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## Greetings from G.E.M.

Accept heartfelt greetings from all of us here at Grace Evangelistic Ministries. What a time, what an opportunity! No doubt about it, we are facing an unprecedented storm of financial crisis, a time when the whole world is feeling the turbulence of economic meltdown. Many worldwide have already hit the panic button because they have lost their jobs and lifetime savings. Others have lost homes or face eminent foreclosures. The list goes on. Many continue to pass sleepless nights because of fear, worry and anxiety about what the future holds. Others scratch their heads in disbelief. But we, as believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, the King of Kings, are comforted because we know that God knows what He is doing. We know that this economic depression is the handiwork of God. You ask, “How can we be so sure?” The Lord Himself declared to Isaiah,

[I AM] The One forming light and creating darkness, causing well-being and **creating calamity** [including economic depression as cited in Ezekiel 14:13]; I am the Lord who does all these (Isaiah 45:7).

This is the subject of our newest publication, *Disaster: God's Warning Bell*. Beloved, the good news is that God is in charge, not our government nor anyone else for that matter! Thank Him for that. God has spoken by means of Disaster. But why?

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God has been known for ages as a loving Father, who uses distresses to get His children's attention when they are out of sync with His plan (2 Chronicles 15:6). With this gesture God is saying, "My creatures, may I have your attention!" For instance when Israel lost interest in His Word, God responded with every kind of distress (2 Chronicles 15:3-6). When King David committed adultery and murder, God's response was intense and prolonged suffering (Psalm 32:3-5). When the Apostles stayed in Jerusalem (their comfort zone) in defiance of the Lord's mandate to take the Gospel to the remotest part of the world (Acts 1:8), the Lord did not look the other way. He orchestrated persecution to force them to comply (Acts 8:1). That was a demonstration of sovereignty, God's way to get their attention. He used whatever was needed to get His children's attention and He is doing the same with us.

We see another example of this from Ezekiel's time:

"Son of man, if a country [like the USA] sins against Me by committing unfaithfulness [in every sense of the word, one example is ignoring the mandate of the Great Commission {Matthew 28:19-20}], and **I stretch out My hand against it, destroy its supply of bread, send famine against it** [economic depression]...even though these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job [and other believers of spiritual integrity] were in its midst, by their own righteousness they could only deliver themselves," declares the Lord God (Ezekiel 14:13-14).

There is hope in times of crisis. It is true that "God sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous" (Matthew 4:45b.) When judgment comes it affects all in the country, but God provides for His own. He will not allow the righteous to suffer the same fate with the unrighteous (Ezekiel 14:14). He will take care of those who love Him, the obedient ones.

Today's dilemma has given birth to a billion and one questions. We must be equipped with the right answers. This crisis has created a tremendous opportunity to bring the message of hope to the lost and destitute. It has created an atmosphere for us believers to reflect. It has brought many to ask the right question, "Where have we gone astray?" Are you asking the right questions? Have we gone astray? If so, the remedy is clear:

And [if] My people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray, and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways [1 John 1:9], then I will hear from Heaven, will forgive their sin, and will heal their land (2 Chronicles 7:14).

It's our fervent prayer that we consider our ways and respond accordingly before it is utterly too late. But as for you, our faithful partner, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your relentless *toil is not in vain in the Lord* (1 Corinthians 15:58). In times like these, we ask that you stand steadfast with us in prayer and thanksgiving for what the Lord has done and is yet to do.

May the Lord of history be with you!  
Your fellow team-members,  
G. E. M. Headquarters

## Word of Encouragement

“Be anxious for nothing [literally **“DO NOT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES WORRY ABOUT ANYTHING!”**], but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:6-7).

My beloved, God is very serious about this mandate. No reason — no matter how impressive — is a good reason to worry! His command is for you not to pass any sleepless night worrying about one thing or the other. You need not worry about your daily provision; He is your Jehovah Jireh (your Provider). You need not worry about your health; He is your Great Physician. You need not to worry about your savings; He is your Security. You need not worry about the future; He is the Lord of history. He controls both the beginning and end of your life’s journey. God has you covered! Do you know that?

