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*“Faith Alone in Christ Alone”*

Greetings to you, our faithful partners. Thank you for all your continued, invaluable prayer support and encouragement. We are grateful to God for the doors He continues to open for us. We are writing to you upon our return from the United Kingdom.

London is a city of architectural landmarks. Statues of stone and bronze memorialize every branch of service, every war, campaign, or battle fought. Monuments, commemorating many colonies, stand proudly in esplanades on tree-lined streets and as building friezes to remind us that once the sun never set on the British Empire.

The strength and glory of what Britain once was are in dramatic contrast to the atheism and apathy prevalent today. She stands as a stark reminder of what we can be reduced to if our own spiritual malaise goes unchecked. London is home to Charles Spurgeon’s Metropolitan Tabernacle, once the center of the largest revival Britain has ever known. Spurgeon often spoke to a crowd of 10,000, and in 1861, the Tabernacle had seating for 5,000 people with standing room for another 1,000. Today, the population of London has risen to 12-million but the Tabernacle is home to just 700 members. This is up from the original 30 members that were on the roll when the pastor arrived 35 years ago. Most of these members are not Anglo Saxon Londoners but immigrants from Kenya, Nigeria, Jamaica, and China.

Every foreign tongue can be heard from people of all nationalities who bustle about the streets. Oh that there was a vibrant evangelical force alive in the city today to be a light in the darkness as people from Asia, Africa, and the Caribbean flock to her shores. We gleaned, from the many visual clues, the downward path London is taking. We spotted a poster on the street, put there by an ultra conservative Church of England, to announce a healing service complete with laying on of hands. Other church buildings are being converted to office space and lofts, even a dance studio; while church groups rent space by the hour in halls and hotels. Under the heading of “Churches” in the yellow pages, there are directions to consult halls, places of worship, and religious organizations. *The Da Vinci Code* billboards blanketed the city. In one six-block stretch we actually saw four signs. The international headquarters for the Salvation Army was a gleaming glass cube. Bible verses were spelled out on the glass in vibrant colors two-feet high. This was exciting to see until we discovered that not one was a salvation verse.

We brought the truth of the grace Gospel to the U.K. in the midst of her spiritual decline. This message and the challenges presented were taken to heart by the hearers. We thank God for what He is doing and pray that this sleeping giant awakens to revival. Please pray that the messages and materials have traction and that the seeds planted will grow and take root. Also, could you join us as we pray for spiritual renewal in the U.S. so we will not follow in the footsteps of Great Britain and become a country without truth, thinking we have grown beyond the need for God?

Your partners in His service,

*G.E.M. News Team*

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## WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Heat begets gold that glitters! God's objective is crystal clear: To conform us to the image of His Son Jesus Christ (Romans 8:29), and consequently energize us to glorify Him to the maximum—

For it is God [in us who energizes us], both to will and to work for His good pleasure (Philippians 2:13).

What a solace to know that our God is ever ready to prepare and use the most qualified candidates in His production line—gold believers.

Behold, I have refined you, but not as silver; I have tested you in the furnace of affliction (Isaiah 48:10). Although He was a Son, He learned obedience from the things which He suffered (Hebrews 5:8).

Sooner or later God in His infinite wisdom and abundant grace introduces us to the furnace of suffering, not as punishment but for the purpose of refinement, so that by making Christ's thinking ours under the pressure of suffering (with all its ugliness), enables us to produce good work in the highest quality:

That [as the children of God we] may be adequate, equipped for every good work (II Timothy 3:17).

My friend, God never promised us anywhere in Scripture that our spiritual journey would be a bed of roses. On the contrary our Savior forewarned:

These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world (John 16:33).

He promised to be make us surf through the waves of our suffering. His promises are sobering while at the same time bring maximum comfort:

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

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 [furnace of suffering] you will not be scorched, nor will the flame burn you. For **I am the LORD your God** (Isaiah 43:2, 3a).

He never promised us we would be free of bad experiences; but rather that He will be with us through it all! What a loving and caring Father!

Though it's not on record, I think Job must have been meditating on this promise:

And as for me, I know that my Redeemer lives (Job 19:25). Though He [intensifies my suffering, yet my confident expectation in Him shall not be shaken] (13:15a) ... [for] when He has [refined me, no doubt about it] I shall come forth as gold (23:10).

King David's confidence in God was the same:

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and staff, they comfort me (Psalm 23:4).

And so my friend let's be encouraged as the heroes of the past were when they were tested "as by fire." May we never lose sight of these facts...

