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“Faith Alone in Christ Alone”

Greetings one and all from the G.E.M. missionary team. We bring this issue to you from the love in our hearts. We want to report to you the results of your prayer support and thank you for bringing us before the Lord. It hardly seems like four years ago when a big dent was put in our nation when everyone turned to prayer. Churches were filled and altars crowded with bended knees. Some stayed to pray and worship for weeks, but most quickly forgot and returned to their routines, stopping now and then to gaze up at the beams of blue light that shoot up skyward, marking the spot of destruction.

Thank God for our life in Christ and the hope that He sends to those who trust in Him. It’s that hope and the joy and the security that comes from our relationship in Christ that we want to share with the lost and dying world—hope that can cauterize a fearful soul, the likes of which we see so much of these days. Please continue to pray for His word to be spread here and abroad. Please join us in sharing the Good News to those who flounder and don’t know there is a God.

Moses and the missionary team arrived back in the United States on Wednesday, August 24th, just when a hurricane named Katrina brewed in the Gulf of Mexico. In retrospect, the lessons Moses taught in Zimbabwe were obviously from the Holy Spirit as only He could deliver in the face of this category five monster and its aftermath. The lessons He taught were also imminently applicable to our own country.

Many residents in Zimbabwe have been forced from their homes by the government and have had to watch their simple shacks destroyed, forcing them to take refuge in the bush. People are hopeless, trapped by government folly of such magnitude that even the headlines of their local paper admit, “There Are No Miracle Cures.” Without doctrine, their situation is dire. Some fling themselves into the gorge of Victoria Falls in despair. Zimbabwe once prospered spiritually because of the lifelong efforts and dedication of David Livingstone. Like most Americans, the Zimbabweans have departed from the fundamental Biblical truths that bring favor from God.

Can we ever forget what Col. R.B. Thieme, Jr., taught so many of us, “As goes the believer, so goes the nation.” Moses similarly proclaimed that righteousness exalts a nation and without it, God will not bless us. When many believers are under discipline the whole nation will suffer.

Disasters are usually attributed to Satan, but this is not necessarily true. God’s Justice brings calamities to warn or discipline a nation that’s drifted from divine principles.

If a calamity occurs in a city has not the Lord done it?
(Amos 3:6b) Scripture tells us that weather can be used to discipline us, since the wind is God’s messenger!

He makes winds his messengers, flames of fire his servants (Psalm 104:4).

And the LORD changed the wind to a very strong west wind, which caught up the locusts and carried them into the Red Sea. Not a locust was left anywhere in Egypt (Ex. 10:19).

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See, the Lord has one who is powerful and strong. Like a hailstorm and a destructive wind, like a driving rain and a flooding downpour, he will throw it forcefully to the ground (Isaiah 28:2).

Since September 11th, we have all waited, wondering when the other shoe would drop, when the next terrorist attack would strike. We were so busy looking in that direction, that we were blindsided by a different kind of calamity (caught off guard again). Images of destruction more complete and more widespread than we could imagine roll across our television screens. The extent of the recent disaster is yet to be revealed. Announcers are even using the phrase, “Biblical proportions,” which were also heard after the giant tsunami.

Do our citizens know to turn their collective face to God...to fall on their knees? Will pastors and believers across the land heed II Chronicles 7:14?

If my people - who are called by My Name - will HUMBLE themselves and pray, and SEEK My face, and turn from their evil ways, then I will hear from heaven and forgive their sins and restore their land.

Along with a warning comes an opportunity to turn to God and to evangelize the unbeliever and those who are confused and have lost their way. Please pray for God to guide us accordingly, and for His wisdom and discernment as G.E.M. partners in various cities distribute “Comfort in Suffering” in area shelters. People are displaced and without hope much like the Zimbabweans who were forced to flee in terror. We know that Jesus Christ is our only security; the truths of the Bible are our refuge and hope...our only hope. Please join us as we pray for opportunities to relay the grace gospel to those in need not only in places like Zimbabwe, but right here in the United States of America.

