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Greetings From G.E.M.!!

Greetings to you, our co-laborers in the field of His great Commission! Think of it! Two thousand years have already passed since our Lord uttered these words:

"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations [without discrimination]...teaching them to observe all that I commanded you [the whole realm of Biblical truth]; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:19a-20).

Yet, His charge to us continues to echo with great vibration in our souls as if we were there when He gave it! Indeed, the Word of God is alive and powerful

(Hebrews 4:12)!

What a joy to know that His words are just as fresh today, as they were in times past! We continue to witness God's faithfulness in all our endeavors to fulfill His Great Commission. We know that the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses (2 Corinthians 10:4). We are continually taking His Word--the most powerful weapon the world has ever known, or will ever know--

to the lost and dying world, both near and far, with resounding results. But much more, the field is way
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DOCTRINE OF GRACE

KING DAVID — A Symphony of God's Grace © 2008 Moses C. Onwubiko
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We begin this segment of our study with a review of the last words of Volume 48: My friend, we can amaze, or even amuse, people with a reservoir of the Word of God in our souls, and we can tell others about God's faithfulness, but until we demonstrate application we will be no different from the believers James addressed saying:

"Even so faith [what is believed, namely doctrine], if it has no works [if it is not applied {James 1:22}], is dead [stagnant], being by itself" (James 2:17).

Let's state it another way: The tug of war in the Christian life is not in the field of Hermeneutics, the Biblical exegesis of Scripture, the real tug of war is in the application of God's Word. Being face-to-face with a gi-

ant in the spiritual life is one thing; conquering it in the strength of God's might (Ephesians 6:10) is the real testimony to His power! As Christian soldiers, we can have the world's best weaponry, but the true test of its effectiveness is in a real combat situation. Similarly, the true test of the effectiveness of God's Word in our souls is when we are "face-to-face with a giant" as David was.

Like many believers today who have developed the habit of studying God's Word, David's soul was supercharged with the Word of God. But he stands out in contrast to many of us; the Word was real to him, it was his soul's guiding light. He knew it. He applied it. He was totally preoccupied with the power of the omnipotent sovereign God as he approached Goliath. What's more, his eyes were on God, rather than on the giant. He knew Goli-

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WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT:

Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect result, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing (James 1:2-4).

Herein is the good news! You are in God's mind, in His plan, and in His care! What's more, His sovereignty guarantees that the counsel of His will and purpose for your life will come to fruition:

"Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things which have not been done, saying, 'My purpose will be established, and I will accomplish all My good pleasure'; calling a bird of prey from the east, the man of My purpose from a far country. Truly I have spoken; truly I will bring it to pass. I have planned it, surely I will do it'" (Isaiah 46:10-11).

What a solace to know that God's plan for our lives would be fulfilled IN TOTO!

No one in their right mind would pray that God would bless them with suffering. But undeserved suffering is blessing in disguise! Suffering was a blessing in disguise for the Apostle Paul. He realized that, in this way, God's grace comes in multiples:

Concerning this [suffering—thorn in my flesh] I implored the Lord three times that it might leave me. And He has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness." Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses [sufferings], so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong (2 Corinthians 12:8-10).

What an Apostle!

James tells us to count it joy when we find ourselves in a room of suffering. You may ask: Why James, what is so fun about suffering? His answer is sobering: God, the Master Refiner has elected to refine your faith! It is an honor for you to be considered for testing as Job was!

"But He [God] knows the way that I take [He knows my predicament; He is concretely aware of my situation]; when He has tested [refined] me, I will come forth as gold" (Job 23:10 NIV).

The good news gets better! God assures us of a "perfect result" when He is finished with us! And so, while we surf through the wave of our suffering, we should grip our feet on the surfboard of His Word:

"When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; And through the rivers, they will not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be scorched, nor will the flame burn you. For I am the Lord your God" (Isaiah 43:2-3a).

And so my beloved, whatever your suffering may be, just remember that God, in His sovereignty, did allow it. As a gracious loving Father, He will see you through in due time! He knows what He is doing in your life! Again, "*Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect result, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing*" (James 1:2-4).

Doctrine

THE EMPOWERMENT OF GOD (*Continued from page 1*)

Goliath would suffer defeat because "*the battle is the Lord's.*"

That's confidence! Powerful ammunition in spiritual combat!