The eternal God is our [Castle of Mercy] and underneath are the everlasting arms (Deuteronomy 33:27)

**WEeping MAY LAST FOR THE NIGHT, BUT A SHOUT OF JOY COMES IN THE MORNING** (Psalm 30:5). For He Himself has said, I WILL NEVER...FORSAKE YOU (Heb 13:5b). Count on Him!

## **DOCTRINE OF GRACE**

### **AN OVERVIEW OF GOD'S WORD—LESSON 6**

#### **WHEN IS THE CONFESSION OF OUR SINS A MOCKERY TO GOD?**

We live in a time when many believers prefer to have fellowship with God from a "Comfort Zone" where there is much apathy toward God's Word. Today, we have a cafeteria mentality toward our spiritual lives. We want to pick and choose - leaving out those truths that may be difficult to accept and thereby avoid having to make corrections to one's self, but God designed the Scriptures for our benefit. Scripture must harmonize with Scripture; therefore, we should do well to examine every jot of His Word under the high-powered microscope of the Holy Spirit—comparing Scripture with Scripture, verse with verse, chapter with chapter and, subsequently, a single verse in light of the entire Bible. The more we expose ourselves with the X-ray of sound Bible doctrine, the more we realize how far off course we are in God's divine scheme. We run a haphazard spiritual race if we fail to embrace the whole realm of God's Word. The apostle Paul wasn't taking any chances when he stated:

Therefore I run in such a way, as not without aim; ...so that, after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified [for the game prize!] (I Corinthians 9:26, 27).

This prepares us to reexamine the question, "Does 1 John 1:9 always work no matter what?"

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

This verse happens to be a sensitive subject, especially among evangelicals, so we consider it of paramount importance to elaborate. Keep in mind that grace underscores EVERYTHING that God does for us. Salvation

is the work of God's grace in total, and it is His grace that prevails in restoration to fellowship when we fail! But make no mistake, the grace of God does not bypass human volition in either case. Our volition becomes the key catalyst either in appropriating the FREE GIFT of salvation or in following God's procedure for recovering from carnality. God's design is the freedom to choose!

## **VOLITIONAL PENDULUM**

Just as a pendulum is in constant change so is human volition. It swings like a pendulum—positive or negative—negative or positive—there's no neutrality. When Scripture is carefully scrutinized this phenomenal truth is brought to light:

I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. So **choose** [volitional responsibility] life in order that you may live, you and your descendants (Deuteronomy 30:19).

Joshua declared later,

Now, therefore, fear the Lord and serve Him in sincerity and truth; and put away gods which your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. If it is disagreeable in your sight to serve the Lord, **choose** for yourselves today whom you will serve: whether the gods which your fathers served...but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord [or express positive volition toward God] (Joshua 24:14, 15).

The word "repent" is key to our question "Does I John 1:9 always work no matter what?" As previously noted, in this instance, it simply means 'a change of mind.' It does not mean to feel sorry for something we've done wrong. We are not asked anywhere in Scripture to feel sorry for sin or to promise God never to sin again.

When we consider the first word in 1 John 1:9 "if," we can see that God allows for human volition! This one little word tells us that God knows that our decision will go one way or the other (negative or positive) when He gives us a choice. For instance, at salvation, we repent which means to change our mind from not believing to believing in Christ. In the same way, just prior to confessing our sins, we have a change of mind. It's not a procedure but an action, a switching of gears, that takes place when we acknowledge sin to be sin before God. To admit our thoughts or actions were sinful is, in essence, a change of mind. Where previously, we plunged into some wrongful thing with no thought about it, but then upon examination, we have a change of mind and realize it was sin! It boils down to this, that no one can truly acknowledge his sin to God without a change of mind; and no one can have a change of mind about his carnal state and not acknowledge his sins to God.

## **VOLITION IN SALVATION**

In spiritual death, when human volition takes a positive swing and gives the gospel a fair hearing—the first stage in appropriating salvation is activated. This activation is in no way any work at all! It does not constitute salvation; however, it is a step in the right direction. And in light of God's justice and fairness, we assure you that every normal individual is capable of making decisions—positive or negative. So every time you see an unbeliever on the crusade ground, just remember that he's there by his own free will whether lured or not. He may go home unsaved after hearing the gospel, like Saul of Tarsus did after Stephen's Evangelistic Crusade (Acts 7, 8). To do this, Saul locked in his negative volition toward the gospel for without a change of mind toward Christ—faith alone in Christ alone—salvation does not occur.

