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Greetings from G.E.M.

A bundle of greetings to you from all of us at Grace Evangelistic Ministries! We thank God always for your great passion in bringing the grace Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ to the lost and destitute around the world, one person...one nation at time. In times like these you have energized us by showing us that nothing is more important to you than obedience to the Great Commission of our Great and Awesome Savior who commissioned us to,

“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations [without discrimination], teaching them to observe all that I commanded you [namely, the whole realm of Biblical truth]” (Matthew 28:19a-20).

Our dearly beloved, this is no ordinary commission! Your continued support throughout this year has made our missionary journeys remarkably successful. We have enjoyed all our trips both far and near. On paved and unpaved roads, in potholes and muddy roads, through unbearable heat, and countless journey mishaps, we have not traveled alone! You have traveled tirelessly with us through your prayer barrage. Our Lord has been so faithful to His promise: “Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age!” (Matthew

28:20b). He has never failed us, not even once! He has always been on time and on target! For this reason, we invite you to stand at attention with us as we salute the Majesty of the Most High God!

Your continued support throughout this year has made our missionary journeys remarkably successful.

As the year 2008 closes we pause to recount our many blessings and journey mercies. This year we took the message of hope to those in far Eastern and Central Africa covering four countries in a stretch.

We ministered in Kenya, Burundi, D.R. Congo and then Rwanda, a country where the memory of genocide still haunts its residents. We wish you could have traveled with us to see first hand how hungry those people were for the Word! In Congo, three groups from different villages traveled 50, 60 and 80 miles round trip on foot just to come hear the Truth! Our audience, wherever we went, couldn't get enough of our grace message. That's not an exaggeration. One of our missionaries testified that this trip was his best so far. I concur. The president of a Bible institute, in D.R. Congo who attended our program there wrote: "True, I have been trying to meditate and find words good enough to express my appreciation for the ministry. But I failed.... We want to stand with you and see the Church back to its foundation." He wasn't speaking for himself alone. Others who felt the same way were asking us how soon we could come back. Beloved, in a situation like this, our Lord's compassion is felt with resounding magnitude:

And seeing the multitudes, He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and downcast like sheep without a shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest" (Matthew 9:36-38).

Workers are few indeed! Often we find ourselves stretched too thin to reach many who are pleading with us. They call to us just like they called to the Apostle Paul, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." The field is way over ripe! Would you heed the voice of our Savior and petition the Father?

The trip to the Philippines had the same results. Much positive volition exists in that country held hostage by religion. God is always fair bringing His Word to those who are hungry. A coordinator of the program told me that he was so excited he couldn't sleep the first night he was exposed to the grace message. He was overjoyed! Ever since, this pastor has been on fire taking the grace message to everyone around him. They too were asking how soon we could return. One reverend approached me and asked if I could come back the following month to be the guest speaker at their national convention. They planned to invite all the dignitaries of their government. Unfortunately the turn around time for that invitation was too soon and we had to postpone until the time is right.

We still have a trip, before the year ends, to Nigeria and Togo on the west coast of Africa. Pastor Bruce Bumgardner and I will teach pastors in Lagos, Nigeria a city of 14 million. We anticipate thousands to attend the pastors conference and up to 1,000 to attend the children's program taught by Debby Hagar. We covet your fervent prayers that God, in His infinite grace, would open the hearts of the attendees to the Truth.

We never run out of testimonies of God's faithfulness to this ministry WHICH HE ALONE HAS ESTABLISHED. The testimonies are endless. Many around the world, whom the Lord has blessed through this ministry either face-to-face or by means of our publications, continually flood our e-mails with messages of gratitude. We give God all the glory for His faithfulness! He is Worthy.

As for you, our beloved, we want you to know that we have not shrunk, not even for a moment in making mention of you in all our prayers to our Heavenly Father, always offering prayer with joy in our every prayer for you, in view of your participation in the Gospel, from the onset of your partnership with us until now. We are confident of this very thing, *"that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus. And our God shall supply all your needs according to the riches of His glory in Christ Jesus"* (Philippians 1:4-6; 4:19)!