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Satan knows this, and he questions God,

“Have you not made a hedge about him [i.e. have You not provided every believer with maximum security] 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” (Job 1:10).

My beloved, doesn’t it soothe your soul to know that the Sovereign God has provided you with maximum security? It should! If you are a believer, advancing in God’s plan for your life, you ought not let Satan or anyone else cause you to think that you are in danger. Because you are not! Your life is hidden in Christ, and Christ is hidden in God (the Father). Furthermore all you possess is hidden in Christ, and Christ in God. Above all, your future is hidden in Christ, and Christ in God (Colossians 3:3). Everything that God has blessed you with is under His guard! This Scriptural Truth ought to create in us a sense of tranquility—a relaxed mind. We have no reason whatsoever to be anxious. The good news is that the same One who said to you **“DO NOT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES WORRY ABOUT ANYTHING”** is the same One who asked you to cast your burdens upon Him with a promise to sustain you (Psalm 55:22). The same One who said **“BE ANXIOUS FOR NOTHING”** is the very God, who emphatically said,

“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 [in times like these], surely I will uphold you with My righteous right hand. When you pass through the waters [of economic woes, etc.], **I will be with you;** and through the rivers [of great depression], they will not overflow you. When you walk through the fire [of

economic crisis or life in general], you will not be scorched, nor will the flame [of the evil one] burn you. For I am the Lord your God” (Isaiah 41:10; 43:2, 3a).

We have His promises on record, “I AM THE LORD YOUR GOD.”

So my beloved, in times like these, you are to do two things. First, you are to:

“Cast your burden upon the Lord [roll off the burden of anxieties of the uncertainty of today and tomorrow on to His shoulders], and He will sustain you; He will never allow the righteous to be shaken” (Psalm 55:22).

Second, you are to firmly place your trust in Him, “For He Himself has said,

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

He will see you through, no matter what tomorrow will bring. He is a God of faithfulness. Has He promised? Yes! Shall He not do it? (Numbers 23:19). Yes, He will because His promises are trustworthy. Rest on these words of encouragement!

## Doctrine of Grace

### King David, A Symphony of God’s Grace

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*(Continued from Volume 51)*

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the defense of my life; whom shall I dread? When evildoers came upon me to devour my flesh, my adversaries and my enemies, they stumbled and fell. Though a host [army] encamp against me, my heart will not fear; though war arise against me, in spite of this I shall be confident. 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. For in the day of trouble He will conceal me in His tabernacle; in the secret place of His tent He will hide me; He will lift me up on a rock[!] (Psalm 27:1-5).

It is wonderful to spend time every day taking in the Word of God and acquiring Biblical Truth.

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But the real proof of what is in our soul is not revealed until we are tested by pressure, the acid test that reveals our true nature. To say it in another way, good times are not enough to reveal the character and spiritual maturity of a person. In this portion of our study, we shall see how God used pressure not only to refine David’s character (Isaiah 48:10), but

also to reveal the inner beauty of his soul. Now the evidence is in writing for all to see why God called David “*a man after My own heart*” (1 Samuel 13:14). This brings us to David’s journey to the promised throne.

## ***David s Rugged Road to Royalty***

My dearly beloved, “a cross comes before a crown” is a timeless Biblical principle. The sooner we understand there can be no glory without a measure of God-orchestrated suffering in our lives, the sooner we will concentrate on mastering the spiritual skills necessary to handle suffering as a spiritual giant would. Suffering is inevitable in the spiritual race (Philippians 1:29). James exhorts us to count it joy and a privilege when we are hit by missiles of various trials (James 1:2). Suffering is a blessing in disguise (James 1:3-4)! The idea that we can go through life without suffering is totally foreign to Scripture. In fact, our Lord’s road to glory took Him right through the rugged highway of “hell on earth.” The author of Hebrews put it best:

Although He was a Son, He learned obedience from the things which He suffered. And having been made perfect [matured through suffering], He became to all those who obey [who trust in] Him the source of eternal salvation (Hebrews 5:8-9 cf. 12:3-4).

The Apostle Paul said:

Who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father (Philippians 2:6-11).

In view of this, both the Apostle Paul and the author of Hebrews challenged us respectively saying,

Have this attitude in you, which was also in Christ Jesus (Philippians 2:5).

Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy [crown] set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God (Hebrews 12:2).

That’s the principle of “a cross before a crown!” That is the Bible’s way. That is God’s way.

We have said it before, and it's worth repeating: David's road to the palace as Israel's finest king was not going to be easy as we shall see in the course of our study. It's treacherous and full of potholes. But one thing was so crystal clear in David's mind, that God will keep His Word no matter how treacherous the road would be. Oh, how I wish that David's confidence in his God could be ours in abundance! Later on in his life, he sang:

For He spoke, and it was done [faithfulness]; He commanded, and it stood fast.  
The Lord nullifies the counsel of the nations; He frustrates the plans of the peoples. The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the plans of His heart from generation to generation (Psalm 33:9-11).

We cannot stress this point enough. It is impossible to know the progress a believer has made spiritually until he is caught up in suffering. That's right! We cannot see the character of a person's soul until he is pressed by suffering as Job was (see the book of Job). To this end God permitted King Saul, a carnal believer, to put pressure on David so we could see his pure humility, total confidence in God and grace-orientation which poured out of his soul to be recorded for us in Scripture. What a man!

### ***Saul's Plot to Kill David***

“For David, *after he had served the purpose of God* in his own generation, fell asleep, and was laid among his fathers, and underwent decay” (Acts 13:36 emphasis added).

Talk about God's faithfulness!

Beloved of God, sovereignty means that when God speaks, all debates — human and angelic, fallen and elect — are promptly adjourned. I wonder where we got the slightest idea that terminal illness, or Satan and his cohorts are capable of ending God's plan for our lives? My friend, if you are consumed by such a thought, you need to get rid of it now. God will fulfill His plan for your life no matter life's outlook, as long as you are on course spiritually.

We saw this picture of God's faithfulness to His plan vividly painted in Joseph's experience with his siblings.<sup>1</sup> We saw how God mixed the undeserved sufferings of Joseph with success and promotion to produce God's intended dramatic result. David too endured many trials and much discipline. In spite of all this, God kept Him alive until the plan He had for his life was fulfilled to the fullest measure. Often Satan works tirelessly to terminate God's program for our lives, only to find out that he has helped to advance God's cause! This is because God is in total control of our lives — from the beginning to the end. I want you to grasp the breadth, and the depth of this resounding TRUTH of His infallible Word. God will fulfill His plan no matter how huge the hurdles! What better way to underscore this sublime truth than to look at the correlation between the sovereignty of God and the dubious dealings of King Saul toward David. We read,

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.” Then Saul became very angry, for this saying displeased him; and he said, “They have ascribed to David ten thousands, but to me they have ascribed thousands. Now what more can he have but the kingdom?” (1 Samuel 18:6-8).

In the previous lesson we studied that success is an avenue for Satan’s counterattack. We said that Satan hates progress in the spiritual life. Conversely, he uses our success as a platform from which to launch an attack to neutralize our joy. We see this truth magnified here. David had just returned from a victorious battle. He never danced in the street with jubilation or campaigned to overthrow Saul. He never allowed himself to be carried on people’s shoulders as a national hero. He simply came home as every other soldier did. But in the eyes of the nation of Israel, he was a hero, which prompted the women to compose a song in his honor. Guess what? That praise ignited a fire of hatred, bitterness, and intense jealousy which burned in King Saul’s soul. He tried to do everything within his power to stop a repeat of such praise. He attempted a premeditated murder. Yes, murder! That’s right -- a believer in Yahweh plotted murder. The more the women sang as they played, and said, “*Saul has slain his thousands, And David his ten thousands,*” the more Saul burns within with the flame of hatred. Hatred is a heinous sin tantamount to murder (1 John 3:15).

Believers with troubled souls do not have the capacity to rejoice in the success of others. They can’t stand others’ success, let alone commend them. Then ***Saul became very angry, for this saying displeased him; and he said, “They have ascribed to David ten thousands, but to me they have ascribed thousands. Now what more can he have but the kingdom?”*** Saul got that right! David, by the order of God, was on his way to take the kingdom according to God’s timing.