After his conversion, Paul [Saul] who is now positive beckons the Athenians on Mars Hill:

Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that *all* everywhere should *repent* [because all are capable of repentance] (Acts 17:30).

I'm sure you can see how it would be sheer nonsense on the part of our Heavenly Father to call on everyone everywhere to repent, if He knew beforehand that they would be incapable of changing their mind. Along these lines, the apostle Peter wrote,

The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for *all* to come to repentance (2 Peter 3:9).

Our Lord paints a vivid picture with these words:

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her [the carnal/unbelieving Jews]! How often I [the Sovereign One] wanted to gather your children together, the way a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were [what?] *unwilling* [That's right! Unwilling!] (Matthew 23:37).

It would amount to absurdity on our Lord's part to make the above statement if He knew that the Jews didn't have volition. Consider our Lord's invitation:

Now on the last, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, 'If any man is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink' (John 7:37).

Isn't it logical that the Lord would call those whom He knew were capable of volitional response?

I tell you that in the same way, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance (Luke 15:7).

These and other perspicuous verses in Scripture confirm there is a volitional pendulum. Any verse that seemingly contradicts this idea should be thoroughly gone over with a fine tooth comb to determine what the Holy Spirit seeks to communicate.

As stated, the Greek word for repent is nothing more than "A CHANGE OF MIND." When used of God as in Exodus 32:14, it's used in an anthropopathic sense. It does not mean to feel sorry, agonize in the closet, mutilate oneself, do any kind of penance or even a change of lifestyle. It simply means "a change of mind." That's the Greek meaning!

Total depravity does not mean that a person can't make decisions; otherwise, we would have a hard time explaining certain events in the Bible like the Ethiopian eunuch, an unbeliever who was found with the book of Isaiah in his hand (Acts 8); or Cornelius, an unbeliever who had a desire to know the true God at God-consciousness (Acts 10). Though capable of decisions, the unbeliever cannot initiate any kind of relationship with God apart from His grace reaching out to us. That's the banner of grace!

We want to underscore that 'a change of mind' is no work at all. Everyone can have a change of mind—believer or unbeliever—moral or amoral alike. We cannot emphasize this enough: A change of mind does not in itself constitute salvation. But it is the necessary precursor to faith alone in Christ alone which does constitute salvation. No one can believe in Christ for salvation, without a volitional swing - a change of mind. Paul calls this, "...Repentance [a change of mind] toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ" (Acts 20:21).

**Salvation is faith alone in Christ alone! And we cannot believe in Christ apart from the convicting ministry of God the Holy Spirit** (John 16:8). It's that simple! That's a grace overture!

## **VOLITION IN THE CONFESSION OF SINS**

Similarly, a change of mind takes place prior to acknowledgement of sins. Let me illustrate. Take for instance a believer who wishes to acknowledge the sin of hatred. He cannot logically acknowledge this sin without arriving at the conclusion that this is wrong—a sin. The question is, is a believer in carnality capable of changing his mind? The Scripture has the answer:

And do not be conformed to this world (Romans 12:2a).

Of course the Holy Spirit would not have exhorted the carnal saints through Paul to stop doing something if they were not capable of stopping which would first involve changing their mind. A change of mind occurs when the individual recognizes that something is wrong and that it needs to be confessed and wishes to regain fellowship with God.

Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from the body of this death? (Romans 7:25).

He cannot reverse his carnal course by his own will power, but he is capable of a change of mind which means repentance. If the individual soul registers such things as: "Hatred, bitterness, or malice and has **no desire to change**, to forgive as Christ forgave" and suddenly uses 1 John 1:9, the believer remains in spiritual carnality in that those sins immediately put him right back out of fellowship. This would be tantamount to lip service, something which is so easy to fall into.

Rightly did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written, **THIS PEOPLE HONORS ME WITH THEIR LIPS** [example ritual of acknowledgement of sins], **BUT THEIR HEART IS FAR AWAY FROM ME** [no desire for God's help]. But in vain do they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the precepts of men.

Neglecting the commandment of God, you hold to the tradition of men [ritual without reality] (Mark 7:6-8).

1 John 1:9 will work when the believer uses it. God, in His matchless grace will purify him from all filthiness resulting in the filling of the Holy Spirit. That's grace! The prodigal son is a perfect example; he had a change of mind while in a dungeon. **The truth we strive to emphasize is that a believer who maintains a lifestyle of hatred toward another without a change of mind cannot experience the filling of the Holy Spirit because his mental attitude sins put him right back out of fellowship.** As we grow in grace and knowledge of truth, we will be able to stay in fellowship for longer periods of time...and of course this should be accompanied with prayer for the object of our hatred. The Lord can and will change that hatred as we become more and more grounded in His Word and filled with His joy.

