's grace flowed through David and

caused him to demonstrate a lifestyle of humility toward God and grace toward man. Could this just be the primary reason why he attracted God's blessing?

But He gives a greater [super abundance of] grace. Therefore it [Scripture] says, "GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE [Proverbs 3:34]" (James 4:6).

Therefore humble yourselves under the almighty hand of God that He may exalt you at the proper time (1 Peter 5:6).

"For the eyes of the LORD range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him." (2 Chronicles 16:9a NIV)

For the Lord God is a sun and a shield; the Lord gives grace and glory; no good thing does He withhold from those who walk uprightly (Psalm 84:11).

There's no one in all of Scripture who was more frequently used as a reference point of obedience to God's Word than David. He raised the bar of Word so much that a few of the fine kings who were obedient to David's spiritual integrity. For instance, of Judah, men like Jehoshaphat (2 Chronicles 17:3), Hezekiah (29:2), and Josiah (34:2) were all likened to King David. These men had their share of blessing too because they:

Judging all equally is the marker of God's justice.

Did right in sight of the Lord, according to all that [their] father David had done (2 Chronicles 29:2).

Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns; indeed, the world is firmly established, it will not be moved. He will judge the peoples with equity" (Psalm 96:10).

Will God be fair? You bet He will! He is fair. Always!

Judging all equally is the marker of God's justice. He's no respecter of persons! What He did for others, He will do for you too! While none of us could ever be David; we can have the same mindset he had and attract God's overwhelming blessing both in time and in the eternal state.

The Impact of God's Word on David

Oh! How we forfeit the enormous blessings the Almighty God has for those who love Him simply because we do not immerse ourselves completely as we should in the pool of His Word.

- We forfeit His blessing because we rush over His Word, and therefore are unable to apply it to our life's experiences (Joshua 1:8).
- We forfeit a wealth of blessing because we take for granted the development of our personal relationship with God.
- We forfeit our blessing because our mediocre relationship with God has yielded a mediocre love for Him.
- We forfeit our blessing 's blessing runs through the pipeline of His Word.

The intriguing question is what impact does God's Word have on David? The answer is simple. A huge impact!

Mastering Bible knowledge, and having a reservoir of God's Word in our souls is important, but using this Truth in life's experiences is the real power of the Christian life.

David's home was the springboard for his spiritual journey. Under the teaching of his father Jesse, he came to know about the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and by faith alone, in Yahweh alone, David was born again into the family of God. Thereafter, his desire to know God in a personal way was greatly increased. In his thirst he sang: "O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water. As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God."

He began to expose himself day-by-day, to the teaching of God's Word, whenever and wherever God's court was opened for fellowship. He couldn't get enough of God's Word! He later told us that his enjoyment from his indulgence in God's Word was more wonderful than that of eating honey (Psalm 19:10), and that:

One thing I have asked from the Lord, that I shall seek: That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to meditate in His temple (Psalm 27:4).

For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand outside. I would rather stand at the threshold of the house of my God, than dwell [in a worldly mansion] (84:10).

Mastering Bible knowledge, and having a reservoir of God's Word in our souls is important, but using this Truth in life's experiences is the real power of the Christian life. Hearing about or reading a passage of Scripture like this one:

"I will never desert you " will never fail you ; nor will I ever forsake you" (Hebrews 13:5).

is one thing, but applying its Truth when our lives fall apart and confidently saying:

“The Lord is my helper, I will not be afraid [of what the future holds] what will man [or circumstances] do to me?” (Hebrews 13:6).

is totally different. David immersed himself in the Word, and therefore his thinking was influenced by the Word. God was real to him, simply because the Word was real to him. He took every bit of God’s Word to heart and applied it to his life. Space will not allow us to document passages of Scripture to demonstrate the impact they had on him. Passages such as this literally made a new man out of him:

“Do not fear, for I am with you; do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, surely I will help you, surely I will uphold you with My righteous right hand” (Isaiah 41:10).

David took the commands and the promise of these words to heart and mixed them with his own thinking. He obeyed the commands and claimed the promises and applied the doctrines to his life.