Think of it! David had no military training. He had no combat experience whatsoever; yet he faced the world's best (and biggest) soldier. Question: What gave this shepherd boy the confidence that he could defeat Goliath who had caused every soldier, even the best of the best in Israel's camp, to hide? Answer: Doctrine understood and applied.

My friend, we can never say it enough: We can store tons of Biblical Truth in our souls, but until we apply it, and thereby gain some ground, we will find ourselves running on a spiritual treadmill--running, but never moving forward!

GREETINGS FROM G.E.M.

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over ripe! How we wish for enough laborers and materials!

Hundreds of thousands of our Gospel pamphlets have touched the lives of many Muslims and Hindus with astounding results! What a privilege of hearing testimonies from around the world with regard to the effect of this ministry in the lives of both believers and unbelievers alike.

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But what breaks our hearts is realization that our work, so far, is merely a drop of water in an ocean dried up by false teaching, where untold numbers of fishes are gasping for oxygen. We continually receive e-mails and phone calls for more *Riding the Death Train*, and requests for permission and assistance to reprint these powerful gospel tracts in more languages to reach indigenous people groups. Simply put, the need is enormous! We beseech you to hearken to our Lord's pas-

sionate and urgent plea and approach God's throne with us as we cry out to our Heavenly Father for more laborers and materials!

We also solicit your fervent prayer particularly in the months of July and August as we take His message of hope to Rwanda, D.R. Congo, and Burundi via Kenya.

We plan to spend two days in Kenya in order to strengthen and encourage our point men and brethren, who, as you know are recovering from the recent turmoil in their country.

Again, the task is enormous; but the battle is the Lord's!

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord (1 Corinthians 15:58).

We beseech you to keep standing with us shoulder-to-shoulder, toe-to-toe as we continually take the battle of the "Great Commission" to the enemy's territory! What a comfort that our Lord has won the victory for us!

**Thank you for being a partner!
G.E.M.'s missionary team**

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David was a man of application. At this juncture we ask: What's application? It's fitting to answer this vital question before we meet up again with David, a man of courage, as he advanced toward Goliath in the valley of Elah.

DOCTRINAL APPLICATION

No doubt about it, application of God's Word to life's experiences is not only the backbone of God's Word, but also the driving force of spiritual growth. More than that, without application of Bible Truth, we will forfeit, outright, the opportunity to make an impact in the devil's world, much less to glorify God.

Application separates a loser, still saved, but with minimal blessings in time and eternity, from a winner with many blessing in time and a super abundance of

blessings in eternity! An alarming number of believers don't understand what application is. Some assume that application is a matter of legalism and strict avoidance of taboos. Still others think the spiritual life is only about attending Bible class consistently and ensuring their notes are up-to-date. Attending Bible study regularly and taking good notes are essential, of course, but they are not the end in themselves. They are the means to the end: application.

My beloved, the core question in Christianity today should be: What are we doing with what we know?

But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves (James 1:22).

Deluders! That word defines us when we fulfill only half the mandate; when we make ourselves available to the teaching of the Word of God, but don't obey the command to be doers of the Word.

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So, what IS application of doctrine? Application can be defined in a half dozen ways or so; nonetheless, we offer three definitions to help us get a better grasp on why only David was applying Bible Truth to Goliath's challenge; why only David was on the battlefield to face him. Application of God's Word is the thought process (under the filling of the Holy Spirit) whereby:

- the believer's thinking aligns with the thinking of Christ.
- the believer puts the Word of God into operation, confident that God will faithfully superintend the outcome.
- the believer expresses right thinking in every exigency of life.

Simply put - application is obeying God, aligning your thinking with His thinking, knowing that He is responsible for the outcome.

When it comes to application, the Spirit-filled believer evaluates the situation. Simultaneously, he analyzes the Word of God categorized in his soul, and responds to the circumstance, trusting that *"faithful is He who has promised"* (Hebrews 10:23).

Application of God's Word can be classified in two categories: inward and outward application.

Inward Application: This has to do with application to self. The believer grabs whatever predicament confronts him and handles it with correct thinking, thereby winning the battle of the soul--God is glorified!