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Could Saul stop him? No! Not if you believe in God’s sovereignty. When God declared that David would be King, no one, not even King Saul, could prevent it.

Saul looked at David with suspicion from that day on (1 Samuel 18:9).

We all, at one time or another, have been victims of jealousy; we have been objects of hatred and targets of evil, suspicious eyes as David was. Welcome to the harsh reality of life. We can’t get around it. Many of us have been shot so many times by the invisible bullets from untamed hearts. Often many are restricted from using real bullets because of fear of being caught and the consequences. But for Saul, he was not restrained. He was at the mercy of an evil spirit as we delineated in our previous study. In light of this we read,

Now it came about on the next day that an evil spirit from God came mightily upon Saul, and he raved in the midst of the house, while David was playing the harp with his hand, as usual; and a spear was in Saul’s hand. Saul hurled the spear for he thought, “I will pin David to the wall.” But David escaped from his presence twice (1 Samuel 18:10-12).

Think about David, a young musician, who despite Saul's evil eye on him came and played his harp to provide momentary relief for his master, King Saul. He wasn't bitter or jealous toward Saul. All he wanted at this point was his master's total serenity of mind. This demonstrates an important application of God's Word:

Never take your own revenge beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord. "But if your enemy is hungry, feed him [serve him in any way you can], and if he is thirsty, give him a drink [or even some cookies to go with the drink]; for in so doing you will heap burning coals [of self-induced guilt] upon his head." (Romans 12:19-20).

What a man of grace! David never even prayed that God would hasten His promise and crown him king sooner rather than later. He was only focused on how to get Saul well. But on the contrary, Saul was obsessed with thoughts of how to get rid of David, the secretly anointed one of God. "*Saul hurled the spear for he thought, 'I will pin David to the wall [and by so doing end the plan of God for his life].'*" But remember, David escaped. God directed Saul's spear away from David. Not just once, but *twice* as Saul tried to pin him to the wall another time (1 Samuel 18:11).

David later sang,

Blessed [praised] be the Lord, who daily bears our burden, The God who is our salvation. God is to us a God of deliverances; and to God the Lord belong escapes from death" (Psalm 68:19-20).

My beloved, any time you miss what could have become a fatal accident these verses should be on the frontal lobe of your mind! "*To God the Lord belong escapes from death,*"

For He will give His angels charge concerning you, to guard you in all your ways. They will bear you up in their hands, lest you strike your foot against a stone (Psalm 91:11-12).

That's just a small sampling of God's many graces.

Why did God protect David? Because His plan for David was still unfilled. Beloved, let me keep on saying this until its Truth becomes part of your thinking: God will not let go of you until you have fulfilled His plan for your life. There's no type of disease known to man that has enough pathogens to poison God's plan; there's no circumstance real or imagined, that has enough power to shutdown God's plan. You ask, "Why does God care so much about that?"

The answer is buried in one word VERACITY! It is not about you — it's all about the integrity of God.

***"God is not a man, that He should lie, nor a son of man, that He should repent; has He said, and will He not do it? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?"*** (Numbers 23:19 italics added).

The truth of the matter is Satan is waiting and watching like a hawk to see if he can catch God in a lie. What is at stake? *Everything!* If God would fail to uphold a promise from His Word, just once, that would mean He lied. His veracity would be cancelled. He would no longer be absolute Truth. What a mess that would be for the entire world! This totally explains why God watches over and safeguards His Word to ensure that every jot (smallest letter) is fulfilled (Jeremiah 1:12). Our Lord assures us saying,

“For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass away from the Law, until all is accomplished” (Matthew 5:18).

Not even a stroke shall pass away, no matter how minute. Beloved of God, that should give you comfort as it did for David. He sang a song of confidence in his God, singing,

For He spoke, and it was done [faithfulness underscored!]; He commanded, and it stood fast. ***The Lord nullifies the counsel of the nations*** [omnipotence highlighted]; He frustrates the plans of the peoples. ***The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the plans of His heart from generation to generation*** [sovereignty highlighted] (Psalm 33:9-11 italics and emphases added).

God will fulfill His Word not because of who and what we are, but because of His character. That’s comforting! So next time you pick up your Bible, just remember that every Word, every promise, every decree will come to pass. God’s character guarantees it because His integrity depends on it.