The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life, of whom shall I be afraid? When evil men advance against me to devour my flesh, when my enemies and my foes attack me, they will stumble and fall. Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear (Psalm 27:1-3a NIV).

When I am afraid, I will put my trust in You. In God whose word I praise, in God I have put my trust; I shall not be afraid. What can mere man [dust] do to me? (56:3-4).

He developed a personal relationship with God and a supreme love for Him through his consistent time in God’s Word. He learned to apply God’s Truth in a dynamic way both in his relationship with God and man. His grace orientation was supreme! Beautifully put, the Word of God impacted him and made him an honorable servant in God’s household.

God s Choice Consecrated

God uses prepared people (2 Timothy 2:20-21). David was one! You can be too! He longed for God, “in a dry and weary land where there was no water” of God’s Word. He prepared himself by immersing himself, at all costs, in the pool of the infallible Word of God - to the point that its Truth shaped his thinking. Its Truth changed him and made him precious in God’s sight. It earned him a title: “A Man After God’s Own Heart” according to Scripture, because he was a man yearning for God’s heart.

“...for God sees not as man sees, for man look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart” (1 Samuel 16:7b).

God knew David’s heart, unparalleled in humility, tenderness, compassion, love and grace and called him to action. God saw how His Word had impacted David’s life and knew David was prepared to be used mightily.

Preparation is one thing, being used by God is another, entirely different thing. God in His Omniscient, infinite wisdom and grace determines how He will use each member of His family. That is His prerogative!

When we are prepared, God will use us in His perfect time and for his own purpose. We need to resist the temptation to launch ourselves into service. We need to be patient and wait on the Lord, for only then are we truly used by God.

No two individuals are alike, so no two are used in the same way. Common sense tells us that not every one will be Charles Spurgeon, Billy Graham or Mary Slessor. Likewise not everyone’s ministry of Christian service will make the front page of *USA Today* or *The New York Times*.

Some will be called to serve in what I call “Behind the Scenes Ministries,” where their labor for the Lord may not be noticed by men. Others will be called to “Center Stage Ministries” where their Christian service/labor will, of its nature, be highly visible or may even make the news. All weigh equally before God, who in total fairness, rewards us based, not on the perceived prestige of our service or assignment, but on our careful execution of whatever His plan and accompanying spiritual gift(s) for us prescribe.

Our reward is based on our obedience and faithfulness!

The Apostle Paul reminds us in 1 Corinthians 12:12 and following, that Christ is the head of the body, His Church. Some of us are ears, some eyes, and many other parts -- ALL parts are necessary for proper body function. So it is with believers and our assignments in the plan of God.

Equally important to our preparation is the power that goes with our spiritual convictions. God will not leave those He calls to serve him empty-handed. He always clothes them with power from on high. In the time of David, God’s power was limited to the elite servants, but today His power is available to all believers. On this ground, when David was called for a special task. God gave him the power. This we read from Scripture.

So he [Samuel] sent and had him [David] brought in. He was ruddy, with a fine appearance and handsome features. Then the Lord said, “Rise and anoint him; he is the one.” So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the Lord came upon David in power. (1 Samuel 16:12-13 NIV).

The Journey Begins Slowly but Surely

God has spoken! David had secretly been declared king, but the road to the throne is not going to be a bed of roses. One thing was certain: Sunshine, thunder, rain, or snow, no matter how treacherous the road would get, the Lord of history would bring about His plan!

To be continued in the next edition, volume 48

Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen (Jude 1:24-25)

Mission Reports

INDIA: Dr. B.V.S.N. Rao reports:

The *Death Train* tract booklets are ready and will be dispatched to all the needy ones this week as they will be of much use for this Christmas Eve. In India it is customary that many Hindu and Muslim friends visit our homes, offices and even churches to greet us Happy Christmas on 25th December. That will be the right time for the Christians to hand over this booklet to the visiting and wishing friends. Many Christians even invite our non-Christian friends to our home for lunch or dinner on Christmas Day and many oblige. So that this booklet of *Death Train* can be distributed to every visitor as our Christmas Gift. Thanks for the timely help in printing this tract and at least 25,000 non-Christians will get this booklet in their pockets first, their minds next, and into their hearts later. Be blessed!