In His Garden of Grace,

The Newsletter Team

WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Matthew, one of the twelve apostles, an eyewitness of the Lord’s ministry, opened the chapter of his book with the Angelic herald of the Lord’s unique birth. A birth that was prophesied by Isaiah about 700 years earlier saying, “BEHOLD, THE VIRGIN SHALL BEAR A SON, AND THEY SHALL CALL HIS NAME IMMANUEL, ‘which translated means, ‘GOD WITH US[!]’ (Matthew 1:23). Matthew concluded his work with the actual words of Immanuel Himself:

And lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age (Matthew 28:20b).

God keeps His Word! Amazingly Isaiah prophesied, 700 years before our Lord’s incarnation, about His unique entrance into the world as the God-Man. God Himself made an announcement, several thousand years prior in the Garden of Eden, where the proclamation of the gospel was first launched (Genesis 3:15).

When Satan heard the Lord’s declaration in the Garden, concerning the future birth of the would-be Savior of fallen man, the core of hell itself was on fire! Hell broke loose! He went on the offensive in attempt to foil God’s plan! Consequently, the corruption of the world in Noah’s day by the Nephellim was a bi-product of his ingenuity— stirring his co-conspirators (fallen angels) to copulate with women of the human race with the intention of destroying a true homogenous race, making it impossible for God to fulfill His Word (Genesis 6). What a crafty creature! He erroneously thought he could outsmart God!

Thankfully, God keeps His Word—no matter what! He destroyed that world with a flood and invariably preserved Noah and his family, the righteous ones (Genesis 7-8). Why?

So shall My word be which goes forth from My mouth; It shall not [cannot, will not] return to Me empty without accomplishing what I desire, and without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it (Isaiah 55:11).

And he further affirms:

The Lord of hosts has sworn saying, ‘Surely, just as I have intended so it has happened, and just as I have planned so it will stand (Isaiah 14:24).

His plan calls for the incarnation of the God-Man—no more and no less! Can that plan be overturned? That’s what several gazillion angelic attacks were all about—to defeat God’s plan and make Him a liar! What scum Satan and his minions are!

My friend, was Satan ever successful in his countless attacks in an attempt to prevent the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ? No! Oh no! The apostle Paul lamented:

But when the fullness of the time came, [zoom] God sent forth His Son born of a woman [as per Genesis 3:15]” (Galatians 4:4a).

God keeps His Word!

It boils down to this simple question, do you REALLY know the God of the Bible? If so, why do you spend your precious time in the dungeon of worry? Why are you so consumed with the details of your life? Do you believe that God has a plan for your life and that He’s capable of fulfilling it? Job, the man who holds the record on suffering, with the exception of Jesus Christ, put it this way:

I know that You can do all things, and that no purpose [NO PLAN] of Yours can be thwarted” (Job 42:2).

It’s that simple! The prophet Isaiah garnished Job’s declaration of God’s omnipotence when he recorded God saying,

My purpose will be established, and I will accomplish all My good pleasure...truly I have spoken; truly I will bring it to pass. I have planned it, **SURELY I WILL DO IT** (Isaiah 46:10b-11).

He will fulfill His plan—no matter what!

Sadly, the losers in the spiritual arena are those who fail to believe that God will fulfill His plan no matter what (Luke 1:20)! Satan knows that truth so well. He works tirelessly to magnify your suffering so that the magnitude of whatever you are going through will outweigh your trust in God’s promises to you. He pulled this tactic on the Jews in the wilderness of Kadesh-barnea (Numbers 13, 14). For the Jews (except for Caleb and Joshua), the giants were more real than God’s promise:

And they spoke to all the congregation of the sons of Israel, saying, ‘The land which we passed through to spy out is exceedingly good land. If the Lord is pleased with us, then He will bring us into this land, and give it to us—a land which flows with milk and honey. Only do not rebel against the Lord; and **do not fear the people of the land**, for they shall be our prey. Their protection has been removed from them, and the Lord is with us; do not fear them’ (Numbers 14:7-9).

What an application of God’s Word! What confidence in the ‘Lord of the armies’! What hope in God, whose Word cannot fail!