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***“I WILL NEVER DESERT YOU, NOR WILL I EVER FORSAKE YOU*** [take My eyes off of you until I am finished with you]” (Hebrews 13:5c), being one of His many promises destined to be fulfilled. God will shield His own.

God protected David. King Saul couldn’t believe what he saw. How could he have missed? He was a professional soldier and he had used spears over and over with resounding success. Because of this expertise Saul assumed, from the moment the spear left his hand, that David was dead. But to his utter amazement, David dodged it. Saul couldn’t believe it. A distant throw, possible to dodge, but point blank — no way! He concluded that this must be the finger of God. From that day forward, Saul became afraid of David, *for the Lord was with him but had departed from Saul* (1 Samuel 18:12). But it didn’t stop there. Saul would, from this point on, begin a massive plan to end David’s life which brings us to Saul’s next agenda.

## ***David s Promotion***

Therefore Saul removed him from his presence, and appointed him as his commander of a thousand; and he went out and came in before the people. David was prospering in all his ways for the Lord was with him (1 Samuel 18:13-14).

On the surface, one might say, “Praise the Lord; King Saul is a changed man.” I say, not so fast. Discernment is an area where we believers seem to make so many mistakes. Often people come into our lives and we cannot seem to discern why. Are they in our lives to take advantage of us? Are they in our lives to hurt us? Has God sent them that we might help them? Are they a source of blessing to us? Just because someone is smiling with sparkling teeth doesn’t necessarily mean that the inside is sparkling too. That appealing exterior may be disguising a hidden evil intent. Discernment is so crucial in the spiritual life.

This is a good place to break our study. Until next time, my beloved, meditate on the lyrics of the shepherd boy, David the musician:

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the defense of my life; whom shall I dread? When evildoers came upon me to devour my flesh, my adversaries and my enemies, they stumbled and fell. Though a host [army] encamp against me, my heart will not fear; though war arise against me, in spite of this I shall be confident. 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. For in the day of trouble He will conceal me in His tabernacle; in the secret place of His tent He will hide me; He will lift me up on a rock[!] (Psalm 27:1-5).

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<sup>1</sup>Moses C. Onwubiko, *Joseph, A Pillar of Grace*

## **Missionary Reports**

### **AFRICA**

#### **Nigeria**

##### **Pastor John Cookey Reports**

We are now studying Prolegomena and Bibliology in the Seminary on DVD from The Christian Evangelistic Ministry (T.C.E.M). It is such an interesting topic. It has really exposed the terrible mistakes made in the pulpits and ministry by pastors today. My students are very excited and wish they had this opportunity to know all these things before now, so as not to have made the mistakes they made. There is so much to know and God is helping us.

I know that God is preparing me for a greater work ahead and I must, by the help of the Holy Spirit, humble myself to take in doctrine for the days ahead. The challenge is much. I am beginning to experience some of it now in the local congregation I attend. When the worship of Baal, spiritism and the influence of the spirit of Pythia is introduced, it is easily recognized by those who have taken in doctrine. Many do not know what has been introduced to them except those who have sat under my teaching. For now many are confused. I strongly need your prayers

that God shall intervene and help them to understand and take a stand to worship the true God and not Baal.

## **Kenya**

### **Pastor Maurice Reports**

Update on church property in Kenya. A developer offered land for a church in his new subdivision at a substantial discount. The applicants have been narrowed down to two, us and one other. Their board vote was split and they want to come to a consensus. The deadline has been moved several times and now stands at April 18, 2009.

After we applied for the land from the subdivision developer, our landlord asked for the lease of our current property to end in March. He wanted to develop the land for himself. Last weekend he attended our church and came to us saying “you are real men of God.” He has decided to allow us to stay in our current location for 6 months to get our affairs settled. He also offered to sell us the land we currently lease if the piece of land in the subdivision is not awarded to us. This is a most surprising and unusual turn of events. God is blessing us with many options. The congregation is very excited because we are confident that He is leading us to the proper permanent location for our own church property.