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you in abundance both now and in the years to come!

I remain yours in His matchless grace,
Moses C. Onwubiko—*G.E.M. Team*

Word of Encouragement

(in the world of financial crisis)

Then the word of the Lord came to me saying, "Son of man, if a country sins against Me by committing unfaithfulness, and I stretch out My hand against it, destroy its supply of bread [economic recession], send famine against it [economic depression], and cut off from it both man and beast, even though these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job were in its midst, by their own righteousness they could only deliver themselves," declares the Lord God (Ezekiel 14:12-14).

What a joy to know that believers of spiritual integrity will not and cannot suffer the same fate as the unrighteous! That's what the Bible says! Consequently in times like these, God's message through the Prophet Ezekiel should be a soothing medicine for any obedient child of God whose soul is aching because of his experience in the stock market, (or the housing

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Thomas Jefferson**

market, or the job market). God, in His faithfulness, undoubtedly will see you through in times of crisis. For He Himself has said,

“I WILL NEVER DESERT YOU, NOR WILL I EVER FORSAKE YOU” (Hebrews 13:5c).

Any student of the Word of God should know sooner or later the justice of God will hit hard any nation that turns its back on Him. It was Thomas Jefferson who said, “I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just; that His justice cannot sleep forever.”¹ In light of His justice, disaster is God’s warning bell, except where He uses it as a test for the growing or matured believer, for example Job.² King Solomon tells us,

In the day of prosperity be happy, but in the day of adversity [or financial crisis] consider [reflect, ask questions such as, why is this happening to us? For it’s] God [who] has made the one [blessing] as well as the other [financial crisis] (Ecclesiastes 7:14a; cf. Amos 3:6b).

God has spoken loud and lucid! But what does it mean for you, a believer of spiritual integrity? The Bible has the answer: “Son of man, if a country sins against Me by committing unfaithfulness, and I stretch out My hand against it, destroy its supply of bread..., even though these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job [or you] were in its midst, by their own righteousness they could only deliver themselves,’ declares the Lord God.” This applies to you because God cannot go back on His Word. No matter what! His promises are real! Scripture abounds with perfect examples of God’s faithfulness to His obedient children.

Noah and his family were saved during the flood (Genesis 7:1). Lot and his family were saved before Sodom was destroyed (19:12-16, 24). In times past, God used the Prophet Jeremiah to warn Judah of impending judgment if its people did not return to Him. They failed to heed; consequently, God used Babylon to conquer them and take them captive (2 Chronicles 36:15-17). But Daniel and three other faithful believers were among the captives. The good news is that the Book of Daniel will forever stand as a monument to God’s faithfulness to both Daniel and his God-fearing friends! What about the Prophet Jeremiah? God gave him favor too. He was given special care during the siege of Judah (Jeremiah 1:8; cf. 39:11, 12; Proverbs 16:7). We can go on and on but the fact remains that many are the afflictions of the righteous; but the Lord will deliver him out of them all (Psalm 34:19)!

You say, “Moses, you don’t really understand; all my investments are gone!” That’s good news, my beloved! Count it all joy when such calamity hits you (James 1:2). The truth is that sometimes God allows us to hit the bottom in order to show us that He controls both top and bottom. Job hit the bottom hard. But in the end, he was the recipient of God’s faithfulness. God doubled his fortune when he passed his test (Job 23:10; cf. 42:10)!

“Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh; is anything too difficult for Me?” (Jeremiah 32:27).

So in times like these, let us not lose sight of who is in control. We know that God is always in control, never our circumstances! Consequently, the Psalmist admonishes us to be still as the Goldsmith of all ages refines bends and beats us into a desired shape. Be still for the Master Goldsmith knows what He is doing in your life (Psalm 46:10)!