And so my friend, as long as you are on course, be assured that the plan of God for your life will come to fruition no matter what your predicament! The truth of the matter is that even a category 10 storm can’t capsize the boat of your

spiritual life in God. King David's spiritual life should serve as a model to you. His boat was tossed to and fro by the waves of suffering and uncertainties, but in the end he came out without sinking just as God had planned it.

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). So you ought not to subscribe to Satan's lie whatsoever! Rather, as you bob up and down through this agitated 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).

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

And so my friend do not be discouraged, but keep on trusting the very God who never fails for He Himself has said, "I WILL NEVER DESERT YOU, NOR WILL I EVER FORSAKE YOU" (Hebrews 13:5b). That's a promise! That's God's Word!

DOCTRINE OF GRACE

The Overview of God's Word—Lesson 3 (Continued from volume 40)

THE FILLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IS A PREREQUISITE FOR STUDYING GOD'S WORD: In preparation for our study, you may want to empty your soul of all filthiness by identifying, and confessing to God, any sin that could hinder the ministry of God the Holy Spirit from illuminating your mind as explained in the following verse:

Therefore putting aside all filthiness [I John 1:9], and all that remains of wickedness, in humility receive the word implanted, which is able to save your [life] (James 1:21).

Dear Heavenly Father,

We humbly approach Your throne of grace with praise, gratitude, and thanksgiving. We praise You because You are the Most High God, and our souls are saturated with gratitude for Your infinite love, compassion, and grace toward us. We thank You for Your faithfulness and for our salvation. We also thank You for the provision of sound Bible teaching and the relentless ministry of the Holy Spirit who makes Your Truth perspicuous to us.

Father, please "Open [our] eyes that [we] may behold Wonderful things from Thy [infallible Word]" (Psalm 119:18). And may the truth of Your Word take our every thought captive to the obedience of our Lord Jesus Christ. That our understanding of You will cause us to revere Your Majesty and give us an unquenchable thirst to fulfill Your plan for our lives. We lift our prayer in the name of the One who loved us and offered His life as a substitute for us, the King of kings, Lord of lords, our Savior Jesus Christ in whose name we pray...Amen.

In the previous installment of this study, we noted the increasing problems of indifference and apathy to studying and applying God's Word in this modern time. We stressed the fact that God, in His infinite grace, has given us so much more in the way of spiritual assets than our predecessors. We studied the 'cloud of witnesses' in the 11th chapter of Hebrews – a record of heroes who went before us. We included a personal story about being at the wrong airport terminal (thinking you were at the right place) to illustrate a spiritual truth. Being at the wrong terminal would be like doing something wrong while thinking you are right. Are you headed in the wrong direction, spiritually, thinking you'll end up in the right direction (so what does it matter how I get there)? Our goal in the spiritual life is to do the "right thing in a right way." In other words, fulfilling God's plan for our lives.

Running a race to win a prize is doing a "right thing in a right way," an analogy given to us by the apostle Paul who ran for his heart's desire.

Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win (I Corinthians 9:24).

WHAT IS YOUR HEART'S DESIRE?

If God suddenly appeared and sat down beside you and asked you to name one thing you would like Him to do for you, what would that one thing be?

Would you ask Him to make you the C.E.O. of the world's most reputable company? Or would you say, "Please Lord, give me a lifetime of blank checks?" What about asking Him for good health? Or would you ask Him to make you the richest believer on the planet earth with no enemies? Or would you ask Him for your dream house with big closets, swimming pool, a big yard, and a house full of children? How about more time to consider what you really want? Whatever our request, if it has no bearing on God's glory we have just revealed our spiritual maladjustment to both the elect and fallen angels. It's that simple. In essence, we have manifested our lack of love for God and our ignorance as to why we are kept alive (to glorify God). Paul stressed this purpose throughout his teaching. To the Corinthians, he put it this way:

Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God (I Corinthians 10:31).

And this concept is likewise confirmed in his statement to the Colossians:

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

The apostle Peter gives us the same truth:

Whoever speaks, let him speak, as it were, the utterances of God; whoever serves, let him do so 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 (I Peter 4:11).