The one who says he is in the Light and hates his brother is in the darkness until now (I John 2:9; cf. v.6).

To amplify let us compare two believers. We'll call them believer A and believer B.

Believer A has hatred and bitterness. He knows this is wrong but can't get past it because he doesn't have the power on his own. He has the desire to get rid of this sinful mental attitude and claims 1 John 1:9. He is filled with the Holy Spirit: The only power which can make it possible to get beyond this sin. But in mere moments, the hatred flares up again. 1 John 1:9 is applied again as many times as needed till he is able to recover, isolate the sin, and move on.

Believer B also has hatred and bitterness, but he is locked into it. He realizes the sin but refuses to confess it. He has no desire to ever change. Though he doesn't want to confess the hatred, he still wants to go on with his spiritual life. In an attempt to do so, he claims 1 John 1:9 for another sin - say the \$20 he stole from petty cash. Does this really constitute confession? Did he really confess or is this only a pseudo confession? Is it ritual without reality?

The difference between believer A and believer B is desire to change. If repentance or change of mind, must by its very nature precede confession, then no change of mind equals no confession. Believer B has no desire to change his mind and confess the hatred. Since a change of mind is necessary/implied in confession and he has not changed his mind about the hatred - effectively no confession has taken place. Is he being honest in his use of 1 John 1:9 or is he only pretending to honor its grace provision?

Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap (Galatians 6:7).

In balancing Scripture with Scripture we read:

For if you forgive men for their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. **But** if you do not forgive men [hatred is vividly alive in your soul], then your Father will not forgive your transgressions [when you use 1 John 1:9] (Matthew 6:14, 15).

This statement is timeless. It is applicable now and in the Millennium. In the same Sermon on the Mount, the Lord addressed His audience with:

But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you (Matthew 5:44).

One might say, "Well that's for the Millennium!" The truth of the matter is that our Lord, our Role Model, set an example on the cross for us to follow when He offered a prayer:

Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing (Luke 23:34a).

Following in our Lord's footsteps, Stephen fulfilled this mandate outright in the Church Age when he offered prayer on behalf of his murderers:

Lord, do not hold this sin against them! (Acts 7:60b).

The truth is that the doctrine of forgiveness reigns now as well as in the future:

And be kind to one another, tender-hearted, **forgiving each other**, just as God in Christ also has ***forgiven you*** (Ephesians 4:32).

No believer can truly acknowledge his sin, for example, of hatred without a realization that this is a sin and that it ought not to have dominion over his life. The change of mind with regard to this sin does not mean that the believer's situation has improved, nor does it infer that once God forgives this individual his sin that he cannot

revert to his old self. Sinless perfection does not exist in God's game plan. Conversely, the individual believer would probably revert to his old life in a flash, if he is still at the bottom of the spiritual growth chart. That's to say that he is yet to realize the enormous benefit of a prolonged time in fellowship.

## **MECHANICS OF I JOHN 1:9**

A believer recognizes the sin of hatred in his life and acknowledges it to God. God forgives him, and restores him to fellowship with access to divine assets such as agape—the unconditional love—a byproduct of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22). The believer can then ask God for the enablement to utilize this unconditional love toward the object of his hatred. The believer would thereby fulfill the mandate to ...Love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you (Matthew 5:44). Even Steven, at the point of his death, applied this timeless mandate:

But being full of the Holy Spirit... And falling on his knees, he cried out with a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them [his murderers—forgive them]!' And having said this, he fell asleep' (Acts 7:55, 60; cf. II Timothy 4:16).

What a believer! What an extension of God's grace!

*...To be continued in Volume 45*

### ***Quotes from the past...***

"I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just; that His justice cannot sleep forever."

**Founding father Thomas Jefferson,**  
1781, Notes on the State of Virginia

## **MISSIONARY REPORTS**

### **G.E.M. AFRICA**

#### **WESTERN UNION ATTENDANT SAVED**

Ghana – West Africa

*Pastor John Assuah Reports:*

The last time you sent funds the Lord used the questionnaire process for someone's salvation. The attendant at the Western Union Office in Tarkwa, who assisted me, said that she was not sure that one could obtain salvation by faith alone in Christ alone. I invited her to our Tuesday Bible Class because she was willing to know the truth. That Tuesday, God directed me to speak on the theme "Biblical Doctrine of Salvation" from Rev. Moses' book. After the message, tears ran down from her eyes. She thanked God for my message and for finding the truth. She is now a member of our Bible class and a member of GEM in Ghana. I wanted to pass on to you what the Lord is doing through Pastor Moses' materials.