God’s ultimate goal is to perfect you, *“to give you a future and a hope!”*

Relax, here is hope: you can be assured that no matter the nature of your suffering, or how hard you have been hit financially, God’s ultimate goal is to perfect you, *“to give you a future and a hope!”* My friend, that’s comforting. Just because unpleasant circumstances have taken a toll on you, or suffering has threatened to rock the boat of your life, does not terminate or even diminish the plan God has for you which is *“to give you a future and a hope.”*

So my dear friend, your suffering is tailored for you alone. It’s the platform on which the arsenal of doctrine in your soul can be recalled and applied. It’s the application of God’s Word, not the suffering itself that makes the difference in your spiritual experience! James couldn’t have said it better,

Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance [application of Bible doctrine under pressure]. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything (James 1:2-4).

That’s right! Not lacking anything is God’s ultimate objective for your life. So keep your composure. Regard your suffering as a blessing, not a curse; God will perfect that which concerns you (Psalm 138:8). His Word is infallible!

What a solace to know that God will always be faithful to His Word! While grass may wither, while flowers may fade, His Word will stand the test of time. So, my beloved, I want you to know that no matter the nature of your predicament, the Lord of History is there with you. He is at both ends of your suffering. He will surely see you through! Do not subscribe to Satan’s lie. Not even a little. Rather, as you bob up and down through this turbulent life, anchor your soul on these infallible promises:

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. 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).

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

So let's comfort our souls with His time tested promises!

"For I know the plans that I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope" (Jeremiah 29:11)!

Remember, His eyes are on the sparrows, and I know He will watch over you!

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Doctrine of Grace

KING DAVID, A Symphony of God's Grace

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(Continued from Volume 49)

Repetition and reinforcement are vital in every field of study and the field of theology is no exception! Repetition is a basic law of teaching and essential in the sharing of knowledge. The Apostle Paul applied this teaching technique (Philippians 3:1), and so did the Apostle Peter:

"Therefore, I shall always be ready to remind you of these things, even though you already know them, and have been established in the truth which is present with you. I consider it right, as long as I am in this earthly dwelling, to stir you up by way of reminder (2 Peter 1:12-13).

Stirring people "up by way of reminder" is indeed the basic law of retention and recall.

It is of paramount importance for me as a minister of the infallible Word of God to keep on stirring you up by way of reminder even though you already know these things. In the previous examination of our work we had a glimpse of David's awesome mindset. We were taken aback by the strength and intensity of the anchorage of his soul on God's Word. We were deeply moved when we read afresh the lyrics from his thirsty soul: "*My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God!*" "*My soul yearns, even faints*" were the perfect words that described the soul of the

shepherd boy whose mindset was heavenward. David's soul thirsted and panted for God all the days of his life. David yearned for God's heart through God's Word and God's heart shaped David's heart and made him humble and a symphony of God's grace. What a servant! No wonder he's called a man after God's own heart.

My beloved, again, we can amaze, or even amuse, people with the reservoir of God's Word in our souls. We can tell others about God's faithfulness, but until we demonstrate application we are no different from the believers James addressed saying:

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

The tug of war in the Christian life is not in the field of hermeneutics or exegesis of Scripture. The real tug of war is in the application of God's Word. In other words, being face-to-face with a giant in the spiritual life is inevitable; defeating this giant in the strength of God's might (Ephesians 6:10) is the real testimony to His power! As soldiers, we can have the world's best weaponry, but the true test of its effectiveness comes when it is used in a real combat situation. The true test of the effectiveness of God's Word in our souls comes when we apply this Truth in a humanly helpless situation.

Many of us today have developed the habit of studying God's Word. That's awesome! David equally saturated his soul with the Word of God. Sadly, the contrast between David and many of us who have accumulated an avalanche of God's Word is that the Word was real to him. It was the lamp of his soul. Much more, every response in the chamber of his soul was plugged into the reservoir of God's Word and the switch was turned to application mode. That's called occupation with the Lord! David was totally preoccupied with the power of the omnipotent sovereign God as he moved toward Goliath. His eyes were on God rather than on the Giant. He knew that Goliath would suffer defeat because the battle would be fought by the Lord of the armies. That's confidence — the most important ammunition in spiritual combat!