Do our pursuits in life follow the wagon tracks which lead to glorifying God? When we take an inventory of our spiritual journey, can we truthfully say that we have used God's provisions for His glory? Keep in mind that the purpose of this study and these questions is not to chastise; however, if it ends up doing that, we should take it as from the Lord and readjust to His justice in a hurry:

But if we judge ourselves rightly [confession to God], we should not be judged (I Corinthians 11:31).

King Solomon had the opportunity we can only dream about, and without hesitation, he knew the very reason for his existence—to glorify God!

And Solomon went up there [at Gibeon] before the Lord to the bronze alter which was at the tent of the meeting, and offered a thousand burnt offerings on it. In that night God appeared to Solomon and said to him, ‘Ask what I shall give you’ (II Chronicles 1:6, 7).

You might be wondering, “if God knows everything, why didn’t He just give Solomon his heart’s desire without having to ask?” It’s for our benefit--so we can tap into the soul of a man who loved God with every fiber of his being. Let’s put ourselves in Solomon’s place for a moment:

And Solomon said to God, ‘You have dealt with my father David with great lovingkindness, and have made me king in his place. ‘Now, O Lord God, Your promise to my father David is fulfilled; for You have made me king over a people as numerous as the dust of the earth’ (vv. 8, 9).

- A true mental attitude of grace expresses gratitude to God for the success of others; it is neither jealous nor envious. Solomon was profoundly grateful to God for His lovingkindness toward David his father.
- When we are the objects of God’s grace, it should be apparent to those in our periphery, particularly our immediate family members and associates – like Solomon attesting firsthand of God’s lovingkindness toward his father.

Are we truly grace-oriented? Let’s examine ourselves for the answer as that is the purpose for taking on this subject—to challenge us to look at ourselves in the light of Scripture! Now we are ready for Solomon’s reply:

Give me now wisdom and knowledge, that I may go out and come in before this people; for who can rule this great people of Yours?
(II Chronicles 1:10)

Only six words, but filled with impact—‘Give me now wisdom and knowledge’ that’s all! Talk about grace and humility (targets for God’s blessing)! Fortunately, Solomon possessed both! No wonder this young man with such a bright future made such an unselfish request which would enable him to fulfill the plan of God for his life. Compared to his request, think about our own petitions and all the hustle and bustle of our daily routine that has nothing to do with quality time with God; yet, God’s timeless principle is applicable now just as it was then:

But seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you (Matthew 6:33).

The infallibility of this truth was evident in God’s response to Solomon and is applicable in all generations!

And God said to Solomon, ‘**Because** you had this in mind, and did not ask for riches, wealth, or honor, or the life of those who hate you, nor have you even asked for longer life, but you have asked for wisdom and knowledge, that you may rule My people, over whom I have made you king, [this is what I will do for you in return as a bonus to your unselfishness and demonstration of your spiritual capacity] wisdom and knowledge have been granted to you. And I will give you riches and wealth and honor, such as none of the kings who were before you has possessed, nor those who will come after you’ (II Chronicles 1:11-12).

No doubt about it, God’s blessing for any believer with the right spiritual priority is always beyond what we can imagine! But, there is a great price to pay for having the wrong priorities!!

THE RIGHT SPIRITUAL PRIORITY

My soul is crushed with longing after [the fountain of God’s Word] at all times (Psalm 119:20).

My ‘*soul is crushed*’ is the expression of the Psalmist who thirsts for soul refreshment by drinking from the Fountain of God’s Word. “*My soul is crushed[!]*” That’s his expression of grief!! We live in a time when distraction has sky rocketed, and our daily communion with God is somewhat superficial. No wonder Christianity is so dried up and many are miserable. Even in this spiritual arena (with Satan as god of this world), we can rest in this principle from God which stands the test of time:

The Lord is with you when you are with Him. And if you seek Him, He will let you find Him; but if you forsake Him, He will forsake you (II Chronicles 15:2b).