Depending on the nature of the predicament, inward application may, or may not, be noticeable to others. The only way we can know is through observation or individual testimony. We know the story of Job, courtesy of the grace of God, who has preserved his testimony for our benefit. We see how Satan ambushed him with every imaginable disaster and how magnificently he handled each one. For instance, when everything he had worked for all his life was swept away, his response was sobering:

"Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I shall return there. The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away. Blessed be the name of the Lord."..."But He knows the way I take; When He has tried me, I shall come forth as gold."..."Though He slay me, I will hope in Him" (Job 1:21; 23:10; 13:15a).

him with festering boils from head to toe--he was reduced to scraping himself with a pot shard. He reviewed the doctrinal treasures categorized and stored in his soul, and rationalized that God had a purpose for his life, and if that purpose included his present experience, so be it! He knew it was for God's glory!¹

Job knew he was a sojourner; on his way to his eternal home. He knew everything he had, including his health and wealth, was temporary. He knew that God, in His sovereignty, had ordained the manner, the place and the time of our death. He concluded--if his present condition was how God planned his earthly departure, so be it! More than that, he was encouraged with the assurance that one day, he would meet his Savior:

"As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last He will take His stand on the earth. Even after my skin is destroyed, yet from my [out from my earthly] flesh I shall see God" (Job 19:25-26).

We see how Job handled every situation with doctrinal rationales, with Biblical thinking. He was confident to say:

"But it is still my consolation, and I rejoice in unsparing pain, that I have not denied the words of the Holy One" (Job 6:10).

Job wasn't running around doing the so-called "great things for God." Job was quietly using inward application. That's winning the biggest battle: the battle in the soul! This prepares us to examine the next category of application.

Outward Application: It's true that outward application has its roots in inward application. All application is initially processed in the soul. However, with outward application, other people are generally the beneficiaries (Philippians 2:4). It includes bearing each other's burdens (Galatians 6:2), encouraging one another (1 Thessalonians 5:11), helping the needy (1 John 3:17), as well as fulfilling all that the office of ambassadorship (2 Corinthians 5:20), and the priesthood (1 Peter 2:9) prescribe. This is where David's application fits--he was an ambassador of the Lord of Israel. He took the challenge of demonstrating to Goliath and the world at large, just who the God of Israel is.

¹ Paul responded similarly to his Roman imprisonment, Phil. 1:12-14 cf Rom. 8:28

DAVID MEETS GOLIATH:

We have seen that David came to a spiritual crossroad, similar to the one his ancestors met at Kadesh-barnea. They failed to trust God, consequently they became spiritual losers--the cost of NOT trusting God (Psalm 78:21-22). But David remembering their mistake, chose to trust God. He counted his blessings, and when he was finished, his jaw dropped in amazement! He factored in God's faithfulness toward him, which his forefathers had failed to do in the wilderness. David took their mistake as his warning and he firmly placed his faith in God!

The same fate awaits us when we fail to trust God (Hebrews 3:18, 19; 4:1-2).

As for David, his choice was clear. His doctrinal rationale: "My life was exposed to two vicious beasts, the bear and the lion, and my God faithfully rescued me from their paws. He has given me victory on various grounds. Without doubt, God who has been so faithful in keeping me from harm, this unchanging God of mine, who has seen me through all these years, He alone will fight this battle for me!"

This shepherd boy, the future king, reached out and buried his trust in God's Word as he recalled Deuteronomy 31:6: *"Be strong and courageous, do not be afraid or tremble at them [or Goliath], for the Lord your God is the one who goes with you. He will not fail you or forsake you."*

David's attitude was a perfect illustration of our previous definition of doctrinal application, namely, the thought process whereby the believer under the influential power of the Holy Spirit puts the Word of God into operation with the ultimate confidence that God will always be faithful to His Word.

What Word is that? *"For the Lord your God is the one who goes with you. He will not fail you or forsake you."*

Armed with the confidence only God's Word brings:

He [David] took his stick in his hand and chose for himself five smooth stones from the brook, and put them in the shepherd's bag which he had, even in his pouch, and his sling was in his hand; and he approached the Philistine (1 Samuel 17:40).

David fearlessly walked toward Goliath. The army of Israel literally shook in their boots as they peered from behind their tents at this unbelievable spectacle. David's brothers were horrified, wondering how they would explain to their father why they had allowed their baby brother to be slaughtered by the giant.

Goliath couldn't believe his eyes! He saw a lad approaching him purposefully, with a sling! What a joke! He saw a mere lad, but didn't see the God of the universe on David's side. What a grave miscalculation:

Then the Philistine came on and approached David, with the shield-bearer in front of him. When the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him; for he was but a youth, and ruddy, with a handsome appearance. And the Philistine said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. The Philistine also said to David, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the sky and the beasts of the field" (1 Samuel 17:41-44).

Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword, a spear, and a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have taunted. This day the Lord will deliver you up into my hands [confidence!], and I will strike you down and remove your head from you. And I will give the dead bodies of the army of the Philistines this day to the birds of the sky and the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, and that all this assembly may know that the Lord does not deliver by sword or by spear; for the battle is the Lord's and He will give you into our hands" (1 Samuel 17:45-47).

In our last study, we were amazed at how completely and intensely David's soul was anchored in God's Word. But now he has left us dumbfounded by the manner in which he applied this doctrine to his life. Under girding his response was a mental attitude of humility. He was

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not arrogant. There was no sign of self-inflated pride. He never mentioned his previous record to Goliath. Why? Because Goliath was an unbeliever; David's miraculous deliverances would not have made sense to him. Besides, David's objective was crystallized, namely, God's glory: *"This day the Lord [not David] will deliver you up into my hands [confidence], and I will strike you down and remove your head from you. ...that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, and that all this assembly may know that the Lord does not deliver by sword or by spear; for the battle is the Lord's and He will give you into [not mine alone, but] our hands."*

Think of it--the thought of being called a hero was foreign to David! He was only preoccupied with God's glory! That's the epitome of application of the Word of God! That should characterize us too! Our thoughts, words and deeds all for God's glory! Application of God's Word is not for self-praise, but for the glory of God! We are here on planet earth for His glory!

That's why the Apostles Paul and Peter were not hesitant in exhorting all believers everywhere respectively saying:

Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name [glory] of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father (Colossians 3:17).

Whoever speaks, is to do so as one who is speaking the utterances of God; whoever serves, is to do so as one who is serving by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen (1 Peter 4:11).

It boils down to this: Whenever our objective is to glorify God--whether in business, in the workforce, in Christian service or in life experiences--God will respond in a way that will leave us breathless! He will be swift and decisive! He will manifest Himself in such a way that every observer will know that "this is the finger of God." This phenomenal concept is captured here:

Then it happened when the Philistine rose and came and drew near to meet David, that David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. And David put his hand into his bag and took from it a stone and slung it, and struck the Philistine on his forehead. And the stone sank into his forehead, so that he fell on his face

to the ground. Thus David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone, and he struck the Philistine and killed him; but there was no sword in David's hand. Then David ran and stood over the Philistine and took his [Goliath's] sword and drew it out of its sheath and killed him, and cut off his head with it [his own sword]. When the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, they fled (1 Samuel 17:48-51).

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Yes they fled! The battle--**over!** David had killed the giant Goliath, the Philistine champion, Israel's nightmare. Victory!

What's next? Do you think that David, since he knew he would one day be the king of Israel, would seize this moment and hit the road on a campaign trail? That would be tempting of course. But not for David! He knew that God had given him the victory in His perfect timing, and likewise would bring him to the throne of Israel, when the time was right. He did not hesitate to return glory to God alone. We read the expression of his thoughts both in songs and in prayer:

"Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, indeed everything that is in the heavens and the earth; Yours is the dominion, O Lord, and You exalt Yourself as head over all" (1 Chronicles 29:11).

The king is not saved by a mighty army; a warrior

is not delivered by great strength. A horse is a false hope for victory; nor does it deliver anyone by its great strength.... For I will not trust in my bow, nor will my sword save me. But You have saved us from our adversaries, and You have put to shame those who hate us. In God we have boasted all day long, and we will give thanks to your name forever.... Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear Him, on those who hope for His lovingkindness (Psalm 33:16-17; 44:6-8; 33:18).

Here we have it on record for all eternity, an example for us no matter the generation! My beloved, herein is a cup of water for the thirsty soul of any one who wonders why David was nicknamed "a man after God's heart." God graced him out to the maximum, and he responded to God's grace with such extraordinary latitude of humility and grace-orientation!

Have you ever noted that every success or victory in life comes with a threefold prize: jubilation in victory, temptation for glory and the enemy's counter-attack. These are the facts of life. They are inevitable! The question is not whether we will face these three after we embrace a victory; but more importantly how will we respond to these tests?

JUBILATION IN VICTORY

We thank God for emotion! He gave us emotion, and we should use it properly. It is designed to respond with appreciation or compassion, but it cannot think and should not be used for making decisions. The Apostle Paul told us to rejoice with those who rejoice and to mourn with those who mourn (Romans 12:15). It's proper to celebrate success! We saw an outburst of emotion after David's victory over the Philistine. With word of Goliath's death, the nation of Israel hit the streets in jubilation:

It happened as they were coming, when David returned from killing the Philistine, that the women came out of all the cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet King Saul, with tambourines, with joy and with musical instruments. And the women sang as they played, and said, "Saul has slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands" (1 Samuel 18:6-7).