We also need to recall from our previous study that application of God's Word to life's experiences is not only the backbone of God's Word, but also the engine that takes us to spiritual maturity. Moreover, without application of Biblical truth, we cannot glorify God, much less make an impact in the devil's world. Application is the difference between a loser with lesser blessings in time and eternity, and a winner with enormous blessings in time, and super abundant blessings in eternity! We noted that an alarming number of believers today are clueless about application. Some assume that application is a matter of legalism and strict adherence to taboos. Still others think that the spiritual life is all about attending Bible class consistently and ensuring that their notes are up-to-date. Attending Bible class regularly and taking good notes are essential but they are not the end in themselves. They are the means to the end, which is application.

Application of God's Word is a thought process under the filling of the Holy Spirit whereby the believer expresses right thinking, puts the Word of God into operation, confident that God will faithfully oversee the outcome. We simply obey God; He is responsible for the results. How can application be accomplished? When a situation that calls for application of God's Word arises the spirit-filled believer evaluates it, analyzes the Word of God categorized in his soul, and responds appropriately to the circumstance trusting that *"faithful is He who has promised"* (Hebrews 10:23).

We saw how David used spiritual combat weaponry against the world's biggest and best with a breathtaking result. God gave him victory against the giant Goliath, because David trusted in the Lord. Remember every success or victory in life comes with a three-fold result: jubilation for 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; the real question is how do we respond to victory? So far we have seen how remarkably well David handled his victory. He gave God the glory which defused any temptation for self-glory. Now we are poised to examine the third result.

The Enemy's Counter Attack

As believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, finding our niche in life and being successful in any field or profession is wonderful and cause for jubilation! However, Satan hates progress in the spiritual life. He will use our success as a platform to launch an attack to neutralize our joy. In other words, whenever we are celebrating, Satan and his minions bite their fingers in displeasure. They do not share our joy. The only thing they enjoy is our unhappiness. We see this play out throughout Scripture!

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Job was the richest man in his day. He had everything going for him. His spiritual integrity was above board. Daily worship of God was his delight; and what's more, he was a blessing to his country (Job 1:1-5). His success became a platform for counter attack. In the eyes of Satan, Job was an outlaw and must be prosecuted in the Court of Heaven for his enormous success. So the enemy of success did exactly that!

The Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered My servant Job? For there is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, fearing God and turning away from evil." Then Satan answered the Lord, "Does Job fear God for nothing? Have You not made a hedge about him and his house and all that he has, on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land. But put forth Your hand now and touch all that he has; he will surely curse You to Your face." (Job 1:8-10).

Satan obtained permission to attack Job, not because of his spiritual failure, but because he had been blessed beyond measure! We know the rest of the story; Satan

wiped him out materially from cattle to Job's children. That's not all! Satan inflicted him, from the crown of his head to the sole of his foot, with the worst kind of disease. That left Job looking like a rotting carcass. Did Job follow Satan's plan and curse God? NO!

He said "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I shall return there. The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away. Blessed [praised] be the name of the Lord." Through all this, Job did not sin nor did he blame God (Job 1:21-22).

In the midst of his surmounting pain, he testified,

"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).

What a child of God. What a challenge to us all! Job was not the only one Satan accused in the Courtroom of Heaven. The Apostle Peter was another perfect example. He too had everything going for him in his new career as a fisher of men. On top of that he gave a profound testimony about the Messiahship of Jesus Christ (Matthew 16:15-16) which drew an astonishing pronouncement from the Lord Himself.

"Blessed are you Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but My Father who is heaven. I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it. I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 16:17b-19a).

Shortly thereafter, the Lord rebuked him sharply because Satan had influenced his thinking.

But He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to Me; for you are not setting your mind on God's interests, but man's" (Matthew 16:23).

None of the others received a rebuke, only Peter. Why? Success! The Lord had not finished showering blessings on Peter. He had yet another blessing: Christ was transfigured before him. This experience left Peter elated beyond measure (Matthew 17:1-5)! That did it for Satan. He went straight to Heaven for permission to test Peter's faith. In light of this, Luke recorded our Lord saying,

"Simon, Simon, behold Satan has demanded permission to sift you like wheat; but I have prayed for you, that your faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned again, strengthen your brothers" (Luke 22:31-32).