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We need the next lot of this tract during this April as we have to distribute at least 100 to each attending pastor for this March seminar. We are expecting a minimum of 1,000 delegates and we need at least 100,000 before April 2008. We continue to pray for the financial blessing on GEM, so that this major need can be met. Once

again I dare to reiterate that never in India in the history of Gospel tracts, has such a short and life changing material been made available. Praise Him, we thank Pastor Moses, and G.E.M. financial supporters for this instrument of Grace which brings a great change in the lives of non-Christians and revives many lukewarm Christians in India. Be blessed.

NIGERIA: GEM Team reports:

Pastor's Conferences: Pastor's conferences were held for a week each - first in Jos then in Aba. Moses challenged Pastors to go back to the Bible to examine the correct teaching with regard to charismatic practices so prevalent in Nigeria. In Jos, participants broke up into discussion groups headed up by knowledgeable moderators.

This helped to channel questions to Moses to be answered in subsequent messages. GEM's 10th Anniversary was celebrated during the Jos conference.

Two new books *The Spiritual Gift of Tongues (A Biblical Response to Modern Day Tongues)* & *Signs and Wonders (A Biblical Reply to the Claims of Modern Day Miracle Workers)* were handed out to all participants. Since then the office of the GEM Point Man has been stormed for publications, exhausting their entire supply.

Crusade: An open air crusade was held in Aba for two evenings. Pilgrims Progress and The Jesus Film were screened prior to the crusade.

Childrens' Ministry: The Children's team visited two schools in Jos and one church in Aba where children were taught and evangelized. Mrs. Dike the school proprietress was delighted that the team had a representative from the Federal Ministry of Education in Abuja as well as a proprietress of another private School from River State. The Deputy Governor of Plateau State, the Honorable Pauline Taleng, gave an audience to Rev. Moses and the G.E.M. team for the work done among children. Both the school and Deputy Governor's visit were covered by the media and made the news.

Village Visit: In Moses' home village of Amaba children were evangelized and clothing was distributed to the needy there.

PAKISTAN: Pastor Khalid Naz reports:

Greetings to GEM prayer supporters, God's Grace be with you. Thank God we had many crusades and conferences in different areas and distributed thousands of copies of *Riding The Death Train*. One group distributed 2,000 copies of RTDT booklets in the markets, bazaars, public transport and other public places. We had a strong prayer shield behind us as our wives and other sisters in Christ were praying for us.

What an awesome privilege and honor this is to be a part of the revival and all God is doing in this nation, Pakistan, which is truly a needy nation and is crying out for salvation.

Please pray with us:

- * For those who have received the Word of God; may they understand the salvation message of Jesus Christ. For guidance to other unreached areas in God's plan.
- * For follow up of the genuine seekers - we have received phone calls from the cell number we placed on the tracts.
- * For upcoming campaigns in other areas, for providence and team unity. We give all glory to the Father God for His protection and all providences; Who is with us and proving His awesome grace that we might accomplish His will. We pray that we could continue His work, with Him, for the extension of His kingdom.

KENYA: Pastor Maurice Mwale reports:

We convey our heartfelt gratitude to our prayer partners all over the world as they continue to stand with us during this very challenging time in the history of our country. The trouble started when election returns were skewed in favor of the incumbent. Results were announced and hurriedly, 30 minutes later he was sworn into office. Immediately there was total civil unrest and social disintegration. People killed each other, burned, destroyed and looted shops and houses. All public transport ceased, children and women were raped, over one hundred churches were burned and many inside were killed, and food supply to the main cities was cut off. Criminal activities abounded while the church at large in Kenya became confused and divided along tribal and political lines.

Today hundreds of thousands of families are homeless, children orphaned, thousands of women widowed. Many are in refugee camps; some are being housed by relatives and servants of God. Still, I have confidence that God has a very specific purpose for our country and when He is done with us, this great sufferings will give birth to great blessings and renewed spiritual direction which will be sensitive to His eternal will and plan. God intervened and preserved our church membership apart from one lady whom we lost to the criminal's bullet -- we were able to bury her body in very difficult circumstances. I know that the numerous voices being lifted to God in prayers are achieving much.