The message was crystal clear: "*Saul has slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands.*" The people were sober, and so were their words. King Saul under-

stood clearly what they meant. To him the people were saying, "Saul is finished, David is our man!" We shall see how he reacted to these words when we get to the last increment of the triple prize for success.

TEMPTATION FOR GLORY

This temptation is so deceptive and subtle that often we succumb to it before we realize its ramifications. If we fail this test, God who does not share His glory (Isaiah 42:8), will meet us with discipline. It's easy to want to think that our success in life has everything to do with us. It's easy for us to glory in our success because of our hard work. It's easy for us to toast our champagne glass and glory in the success of our businesses because of our expertise. We glory because of our indomitable will to succeed. What a circle of self-deception! We forget, that were it not for the grace of God, we wouldn't be in good health, let alone be able to work hard. We wouldn't be in the position to excel; we wouldn't be alive for that matter, let alone achieving success! My friend, that's why Paul, the greatest Apostle the world has ever known, wasted no time in puncturing the inflated balloon of his self-glory with these words:

For I am the least of the Apostles [expression of humility], and not fit to be called an Apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me did not prove vain; but I labored even more than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God with me" (1 Corinthians 15:9-10).

David, when he had the victory of his life, cleared his mind of any trace of self-glory; after all he had earlier identified that "*the battle is the Lord's*" (1 Samuel 17:47). He knew the Source of his victory and thus did not hesitate to return glory to God alone. In conclusion of this portion of our study, we pause to feast our souls on the words of a man who knew his God:

We will continue with the enemy's counter-attack in Volume 50.

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).

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PAKISTAN: Bibles and Cable Reach Muslims

Pastor Azam Anthony Reports:

We are fine by His grace and believe in the Lord that you are fine over there. First, thanks for His goodness and mercy in our lives and He is taking care of us like a child. We at Christ Revival Church are growing in the Lord. Our cable network program is a blessing for many; it is especially a wonderful way to reach our Muslim brothers and sisters.

Prayer meetings and Bible study are going very well. I really appreciate my Lord, that He is inspiring the people to come into these meetings. We in Pakistan really need your support through prayers and in Pakistan the cost of all things has gone so high that it is out of the reach of the poor people. I am serving the Lord among the poor people, and people are very, very worried. Secondly, the government is not stable; please pray for the unity of our leaders. Today I gathered all the pastors of my area in our church. We prayed for Pakistan and I request them to please have meetings of prayers in their churches every day for Pakistan. Please pray for us. Crimes are increasing and suicides are increasing. Being a Body of Christ we feel this is our responsibility to stand against these bad circumstances. May the Lord bless you.

Yours brother in Him in Pakistan,
Pastor Azam Anthony

Pastor Khalid Naz Reports:

A Christian from our ministry is a leader at the Agriculture University in Pakistan. He has been handing out *Riding The Death Train* on the campus and the response has been so great that he has asked us for 1,000 more copies of *Riding the Death Train*. People want to know more. They are now asking for Bibles! We have been able to locate the Bibles. Thanks to your generous donation we have been able to purchase them while they are still at the \$3 price - before the increase. Please pray that the atmosphere remains favorable for this work at the University.

We give God the Glory for He is shaking Pakistan!



INDIA: Strengthening India's Pastors

Dennis Ejila Reports:

In my follow up, I ministered in a church of about seven hundred worshippers in Vijayawada. The Pastor of this church attended our Pastor's conference this year and last year. The congregation was very pleased to have me.

But, what is interesting is that the Pastor announced a day of Prayer for the Nation of Israel which is celebrating the anniversary of 60 years of nationhood. It is interesting to me that this particular church recognizes and supports the nation of Israel, which we know is Biblical!

I am in Kakinada working with Pastor Emmanuel. We just had a pastors conference and I was able to review the doctrines concerning the Holy Spirit and His correct role in the spiritual life. So many have been taught that speaking in tongues is a sign of their spiritual life, but I was able to teach them the true doctrine of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. I have been able to use the material that Rev. Moses taught us at the conference in Nigeria and from the books he wrote - so, in that way, he is still here teaching! Sometimes we have classes late at night after the heat of the day is gone. Pastor Emmanuel has been taking me into the village areas too. We do not miss a day to get the Word to the people.