The Lord prayed for Peter because He knew Satan's objective was to ruin Peter's life and make him miserable. Satan is a genius; he always goes after the elite (Acts 19:15).

He detests success! Think of it. The only reason why he sought permission to ambush Peter was because of his success and promotion.

Let there be no misunderstanding! Success is a platform on which Satan counter attacks. On one hand, God permits Satan to run his course so that He may prove to Satan that a believer can lose everything as Job did and still remain faithful to the Most High God. Affliction, on the other hand, is a test given in God's laboratory to see what type of specimen we are. Job proved to be a viable specimen! He applied the Word of God precisely. Job won the battle of both prosperity testing and people testing. Simply, he was a monument to God's glory. What about David, the man after God's own heart? How did he handle the enemy's counterattack?

We previously saw an outburst of emotion after David's victory over the Philistine. Goliath now dead; the nation of Israel hit the street 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. The women sang as they played, and said, "Saul has slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands." (1 Samuel 18:6-7 cf. 2 Samuel 6:12-15).

In our study we saw that King Saul vividly understood the lyrics of their song: "*Saul has slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands.*" Saul interpreted this to mean "Saul is out! David is our new King." Because Saul had forgotten his spiritual life those words became a winepress in his soul that produced the wine of bitterness, hatred, envy and jealousy which would be poured on David without measure. We ask again, why? The answer is simple: David's success!

King Saul had already wrecked his spiritual life. He had lost the endowment (Old Testament temporary empowerment) of the Holy Spirit and was under great divine discipline (1 Samuel 16:14). Satan would use him to work on David, the rising star.

Saul Turns Against David

The next day an evil spirit from God came forcefully upon Saul. He was prophesying in his house, while David was playing the harp, as he usually did. Saul had a spear in his hand and he hurled it, saying to himself, "I'll pin David to the wall." but David eluded him twice. (1 Samuel 18:10-11).

Twice! King Saul a trained soldier, used his spear point blank on David twice and missed. Was that because he was drunk? No, my friend, God is in control! God had a plan for David. God alone would bring it to pass. The Psalmist said it best:

The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the plans of His heart from generation to generation (Psalm 33:11).

That should be comforting for you. God will bring about His plan for your life no matter what. The treacherous road had just begun for David, but the Lord would be there to lead him through and around all the potholes until He brings him to the Palace as promised. Faithful is He who promised!

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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).

Missionary Reports

Central Africa Mission Trip July 11- August 4, 2008

We had an overwhelming positive response from all the areas we visited. Pastors came in large numbers and the number of pastors increased each day. Moses taught justification by “faith alone in Christ alone,” and eternal security, ideas new to most of them! Though the same truths were taught with the same positive responses, each area had its defining differences. Pastor Philippe, our host and coordinator, was with us driving all the way. He confessed after we were already on the road cruising in our vintage rented van that his only driving experience had been the driving school where he obtained his license! But God gives strength to the weak and prepares the willing! He was a natural expert driver.

Burundi: Capital City of Bujumbura Pastor Philippe Selemani, Host

Pastors from all denominations attended the conferences; including Baptists, Catholics, the Salvation Army and many others. When Pastor Philippe asked who would like Moses to return next year and for a full week — all hands flew up! *Riding The Death Train* was published in French and distributed to all. Since we left, Philippe has had no rest. He has received a steady stream of phone calls and guests knocking at his door, some from as far away as 75 miles who have heard this great news of salvation by faith alone!

D.R. Congo: City of Bukavu Pastor Elijah, Host

Bukavu pastors were intently focused on the Word. From Bukavu we made a day trip to Walungu for Sunday service. We enjoyed three groups beautifully attired in native

dress who sang African hymns. We were amazed to learn they had walked all night without sleep, 25 miles, 35 miles and 40 miles just to hear Moses teach the Gospel! Once church was over they began the long journey home. Rest assured, Moses gave a crystal clear grace Gospel message taking no chance any of these devout God fearing faithful may have missed the true salvation message.