Does our daily schedule allow for quality time with God? Or are we so busy that we only remember Him for an hour on Sundays? Are we on the move all the time? This is the downside for those who are constantly in pursuit of the details of life. In fact, one Bible communicator said it best: *A person who is constantly on the move is frequently a bother to other people as well as somewhat distracted from his own daily walk with God.*

We have all been somewhat distracted to one degree or another, but the good news is, God’s grace has us covered in all circumstances:

Who is a God like You, who pardons iniquity and passes over the rebellious act of the remnant of His possession? He does not retain His anger forever, because He delights in unchanging love. He will again have compassion on us; He will tread our iniquities under foot. Yes, You will cast all their sins into the depths of the sea (Micah 7:18-19).

The Prophet Isaiah had a similar message,

Let the [carnal believer] forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return to the Lord, and He will have compassion on him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon (Isaiah 55:7).

And so, if we have failed in our priorities, we need to readjust our scale of values, isolate our sins, name them to God and move on! With that said, let’s look at some schedules for illustrative purposes, beginning with King David’s daily routine.

King David’s Daily Schedule—Illustration # 1

Evening and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and He shall hear my voice (Psalm 55:17 Cf. Daniel 6:10 Ryrie Study Bible).

	5am-7	7-12pm	12pm-2pm	2-6pm	6pm-5am
Mon-Fri	Quiet time w/God	Israel’s affairs	Quiet time w/God	Israel’s affairs	Quiet time w/God/ etc
Sat	Worship/Rest Fasting/prayer	Sabbath Worship/Rest	Quiet time w/God	Feeding on God’s Word	Quiet time w/God/etc
Sun	Quiet time w/God	Israel’s affairs	Quiet time w/God	Israel’s affairs	Quiet time w/God/etc

King David was one of the busiest and most productive kings in the Old Testament; and yet, despite his hectic schedule, he saw to it that his daily communion with God (through feeding on His Word and a lifestyle of prayer) was his highest priority. He prayed at least three times a day (Psalm 55:17). He also knew that God held the key to his success, and that he MUST PUT GOD FIRST in everything if he was ever going to be successful in his endeavors. With respect to this, his son Solomon wrote,

In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight (Proverbs 3:6).

God Himself signed off on this promise to Joshua when He appointed him as Israel's leader:

This book of the law [the whole realm of doctrine] shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it **day and night**, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have success (Joshua 1:8).

The truth of the matter is that God keeps His Word no matter what! Joshua took God's command to heart and adhered to its mandates, so God had no choice but to shower him with success. Why? Because God keeps His Word! That's exactly the message we seek to convey. David knew God's promise in Joshua 1:8. He knew that if he were to neglect it, he would be committing spiritual suicide; and thus his daily fellowship with God was unhindered. He also knew that God was responsible for planning his steps (Proverbs 16:9; 20:24), and that His Word was his joy (Jeremiah 15:16), strength (Nehemiah 8:10), guiding light (Psalm 119:105), and that he would be shooting his own foot if he failed to maintain a daily walk with the God of the universe. Many songs in the Psalms stand as a monument to his spiritual legacy:

How blessed is the man who does not walk [commune] in the counsel of the wicked, nor stand in the path of sinners, nor sit in the seat of scoffers! But his delight is in the [Word] of the Lord, and in His [doctrine] he meditates **day and night**. And he will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither; and in whatever he does, he prospers (Psalm 1:1-3).

The [Word] of the Lord is perfect, restoring the soul...they are more desirable than gold, yes, than much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and the drippings of the honeycomb. Moreover, by them Thy servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward" (Psalm 19:7, 10-11).

"Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You art the God of my salvation; for You I wait **all the day**" (Psalm 25:5).

"O Lord I love the habitation of Your house, and the place where Your glory dwells—[where doctrine is taught!]" (Psalm 26:8).

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

"Delight yourself in the Lord [through daily intake and obedience to His Word], and He will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord, trust also in Him, and He will do it" (Psalm 37:4, 5).

King David acquired spiritual capacity through his daily rapport with God. He was, therefore, grace-oriented and a target for abundant blessing. Obviously, the point we wish to emphasize is that David's hectic schedule never interfered with his daily communion with his Heavenly Father. We should be challenged by his remarkable demonstration of personal love for God. Indeed, David underscored the principle that no one can love God and not be driven to have as much fellowship with God as possible. Our Lord Jesus Christ declared:

For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also (Luke 12:34).