I will soon be with Pastor D. Daniel and he is very grateful. Then, back to Vijayawada and several other pastors that Dr. Rao has arranged for me. My health is holding out and it is so exciting to take the Truth to those who want to hear.

Editors Note: Please pray for Dr. Rao: He is facing complications of diabetes.



ZIMBABWE: Feeding the Destitute

Pastor John Gumbo reports:

Thanks be to God and GEM for the continual supply of food to all of the suffering adults, youths and children of Victoria Falls and across the country.

It is indeed a "Blessing By Association" to all of us at this time of National Crisis when the Government has yet again introduced a new highest denomination of all, the 250 000 000 single Dollar note. What a cash puzzle! As for now the inflation rate rose from the previous 350, 000 percent to a half a million (500 000 percent). The confidence, a key measure of strength and of future profitability for Banks, has been shaken several times. Robert Mugabe's rule since 1980 and his disastrous beliefs, policies and philosophy, resonate with almost the whole of Zimbabwe and the rest of Africa, as well as, other continents at large. Presumably, people in general are in protest over Mugabe's continued incumbency.

The following is the process for distributing food to those who are suffering in Zimbabwe.

REPORTS

- 1) As per our previous relief funds report for the phase one allocation, we were able to distribute food to 81 suffering people of Victoria-Falls Grace Church.
- 2) The phase two allocation of relief funds reached the people of Norton and Shangani.
- 3) This time the distribution of food will be done next week here in Victoria-Falls.

May God richly bless you. NEVER CEASE TO PRAY FOR US.



NIGERIA - Police Academy Opens Doors to G.E.M.

Darlington Elekwa Reports:

G.E.M. Jos has just gained unlimited access to the Nigerian Police Staff Academy, Located in Jos, Nigeria. It is the highest level training facility for all Nigeria and other West African countries. Not only has Grace Evangelistic Ministries been given permission for 24 hour access to the campus, and dorms. We have also been encouraged to distribute books and have been requested to teach once a week in their training. Now we hope for our books to be replenished as our supply is nearly depleted.

G.E.M. Africa, has also been requested to address officers who have received special training as peace keeping forces before they are sent out to countries like Darfur. We have been asked to give literature, information and encouragement that will help them with their assignment.

In an ironic twist - when a police academy staff member came to the G.E.M. office to pick up additional books, he

was the victim of an armed robbery! Fortunately, they just took N10,000 and he was not harmed. This paints a perfect picture of why access to the police academy is so vital and such a blessing.

Several doctrinally sound pastors, associated with G.E.M., attended a funeral in Amaba, Nigeria, the village where Rev. Moses grew up. The pastor there refused to bury the poor man because his name was not on the church tithe rolls! However, God always has the last laugh. Five doctrinally sound pastors in attendance took charge of the situation - which had now garnered the attention of the entire village. Everyone turned out for the funeral--including the chiefs and all received a wonderful and clear Gospel message. The entire event became the talk of the town. This man--who it appeared was not going to be buried--in fact had a large team of outstanding pastors officiating his burial! To God be the glory!

As a recent graduate of the Haggai Institute, Darlington Elekwa addressed a national gathering of Haggai Institute Leadership Alumnae. All were Christians and all were leaders in their fields - from clergy, to doctors, to businessmen. The topic was Biblical Minded, Personal Obligation, Urgency for Evangelism. Several pastors from Lagos approached him to visit and speak in their own congregations.

We are grateful to God for providing so many wonderful opportunities to give the Gospel and Bible Truth in Nigeria. Only this Truth taking hold will begin to produce the changes so drastically needed. Please pray with us for Nigeria.

Proposed 2008 Mission Trips



LETTERS TO G.E.M.

To: Mr. Moses C. Onwubiko:

Dear G.E.M.:

I wanted to thank God for you and your staff and for the books that are being sent by God working through you. I have received these books 1) *Joseph: A Remarkable Journey from Pit to Pinnacle* 2) *Focus on Christian Marriage* 3) *Biblical Doctrine of Salvation*. Sir, by the grace of God these books have given me and other inmates a new look on life. I thank God for my deliverance.