Rwanda: Capital City of Kigali
Pastor Enock Bagirishya, Host

The pastors said they now understood and agreed with the teachings on Grace. But that created a new problem for them. The leaders approached Moses to say, “We know just a few passages in the Bible and those we use to support salvation by works. We now accept grace, not works. But when we abandon salvation by works — we now know nothing. Can you come back soon or send someone to teach us?” The pastors all agreed that it will take a spiritual solution to bring healing to this land that was torn apart by genocide in 1994. Christians killed Christians and nearly 1 million people died.

Kenya: City of Nairobi
Pastor Maurice Mwale, Host

The team was not scheduled to go to Kenya. But Pastor Maurice petitioned the Throne of Grace and God answered! Connecting flights were through Kenya but there were no seats available for 2 days, giving us a layover the entire weekend in Kenya! Maurice was quick to take advantage and declare a mini-conference! This was the end of the trip, Moses had given his all in three countries, he was worn out! But God provided strength for him to teach an all day marathon on Sunday!

All the lessons from each venue were captured on DVD and lessons are being duplicated and distributed for those who attended, and those who are now coming to see Philippe to find out what they missed!

Philippines Mission Trip
September 12-23, 2008

Baguio City and City of Manila
Pastor Roger Umali, Host

Moses spoke at full day conferences held from Sept 16-18 in Baguio City and on September 20 in Manila. There were opportunities to teach in church on Sunday before and after the meetings. Every bit of time was utilized by these people awakened by and hungry for the Truth. The number of conference attendees increased daily as news

spread through the pastor network. The crowd doubled in size over the course of the conference. *Riding The Death Train* was printed in Filipino and caused great excitement. The words of Pastor Umali tell the story.

Some pastors upon hearing the first message dynamically presented by Rev. Moses approached me and said: "With the caliber of Rev. Moses, this conference should be held in a bigger venue so that more delegates from the city and nearby provinces could hear the Truth." This response was after they heard the message regarding "The Overview of the Book of Philippians." Praise the Lord!

Today, during lunch break, some pastors told me that there are 10 pastor attendees who are recognized as the leaders of ministers here in Baguio. Praise God, to me that is a good opportunity to have them hear the Gospel, particularly the message of justification by faith alone. We bought notebooks and pens and gave them to all attendees.

We are so blessed to experience victory for the past 3 days Pastors Conference here in Baguio City where 126 delegates attended the last day. They had a good response to the dynamic messages about the teaching of Paul and James re: justification, which is the cause of many conflicts in the body of Christ.

God bless us all in the G.E.M. FAMILY. Although there is no official membership, there is now a strong spiritual covenant of embracing the teaching of the Truth brought to us by Rev. Moses.

Their heartfelt petition was: "When can you return?"

Proposed Mission Trips 2009

DATE	PLACE
March:	India/Pakistan
June:	Honduras/Mexico
July:	Zambia/Malawi/Zimbabwe
August:	Norway/The Netherlands
November:	Liberia

Please pray with us as we plan for 2009. In addition to the trips planned, we also have requests from new areas: Thailand, Bristol U.K., and opportunities for many other countries in Asia. Please pray for wisdom, discernment, guidance, and provision as we plan and travel.

Riding The Death Train Update

Riding the Death Train (a gospel tract) has become “the little train that could!” Pastor Khalid from Pakistan even calls it his weapon! We have it in many languages and it is always in high demand and short supply.

Translations published:

Urdu — Pakistan

Telegu — India

Malayalam — India

Spanish — U.S. and others

Filipino — Philippines

French — Burundi & Central Africa

Swahili — Kenya & Central Africa

Translations in process:

Hindi — India

Ibo — Nigeria

Hausa — Nigeria

Youraba — Nigeria

Kirundi — Burundi

Missionaries of Old

“If a commission by an earthly king is considered a honor, how can a commission by a Heavenly King be considered a sacrifice?”

— David Livingstone

“God isn’t looking for people of great faith, but for individuals ready to follow Him.”