## **ASIA**

### **India**

#### **Dr. Rao Reports**

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. I no longer have any copies of *Riding the Death Train*. Many pastors and evangelists are asking me for copies. This tract is a sensation in the non-Christian circles also. No other evangelistic Bible tract, so far, has reached and been retained in many pockets of the non-Christians. Even the Bible Society sources of Andhra Pradesh have confirmed this report.

Many pastors who attended our previous conferences are asking me about the conference of GEM in 2009.

Be blessed. You have our love and prayers for Pastor Moses and all at GEM and all GEM conferences globally.

## **ASIA Mission Trip March, 2009**

### **Pakistan**

#### **Pastor Azam Reports**

The first day began with a ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony for our new church building. After the festivities Moses taught “salvation through faith alone.” Everyone was blessed to receive the message of Truth after a long absence by Rev. Moses.

The second day Moses addressed a crowd of 200. The power went out and he had to speak without the sound system. But everyone was so quiet you could hear a pin drop. They knew this silence was of God for even the children present did not make the first noise. All were blessed and encouraged by the message.

It is amazing How God is using the Lion, Moses, here. When God brought him back to Pakistan this time it was to turn it upside down! On the third and last day when we arrived at the church there were too many people to fit inside. People had been sharing the news of Moses' messages and so many people came there was no place for them all. We asked them to watch this program everyday on television. *Riding The Death Train* was reprinted and distributed in our native language Urdu.

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When the Lion, Moses, started teaching everyone was so quite and every eye was fixed on him. God used His servant so powerfully that everybody was so surprised. Moses taught about judgment. Everyone was blessed to understand that Christ took the judgment for their sins and therefore there is no judgment for believers. This teaching really lifted the burden from their spirits. They are set free! Moses preached three and half hours continuously and nobody moved. Praise God for His presence. God touched the people. After the meetings many pastors asked me to bring Moses into their churches. I had to say not this time. God is great and doing great things through his servant here in Pakistan.

## India

### Pastor Emmanuel Reports

For three days Rev. Moses shared about "Justification Through Faith and the Grace of God." Pastors are amazed when the Truth from the Word of God hits them straight. About 230 pastors registered and attended the conference. Once the news of the first day spread more pastors came, but unfortunately the hall was already packed to capacity. The attentive pastors took notes — one blind pastor even took notes in Braille! The pastor who rents the building to many speakers said this was the best conference he had ever heard.

Moses cleared up questions arising from the book of James and gave points on spiritual growth. Major doctrinal issues were covered properly. The "justification by faith" teachings were made very clear to every pastor. We also saw that Adam & Eve, Noah, Abraham, the Israelites, and the Gentiles were all saved through faith in Christ alone. Thanks to the Lord for His grace to Rev. Moses. Pastors are amazed with the "Truth" exposed and explained. The Truth was focused very brightly so that every pastor understood clearly with no confusion or challenge.

The conference on the whole was very productive. We were happy that Dr. Rao was able to come join us. Many pastors were encouraged, refreshed, and revived through this conference. All the registered pastors for the conference received a stack of *Riding the Death Train* (a Gospel tract) in their native language Telegu. Thanks to Rev. Moses and G.E.M. for this great blessing to pastors in India.

On the morning of fourth and final day Rev. Moses inaugurated the DVD seminary from The Christian Evangelistic Ministry (T.C.E.M.) for the Master of Theology course. (T.C.E.M. is a Ministry sponsored by G.E.M. Board Member Claude Broussard to provide free seminary training to third world pastors via DVD courses.)

In the evening an open air crusade was organized in a nearby village. More than 500 people gathered for the crusades. Rev. Moses delivered a very effective preaching of the grace Gospel. He addressed the people with authority by the leading of the Holy Spirit. Many hundreds were convinced by the Gospel. Some shared that it was so clear to understand the Gospel of grace. It was a touch of Heaven through the crusade. Thanks for your prayers. What the Lord has started through his servant for the Truth will be seen in years to come as a great revival. Please keep praying.

## Proposed Mission Trips 2009

DATE	PLACE
March:	India/Pakistan/Nepal/Abu Dhabi/United Arab Emirates
June:	Mexico
July:	Zambia/Zimbabwe
August:	Norway/Amsterdam/United Kingdom
November:	Liberia, Mauritania

*Please pray with us as we plan for 2009.* In addition to the trips planned, we also have requests and opportunities for many other countries in Asia. Please pray for wisdom, discernment, guidance, and provision as we plan and travel.