My wife really enjoyed the books you sent to her. If you have any books for kids or any literature will you please send them along with the following 3 books for me: *Comfort in Suffering*, *Eternal Security of the Believer* and *Paul: a Trophy of God's Grace*, and send the same ones to my wife. Father God, in the name of Jesus, I pray that you will continue to bless this ministry and its President, financially and spiritually, in the name of Jesus. Amen. (James 5:16)

**Correctional Facility
North Carolina, USA**

Dear Rev Moses:

I am very much glad to greet you in the mighty name of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

If you can remember, in the year 2003, you visited Kenya as a state visitor of Bishop Alex Owuth. He brought you together with pastor Naboth from Nairobi to our small town of Siaya-Nyanaz. I am the pastor who hosted you for these days. Since that year up to now, those who attended your teaching classes have been asking when you will be back in Kenya. I have taken time to pray and now I have concluded, together with some of them, to contact you for more details. Can you remember saying that even if God sent you several miles just for one person you will do it? I think the time is now and you are welcome to Siaya-Nyanza, Kenya.

I will organize you a conference and bring people from different districts to attend.

Secondly, after reading your book *God's Plan After Salvation*, I request you to send me: *Comfort in Suffering*, *Eternal Security of the Believer* and *Biblical Doctrine of Salvation*. Pray for me also about the sponsorship to a sound doctrinal Bible school. I desire to know more about the Word of God.

**Yours faithfully,
Pastor - Kenya**

I took a few Spanish *Riding The Death Train* to KHCB Christian Radio in Houston where I work. Our Spanish program director just loved *Riding the Death Train* and they were immediately sent out with correspondence. How can we request more to reach the huge and growing Spanish speaking population in the Houston area? Pray with us that the Lord will prepare the hearts of countless thousands to hear and respond to the "Good News" of faith alone in Christ alone.

**Thanks again,
Houston, Texas**

Dear One in Christ:

I was so happy when I received your Grace News Today. I took ample time to read them and I was so happy about them. From now onwards I am not going to joke with my worship. I and my entire family will take God's message seriously.

Please, I am appealing to you to send me all your powerful books. Teach me how to pray to God to get an answer because I am suffering now. I have a wife and twin baby boys. I don't have money to look after them so remember me in your prayers so that God will help me. I am a full Christian but I don't understand.

Ghana

Dear Moses:

It was so encouraging to see how God has used Grace Evangelistic Ministries to spread His Word. He is truly an awesome God. Thank you for your letter. We thought you might find interesting the fact that the day we received your letter, God also provided these funds that we had been hoping to send you. His timing really is perfect. Keep up the good work of spreading His Word.

Houston, Texas

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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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.GraceEvangelisticMinistries.org

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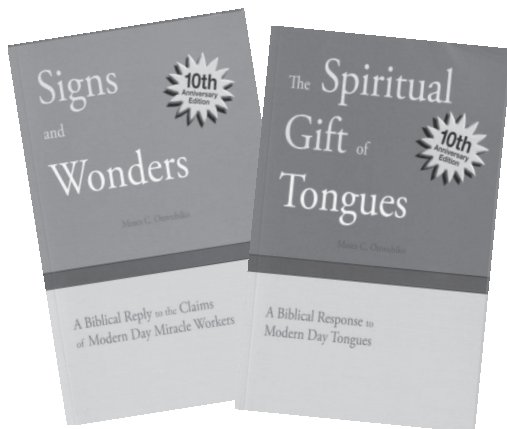
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New publications: *The Spiritual gift of Tongues*, with its companion book *Signs and Wonders*, provide a clear and concise refutation to the myths of tongues and miracles as signs of spirituality.



G.E.M.'s series dealing with the Biblical concept of God's Grace begins with *Overview of God's Grace*, then expands with forays into the lives of two Heroes of the Faith: *Joseph, a Pillar of God's Grace*, and *Paul, a Trophy of God's Grace*.



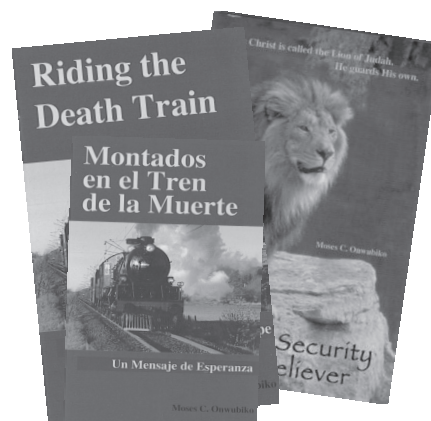
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