— Hudson Taylor

Our walk counts far more than our talk, always!

— George Müller

If you are reading this newsletter and you are without hope, without Christ, without eternal life, you can believe in Him for salvation now. The Bible tells us simply:

“Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved” (Acts 16:31).

Will you trust Him now?

Letters to G.E.M.

Dear Rev. Moses,

Accept my greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I just want to thank God for His grace for making it possible for me to know you.

I am a Pastor for almost five years in the ministry and now God has opened my eyes to see Him, His essence and attributes. All these happened when I met with Pastor Cletus on a radio panel discussion where I heard him present salvation by faith alone in Christ alone plus nothing and I believe this is true.

After the panel I met with him and the message was presented to me very well. After that he gave me some books written by Moses Onwubiko and Pastor Thieme and there I got more of the message. Rev., I was blind but now I see, I was lost but now am found, I give God the glory.

I want this message of grace to be preached in this country, Cameroon, I want to open a Bible school. My aim is to train more grace oriented Pastors and send them out to spread this message across the Country of Cameroon. We need grace oriented teachers and I believe these teachers can only come from you people.

Pastor from Cameroon

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Hi G.E.M.

Thank you very much for all your e-mails you have been sending me. I suppose it is by God's divine appointment. I am a committed christian and love the Lord so much. Having seen and followed the job you do in Africa, I was so moved and touched by the goodness of the Lord. Therefore I feel led by God to partner with your team by giving towards the work of the Lord. I just finished my studies in the U.K. and I've a part time

job I am doing whilst believing God for a better job. So I will send you a donation each month. I pray and believe it will help in expanding the work of God in Africa. Thank you and may God richly bless you for all the work you do.

Your Sister In Christ,
U.K.

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Dear G.E.M.

God has used the G.E.M. team to make me what I am today in the Lord. I will always love and identify with the G.E.M. family and be willing to do anything to get the Truth across to people as long as I live.

For some weeks now I have been teaching doctrine in the Church of one of my Pastor students and the turnout has been really impressive. I have given out a lot of Rev. Moses' books especially *The Biblical Doctrine of Salvation* and the testimony is that they have never gotten the Truth like this before. They won't just give me a breathing space unless I teach or answer questions they have been carrying for years.

Also there is a turnaround in the lives of the other pastors and students. The titles some of them were carrying have been dropped since they came in contact with the Truth. I am so excited at what the Bible school is doing in the lives of these pastors because they come back to testify of what the Truth is now doing in their congregation as they communicate what they have learned to their congregations.

Please bear with me. I will tell you more when we meet at the Pastors Conference in Lagos this December.

Best Wishes,
Pastor from Nigeria

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Dear G.E.M.

I have been trying to meditate and find words good enough to express my appreciation for your ministry. But I failed.

However, I want to say A BIG THANK YOU FOR YOUR MINISTRY AMONG US, here in Bukavu, D.R. Congo. In fact, you would not realize how much we have been blessed and brought back to the real foundation of Christianity. The Church needs such teaching in order to face the actual situation. That is what I would call revival — going back to the Bible.

Apart from teaching your material at the Bukavu Bible Institute, we are arranging to hold a seminar down in the country, in November-December, the Lord willing, to pass on what we have received from God through your ministry. Would it possible to get some material from you as we prepare ourselves for the task? We will also appreciate your prayer for all other preparations. We want to stand with you and see the Church back to its foundation.

We will also appreciate it if you would include us into your every activity, any you judge useful for us to be involved in.

Specially greetings to Rev. Moses and to all the team.

GRACE TO YOU ALL,
Pastor from D.R. Congo

Please Join Us In Prayer:

Thanksgiving

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

Petitions to Our Father:

- President Bush and President-Elect Obama (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 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 and Africa.
- Land in Abuja, Nigeria, for G.E.M. Headquarters.
- Peace in Pakistan, Kenya, D.R. Congo and Zimbabwe.

G.E.M. Overview Summary

(Entire Overview is available at:
www.GEMworldwide.org)

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.

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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