## Words of Wisdom

“We are all missionaries. Wherever we go we either bring people nearer to Christ or we repel them from Christ.”

— Eric Liddell  
Scottish missionary to China, runner and winner  
of 440 in 1924 Paris Olympics (Chariots of Fire)

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“We can stand affliction better than we can prosperity, for in prosperity we forget God.”

— Dwight L. Moody

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?

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## Letters to G.E.M.

Hello:

How are you doing? I wrote you some time ago to order some of your books. I also told you that by the grace of God I was put in jail to (for what I think) find His Word again, and end my alcohol addiction. I received the books and enjoyed them very much along with other people here. I have found that God is using me as a witness here for I have shown many people the Truth of Jesus Christ. I have never realized how many people have never heard that He died for our sins. They know about Him but they don't know what He came for. It's sad that someone don't know. I feel very thankful that I grew up in a Christian family. I would like to thank you very much for your books, for them and R. B. Thieme's books have helped me grow quite a bit. I would like to receive your newsletter along with the order I have sent with this letter, if it is possible.

Thank you and God bless.

*Detention Center*

Utah, USA



Dear Aunty:

I am writing from Uyo Extension DVD Campus of Faith Seminary. I want to use this medium to extend my warm greetings to Rev. Moses, Rev. Bruce and all team members of the December conference in Lagos, Nigeria. I must testify that the conference gave leverage to my spiritual life. I got a lot of challenges and insight to Christian living through those thoughtful teachings.

I am a Pastor of small congregation and I've started in earnest to teach them doctrine. I use Moses' book the *Biblical Doctrine of Salvation*. Pastor John Cookey has been of immense assistance in seeing these young people grow in faith. Also I've got some literature from R.B.Thieme ministry to further boost my zest to teach doctrine and remain in the Truth. The

world needs the Truth and I promise to be one of those who will stand out with the Gospel of Truth. I really appreciate Grace Evangelistic Ministries for this godly sacrifice to reach me at a time when I was anxious and longing to preach nothing else but the “Truth.”

Thank you very much.

I will write again. Remain blessed.

*Uyo, Nigeria*



Dear Sir/Madam:

Re: Application for three books.

I greet you in the wonderful name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. I hereby request for three books, namely *Joseph a Pillar of Grace*, *Focus on Christian Marriage* and *Comfort in Suffering*.

I came across your books after a seminar held at my church when the Evangelist came to Zambia some years back. I also received two books, namely *Biblical Doctrine of Salvation* and *Paul: A Trophy of God's Grace* which have greatly enlightened me in my Christian walk.

Hope you will consider my need of the three books.

Yours Faithfully,

*Lusaka, Zambia*



Dear Mr. Moses C. Onwubiko,

Mr. Moses I am sorry if my letter is not acceptable to you. I am an inmate and I been here since October 08 and I am hoping to get out about April or May of 09 on probation. I was with somebody else when we tried to rob a guy that didn't have no money and we got caught. But the reason I am writing is to hope that I can get something very spiritual to “read” or maybe a Bible with words that I can see and easy to read. Right now the only thing I got is your *God's Plan After Salvation* book and if you could send me something to read I would really be thankful.

Now I am very sorry that I have put myself in this position because I know I am a child of God. I did not only turn my back on God but those who truly know, love and believe in me. So now can you help me to become an ambassador for Christ, and to help me reconcile my life to God? I always thought that God gave me a spirit to do something according to His will but I just really really don't know what it is, but I always thought it could be an evangelism: the winning or revival of personal commitments to Christ.

I really don't have nobody to write or talk to so could you please write back too, please help.

Thank you and now that I am 31 years old — I am positive that I am ready...ready to stop coming to jail!

*USA*

## 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 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 G.E.M. personnel and point men.
- 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 and travel logistics for 2009 and 2010.
- 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.
- Foreign translations, accuracy and supply.
- 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](http://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.

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**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.



*A higher standard.  
A higher purpose.*

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