## **WE SLEPT WITH RATS – PREACHED UNDER ARMED GUARD**

Kenya - EAST Africa  
*Rev. Naboth Otukho Reports*

I am home from a four week trip to Central Africa. We arrived to tragic news that our friend, Pastor Samuel, had perished [from this life] in a tragic road accident. He was a valued member of our church and ministry.

In Central Africa, we had one very memorable mission. Thanks to all who prayed for us. We slept with a crowd of rats in Rwanda and preached under armed guard in Burundi. I felt quite nervous speaking with a soldier guarding us with an AK 47 assault rifle. In Rwanda, we spoke at the Victory Churches and their leaders even spared time to listen to us. We did four days each and were amazed that the congregation could understand the difficult things that came out of our mouths. Obviously, pastor Kamanza has been teaching sound doctrine even though he himself can barely read English and is only trained by the literature we have provided him. He has done much with little, and we are looking into the translations to aid him.

I taught about the “Divine Outline of History” and spiritual gifts. This has proved a crucial backbone for them to understand why we uphold the fact that a Pastor/Teacher and Evangelist are the only teaching gifts in the church now. One prophet had to painfully denounce his title as a result.

We visited the Batwa...one of the shortest species of humans on planet earth. The shortest adult man in the crowd we evangelized was about 2.5 feet tall. This tribe lives on the uplands of the mountains surrounding the capital of Bujumbura. We gave lessons on Salvation in very basic language for better understanding. The people live very simple lives in abject poverty, but they have a deep thirst for the Word of God which has humbled us, even more, to serve.

We traveled in a very risky dhow (sailing vessel) being tossed from left to right to reach a church on an Island of Lake Tanganyika. We ate food that appeared to be a concoction of herbs and leaves with dried fish. We reached a church built entirely of dry palm tree leaves and slept on a bed which was five feet high due to flooding on the plains of the lake. We have great plans to turn this region upside down for Christ. But we more often are limited by lack of funds. We are praying to God for Southern Sudan where we intend to campaign before seeing you here in July - August. We have a lot for you when you finally arrive here.

## **OUTREACH TO GREAT LAKES REGION**

Burundi - Central Africa  
*Pastor Philippe Reports*

Greeting in the Gracious name of our Lord Jesus. I returned from D.R.Congo where I went to officially open eight churches; we saw what God is doing in this Ministry. I received a report that two other churches join us in Walungu, a territory of Bukavu. I met the local authorities, military and civil. God opened doors for us during those five days we taught and preached the sound doctrine of Grace (Faith alone in Christ alone). I taught from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm then from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Still, people came at night to ask questions, and I talked to them from 7:00 to 11:00 every day. God set souls free which were bound with traditions and religion for ages. He released them by His grace.

Thank the GEM prayer partners for all their prayer support in order to reach as many souls as possible. It is not by our intelligence or doing but only by His grace !!! After arriving home, I received pastor Naboth from

Nairobi with pastor Schem for one week. They helped us with teaching and preaching in our church and many other churches and went to the mountains to teach sound doctrine. God did wonders in setting the captive souls free through His grace.

We are praying to reach as many souls as possible by sending them tracts so we can tend those we can't reach personally. To do this, we need "Riding the Death Train" in French - many people ask me about that. Thank you again for your prayer support for us in this part of world. Thank for all your help to us.

## **G.E.M. EUROPE**

### **"GOD'S WARNING BELL"**

London, England  
*Debby Hagar Reports*

Thank God our trusted friend Ohi Alofokhai had moved from Lagos, Nigeria, to London. When Dennis Ejila, our point man, had his visa declined, Ohi was there to stand in the gap and get us around the tube (subway) in this massive city.

The London Gospel Crusade was held at St. Anslem's Church Hall. Moses spoke on two consecutive nights. The first topic was "Disaster, God's Warning Bell," followed by the challenge of "The Shining Ambassador in the midst of a Crooked World."

On Sunday, Moses spoke at Pastor Sunday's Church, Christ Resurrection Ministry, on the topic of, "Are You at the Right Terminal?" This topic addressed the problem that if someone has not been truly saved via the grace gospel, they will become frustrated because they can never get where they are going. A children's program was also held, and they were eager for knowledge. One preteen even approached Moses afterward to ask what did it really mean to have "faith in Christ."