Another way of saying it is this: "If God is your Treasure Box, there will your heart be without fail!" This prepares us for the next illustration...

To be continued in Volume 42...

MISSIONARY REPORTS

G.E.M. AFRICA

THERE IS A HUNGER FOR TRUTH IN VICTORIA FALLS!

Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe -- Southern Africa
Pastor John Gumbo Reports

My heart overflows with joy and personal blessings that are almost unbelievable as we see the results of the Crusades held August 16-21, 2005, in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe.

Ever since the G.E.M. team returned to the USA after the Crusades and Pastor's Conferences, I have not relaxed over dinner due to the activity and pressure of follow-ups. I am overwhelmed with the great response to the Gospel truth of salvation through faith alone in Christ alone. The gospel was presented without humanistic man-centered thinking, gimmicks, human viewpoint or human works.

Companies around the world invest their funds in various business projects to gain interest in return. I believe that Grace Evangelistic Ministries, Inc. has invested funds into heavenly projects in order to win souls. We know the resultant return on investment is certain. Rev. Moses daily teaching, at the pastor's conference, challenged the church leaders of Victoria Falls. Some pastors have realized that their theology is not in tune with the word of God and have come to me to learn more about salvation and the eternal security of the believer. News about Rev Moses' brilliant answers, during the Question and Answer time on the last day of the Pastors' Conference, is still alive and spreading. We hope to burn some CDs of the Q & A to distribute to the 200 pastors who attended the program. There is hunger for the truth in Victoria Falls!

We are also making follow-ups with the children who responded to the teachings presented during the Children's crusade. Some of these children have started coming to Grace Church of Victoria Falls and their parents are following them to church services. This wonderful unexpected result is God's doing.

I hope and trust that God will strengthen me as I continue with the follow-ups. Please join us in prayer as we continue to reap the divine rewards of the August 2005 Conferences held in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe.

Editor's note: Pastor Naboth from Kenya made a five day journey to Zimbabwe to be with Pastor Gumbo, Rev. Moses and the team. He extended his traveling time by many days so he could hand out doctrinal literature to pastors all along the way.

YOUR GOSPEL MATERIALS ARE MORE VALUABLE THAN MONEY

Ghana -- West Africa
Reported by Rev John Assuah – (Converted Moslem Ministry - new to G.E.M.)

I hereby stand on behalf of all converted Muslims to say thank you for such a great package. The package finally arrived safely on August 23, and upon seeing it my heart was filled with Godly joy. Thank you for the books, tapes, and tape recorder. We have started reading the books by Pastor Moses C. Onwubiko and listening to the tapes by Pastor Joe Griffin. Now that you see our mailing address is valid, we need more tapes and more books by R. B. Thieme. If possible kindly send us all the books listed on the order form, because all books by R.B. Thieme are very much needed for their teachings.

Here in Ghana, international packages cost a lot to withdraw from the post office. I am not saying this to discourage posting anything to us. No matter how much it costs to withdraw a package we will intensify our efforts to pay, because your gospel materials are more valuable than money. We are now expecting another big package from you, because the teaching material has built a proper DOCTRINE in our souls. Though I am a pastor, I have not heard such powerful teachings before.

We went for outreach program on Monday 09/13/05, and I felt led by God to preach on the themes from “The Biblical Doctrine of Salvation,” written by Pastor Moses, and after the program we recorded five new converts, two were Muslims. I tell you this to assure you that we are using the books and the materials you sent us for the furtherance of God’s Kingdom.

I will be traveling to Accra for more information about the registration of our ministry. I want to change the name of the ministry to Grace Evangelical Ministry. Please advise your view on this. Thank you and may God bless you.

G.E.M. ASIA

RIDING THE DEATH TRAIN DISTRIBUTED IN URDU IN PAKISTAN

Lahore -- Pakistan

Pastor Azam Anthony reports

I traveled from my city Lahore to Karachi, the big city of Pakistan, and Muree, the cool place of Pakistan. The Lord used me there for two weeks of crusades and church meetings. Many people gave their lives to the Lord and believers were refreshed. We distributed “Riding the Death Train” in Urdu (their native language).