Many diplomats are mediating between the warring leaders, but I know that peace can never come from any other source apart from the Heavenly throne. Churches are now helping the affected families, children and women. We are not able to close our eyes to the physical needs of those whom we are able to reach. We share with them what little we have. By divine preservation, our church is safe and thus we and our fellow pastors are using the prevailing situation as a platform to participate in the great commission.

N.B. Pastors Naboth Otukho, Maurice Mwale, Samson Mabonga and Shem Aluoch represent GEM in Nairobi.

ZIMBABWE: Pastor John Gumbo reports:

Please allow me to pause and solicit your word of prayer as I present the current news about this time of Zimbabwe's difficult and decisive moment. According to the World Bank our inflation rate is 150,000%, and the government recently introduced a single 10,000,000 Zim dollar note. Most professionals and skilled people have now fled to the neighboring countries, including teachers and pastors whose congregations can no longer support them.

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As for my family and I, we have learned to make our daily requests known unto God because He is our sole provider. Even though we sometimes go for a long time without enough food and school fees for the children and we become thinner each day, we believe there is a purpose in every event. Saint James puts it this way, "Blessed is the man who endures trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life which God has promised to those who love him." (James 1:12) Many Church members are growing spiritually as they continue to have their Bible doctrine intake on Sundays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Their response is tremendous, but we have lost 9 members who left due to the inflation. Elections for President, Parliament and Council are March 29, 2008. Please continue to pray for us so that we may not engage in violence like Kenya.

PROPOSED 2008 MISSION TRIPS

April: India, Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Pakistan
July: Burundi, D.R. Congo, Rwanda Burundi,
September: Philippines, China
December: Lagos, Nigeria

Letters to G.E.M.

Greetings, in the Name of our Wonderful Savior Jesus Christ:

Sir, it was wonderful meeting you in person after so many years of reading your books and hoping for the day that I will meet you. God in His grace has made this happen at the Jos conference.

If there was any person who the conference teachings benefitted, I am that person by the special grace of God. Sir, I read all the books that we got at the Jos conference, I went back to the Bible and compared all that is written in your books in relation to what the Bible says, and to my greatest happiness, all that you said in these books is just what the Bible says. I read these books over and over and the more I read the more I see light. We have been confused by the charismatic movement for years, but this conference has thrown light to the sound teaching of Bible doctrine. So many of the students in our seminary who went to the conference were enlightened. Personally had it not been for financial constraints I would have gone to Aba to get more of these teachings.

As you know, not all can grasp these sound Bible doctrines; When I came back and started sharing with so many people they said that I was preaching heresies. But I have gotten the truth and I will not sell it, no matter what. Sir, now with this teaching, I am not comfortable with what is going on in many of our churches and worship centers, so what I am to do now? Am I to continue fellowship with these or should I stop? As a matter of fact I want to seek your advice on how to establish a place where the sound Bible doctrines that I have found could be taught, that is to establish Grace Bible Fellowship Center.

Happy Christmas and New Year
Zaria, Nigeria

Hi Debby!

Triumphant greetings in the precious name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Your missionary trip was a timely intervention of God to supply a missing link in my life. The children's program in which you taught 10 things about the Divine Essence was appointed for me.

I never went through kindergarten in my days and the vacuum of child education still remained. It was filled by the ten point lesson I learned while I was interpreting it for you. I was made complete in having a right thinking from that day forwards as never before. Thanks for allowing God to use you to bless me.

I have been to Aba from Lagos twice since then to know about the Distant Satellite Seminary on DVD master's degree program. When shall we take off? Many are eagerly seeking for it. I am holding on for your reply. Thanks and have a nice day

In His Loving Grace,
Pastor, Lagos, Nigeria

Dear Brother Onwubiko:

I just finished reading your books on “Tongues” and “Signs and Wonders” and am writing to tell you what an outstanding job you did! I am 79, have been a born-again Christian for 51 years now and have heard just about everything in my lifetime! This charismatic thing has done more to divide churches and brethren from each other than any other thing Satan has done or tried to do in our modern time.