We are very, very thankful to you; your friendship is a blessing for us as well as for Pakistan. You people are committed to helping others and to God's work. We are learning many things from you. Thanks for your prayers. The Lord answered them with very wonderful outreach meetings. I am sharing the news with you to encourage you in seeing how the Lord answers your prayers. We held meetings in the streets of our church where members invited the street people to come. I was the main speaker and by His grace some people trusted Christ and some believers were encouraged in their faith. All glory and honor go to Him alone. Brother keep praying for us. We wish to establish a net of churches all over Pakistan to win our people for Christ. Once again we are very, very thankful to you for your prayers and encouragement.

G.E.M. EUROPE

HOPE FOR MORE OPEN DOORS AND EVANGELISTIC PLATFORMS IN THE U.K.

London, England

Rev. Elijah Dennis Ejila reports

We were very encouraged by John Brunner and his wife Jan who were guests at our Bible Study Centre last week in London. John Brunner spoke for about an hour and everyone benefited greatly from his message.

God continues His work in the hearts of those who are positive for the truth. A member of the Bible School has requested for a Doctrine based church in their community, Epsom a town outside London. Their present church cannot provide the much needed truth that will help him and his friends to advance in their spiritual growth. We are prayerfully considering that request in the light of what is God's will and purpose for our operation in the United Kingdom now and in the near future.

I had the opportunity last week to visit with 5 British Pastors at Reading, England. who represent a 250 member pastor's fellowship in the UK. I was able to share my testimony about how the Lord opened my eyes through Rev. Moses to sound doctrinal truth as it was taught to him by Col. R.B Thieme.Jr.,. The interview went very well and we do hope that it will translate to more open doors and evangelistic platforms to share Biblical doctrine to positive and hungry souls in and around the United Kingdom. Please pray for these opportunities to come to fruition as we expect Rev. Moses to visit the U.K. next year.

G.E.M. NORTH AMERICA

TEAM VISITS PITTSBURGH

Nashville, Tennessee - USA
Moses C Onwubiko

Moses and the Zimbabwe team plus their spouses were hosted in Pittsburgh by Lee and Patty Smith and Tetelestai Church. Pastor Rick Knapp delivered a challenging message Sunday morning and graciously gave his pulpit to Moses on Sunday night. It was indeed a time of refreshment and realization of the unfolding of God's plan as members of the larger GEM family fellowshiped—a demonstration of *exoterica harmonia* as those who had stood in the gap with prayer in Pittsburgh heard how those prayers were turned into specific realities on the mission field.

We salute and thank Pastor Rick Knapp and Tetelestai Church for their hospitality and partnership with G.E.M.

MISSION TRIPS

Please pray with us as we look forward to and prepare for pastors' conferences, crusades, and youth evangelism as the Lord provides open doors (locations) and resources.

Planned trip for 2005

Nigeria, December 2005

Proposed trips for 2006

India & Pakistan

London

Kenya, Zimbabwe & Australia

Nigeria

LETTERS TO G.E.M.

Dear Brother Moses:

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. I read a book written by you titled "Comfort in Suffering" which my wife collected from my pastor. I am really blessed by this book; I have never read a book that changed my life like this one has. I am a medical doctor by profession and a born again Christian. Early this year, I was afflicted by a disease and have gone through a lot of trouble which has only been made clear to me by this book. I really thank God for your life.

May He continue to bless you. I would like to receive a copy of this book and any other thing you think will help me spiritually, because I must tell you that my spiritual life is not in order. May God continue to use you to bless many.

Yours in the vineyard,
Nigeria

Dear Mr. Onwubiko:

I have recently read your book, "Focus on Christian Marriage," and am currently on my second read. The truth of your book has had a major impact on me personally and spiritually. I am divorced now, and often think what my life may have been like had I had this information earlier in my life. All of our children are grown now, and in varying stages of relationships that I believe will lead to marriage. Therefore, it is my desire to give my children and their potential spouses the information that I did not have available to me when I married. I feel that if I do not at least provide that information to them, I will be remiss in my duties as their mother. If you would please send me eight copies of your book, "Focus on Christian Marriage," I would be eternally grateful.

Sincerely
USA

Dear Rev Moses:

I have the pleasure to respectfully write you a few words, I am a new convert into the grace ministries under Pastor Tayo Arikawe in The Gambia. I am so happy and glad that God has given me this great opportunity – for leading me into his grace where the truth is taught. Rev., for the few months since I have entered into the ministries, there is a great transformation in my life.

The teaching of grace has changed me. I now know how important the Bible is, and I have learned about the promises of God and the faith rest drill. I am a Ghanaian citizen who has been employed in Liberia for the past six years. The war came and everything was taken away from me. I left for The Gambia, homeless, jobless, penniless, and so miserable because I did not realize that you can't find happiness apart from the word of God. Instantly, everything was gone and the only hope was looking up to death, but God has turned it into life. I now know grace which is more wonderful to possess than anything on this earth; more precious than gold and diamonds. Now that I know that my destiny lies in no one's hands, but is in the hands of God—this is my prayer: That God would prepare me and use me; that His will alone shall overflow in my life.

C.E.
The Gambia

Dear Grace Evangelistic Ministries:

I am writing to you to see if you can send me the following books. I have no money here with me in prison. If I did, I would send you some stamps for you to send me the books I am asking for. I am going to underline every one I want. I love to read about the Lord. Riding the Death Train, Eternal Security of the Believer, God's Plan After Salvation, Comfort in Suffering, Focus on Christian Marriage, Overview of God's Grace, and The Biblical Doctrine of Salvation.

God Bless You,
Texas Prison

Dear Folks at G.E.M.:

In a recent Grace News Today I was intrigued by the article “Faith Alone in Christ Alone.” It gives such clarity to the Doctrine and I studied it carefully as I wanted to be able to share this with a couple of friends and family members. It was precisely the tool I needed. I also requested some books and have taken a “vacation in the Lord” reading them.

Pastor Knapp at Tetelestai Church in Pittsburgh is a real blessing as he teaches us Bible Doctrine. But the books I received are a wonderful help and they cement the doctrine into my soul. I have been so greatly blessed by the grace of God and I can’t tell you the blessings it served as I shared some of it with a dear friend. I stand shoulder to shoulder and shield to shield with you as we go on to spiritual maturity.

J.R.
Pennsylvania

SPIRITUAL HUNGER IN AFRICA AND ASIA

There is a tremendous hunger in Africa and Asia, not for food as such, but for the truth. Would you make it a burden to pray routinely that God would graciously provide enough doctrinal material for those who are starving for sound Bible teaching? And, that this ministry would never lack in quenching their spiritual thirst to know and have rapport with the Living God!

PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYER

THANKSGIVING:

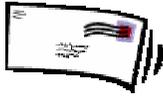
- For many open doors around the world.
- For the strides made in Moses’ recovery and return to the mission field.
- For the knowledge that Jesus Christ controls history.

PETITION TO OUR FATHER FOR:

- President Bush (for wisdom and guidance).
- Israel’s protection and the U.S. Military.
- The U.S. (For a great revival, peace, and freedom from terrorism).
- The restoration of Moses’ health.
- Protection of G.E.M. personnel and development of foreign translations.
- Doctrinal pastors and their tape ministries.
- God’s guidance and provision for those who have been displaced due to a doctrinal stand.
- Health of Col. and Mrs. R.B. Thieme, Jr.
- G.E.M. supporters who are sick or terminally ill.
- The spiritual growth of new believers.
- Indigenous pastors (that God will equip them in every way).
- For our presence wherever a grain of positive volition exists.
- 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.
- That God will use the recent earthquake and hurricane disasters to glorify Himself. That victims will seek God and subsequently hear the grace gospel and be saved.

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**CLOSED FOR 2005
CONTAINER SHIPMENT TO AFRICA**

A Big THANK YOU goes out to our partners for all the wonderful contributions that you have sent for the container to Africa. We have received many hours of Bible study, recorders (including reel-to-reel), high speed cassette duplicators, Bibles, clothing, and lots more to share with our family in Africa. The Container is closed and has been shipped. We will advise you as to when the 2006 container collections begin.

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