I was so pleased to see your scholarly approach to this subject, and the fact that you have studied church history and quote from some of the early Church fathers. I have ordered several more of your books. I do deeply appreciate all the research and effort which went into the writing of those books. And I appreciate your boldness in proclaiming the message publicly.

Yours in the proclamation
of the everlasting gospel,
Nebraska, USA

Dear Brother Moses:

I must commend you. I’ve never read such clear teaching on eternal security. You have WOWED me! I am 40 years old; have battled with the “once saved always saved” teaching but now I’ve come to be deeply aware of the truth. Currently, in my sojourn, I am executing a life sentence for murder and I am so thankful Jesus forgives me! I cannot undo any of my wrongs, but I sure can drown them in forgiveness!

Please, please send me all 9 of your books. I realize this is a tall order, but please brother, I long to grow more in these subjects. I can’t afford to pay, but I will send you some tithe of my state draw of which I get monthly. Again, Please. I love you for all you do and are doing. May God continue to bless you and your mission.

Sincerely,
Prison, Tennessee, USA

G.E.M. Overview

Grace Evangelistic Ministries is incorporated in the State of Tennessee as a nonprofit organization. We are a Christian, non-denominational, missionary oriented ministry, dedicated to evangelism and sound Bible teaching. Our main focus is evangelism; all other activities support our main goal. Our mission, in obedience to the command of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, is to: “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations.” (Matt. 28:19) We embrace the following :

Objective #1 - Evangelism

Evangelize unbelievers, adults and children, with the simple, grace gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Objective #2 - New Convert Follow-up

Follow-up with those who choose to believe in Christ.

Objective #3 - Preparation of Indigenous Pastors

Because those who have responded to the Gospel will become unfruitful if they are not exposed to sound Bible teaching, we will:

- a) Hold pastors conferences in conjunction with every crusade.
- b) Introduce pastors and prospective pastors to doctrinally sound resources.
- c) Provide opportunities for churches to send missionaries.

Objective #4 - Satellite Centers

We will establish foreign satellite centers for duplication of recorded Bible lessons and reproduction and distribution of doctrinal literature as funds become available.

Objective #5 - Publications

- a) Prepare periodic newsletters, which include Bible exposition, and missionary reports.
- b) Convert the missionary teachings of Moses C. Onwubiko into books.
- c) Reprint overseas when possible to save costs.

Objective #6 - Assist the Needy

Caring for the needy or the poor is a timeless, biblical principle and it is incorporated directly or indirectly in God's mandates. In light of this, our mission will embrace providing spiritual food for all and sustenance for the needy as the Lord provides and directs.

Objective #7 - Theological Seminary in Africa

Plan to establish a doctrinal theological seminary in Africa.

(Entire Overview at:

www.GEMworldwide.org)

Please Join Us In Prayer:

Thanksgiving:

- For many open doors around the world.
- For the knowledge that Jesus Christ controls history.
- For *Riding The Death Train* sweeping Asia.

Petitions to Our Father:

- President Bush (for wisdom and guidance).
- Protection of Israel and the U.S. military.
- The U.S. (for a great revival, peace and freedom from terrorism).
- Protection of tape ministries, G.E.M. personnel and foreign translations.
- Doctrinal pastors and their tape ministries.
- Health of Col. and Mrs. R.B. Thieme, Jr.
- The spiritual growth of new believers.
- Indigenous pastors (that God will totally equip them).
- Open doors in 2008 and 2009.
- Divine provision and sustenance for missionaries desiring full time work in the field.
- Energy, wisdom, and discernment for G.E.M.'s God-assembled team.
- Protection and deliverance for those persecuted for their faith.
- Provision for thousands of *Riding The Death Train* to fill requests in Asia.
- Land in Abuja, Nigeria, for GEM Africa Headquarters.
- Peace in Pakistan.
- Peace in Kenya.
- Elections in Zimbabwe.

FINANCIAL POLICY: There is no charge for any material from Grace Evangelistic Ministries. Anyone who desires accurate Bible teaching, can receive our books without obligation, whatsoever, God provides Bible Truth. We wish to reflect His grace.

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