The unexpected grace finale was with the two young girls we met at the Chinese Restaurant where we ate nightly. One barely spoke English and had been in London three years and the other spoke a little English and had been there one and a half years. Our relationship evolved from customer and waitress to friends. On the last day, we found that one was a "silent believer" and the other by her own account had "no religion." After visiting with us, she announced that since she had no religion, she now thought she would become a Christian! We were able to find them Bibles in Chinese - which we presented to them on the last night. Please pray for the remnant in London. They are going against the tide and need prayer and encouragement. Join us as in prayer as we petition the Throne of Grace for a revival in the U.K. as well as in the U.S.

## **G.E.M. ASIA**

### **TRANSLATIONS IN PROGRESS**

Lahore, Pakistan  
*Pastor Azam Anthony Reports*

Thank you very much for these encouraging words for us and please tell Rev. Moses that his book, "God's Plan After Salvation" is in the translation process and the booklet, "Riding the Death Train" is also being printed.

## **G.E.M. NORTH AMERICA**

### **FALL CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT**

Nashville, Tennessee  
*G.E.M. Nashville Office Reports*

Many enjoyed our three day Spring Conference in Nashville, "The Dynamic Power of Love in Marriage."

This Fall's conference will be, "The Influential power of the Holy Spirit," and the dates are Sept. 29 - Oct. 1 (F-Sun). For more information please contact the Nashville office.

### **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).

<b>FUNDED</b>	<b>PROPOSED TRIPS FOR 2006</b>
Completed	Feb/March - India
Completed	May - London
100%	August - Kenya, Zimbabwe, Australia
0%	November - Nigeria

### **BIBLE DOCTRINE FOR THOUGHT**

*God's purpose for leaving you here on earth after salvation is that you may learn His Word (1 Peter 2:2) and grow in grace (11 Peter 3:18) and thereby glorify Him in this world; therefore, if your ultimate goal in life as a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ is anything other than learning and applying Bible Doctrine on a consistent basis, your life on earth is worthless.*

### **LETTERS TO G.E.M.**

Dear Sirs,

I'm incarcerated here in Texas. My roommate corresponds with your ministry. She has shared with me what books you have and other things. I'm very interested. I've known about Jesus all my life and thought for a long time that I was a Christian. Boy was I wrong! Everything I thought and believed to make you a Christian is not. I want to do what is right. I want to truly pick up my personal cross and follow Jesus. I'm learning in leaps and bounds praise God! Well I'll cut this short and simply say whatever you could send me to help with my walk will be greatly appreciated. Oh, she showed me a beautiful calendar with scriptures on it. Is it possible for me to receive one of those? I'm including stamps with this letter to help pay the postage on any Christian literature you can send.

Thank you  
Texas Prison

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Dear GEM

I always look forward to your newsletter. News of your work, letters from afar telling of God's grace and your excellent lessons.

Blessings  
USA

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Dear Moses and Team Members:

May God bless a zillion fold, the harvest of souls in India, that will result from the message of pure grace Moses fed to them! I would also like to share my joy about Moses' publications. I have read "Joseph a Pillar of Grace" and also "Overview of God's Grace." The books are written in such a clear and easy to read manner. I feel I have a better understanding of the depth of God's grace and love. Moses, you have a special gift from God, the way you illustrate with stories how grace is applied in the believer's life. I have been truly blessed by your books and will pass them on to others.

USA

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Dear Co-Pivot Reps at GEM:

Each news report seems better than the last and we thank you for such excellent information about your work. Thank you Moses for your excellent interpretation of God's Word and we thank God each day for your faithfulness to Him giving us encouragement and strength and confidence to face the devils world. We pray for all of you to remain faithful to Him who holds us in the hollow of His Hand.

USA

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Dear Sir:

Heavenly greetings to you and those that work with you in the name of our dear Jesus Christ. I am a minister serving for 21 years now, full time. But now I am in Bible College for broader knowledge. Last year I was challenged by your teaching at Jos. From Monday through Friday I was in the conference hall, and your teaching was a challenge to my life. My principal, Paul Cookey, took me to the conference. I need study materials such as a Hebrew Bible, Key Word bible, Theological books, taped lessons etc. May the almighty grant you success in all your endeavors with Him.

Pastor G.  
Nigeria

## PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYER

### THANKSGIVING:

- For many open doors around the world.
- For the strides made in Moses' recovery.
- For the knowledge that Jesus Christ controls history.

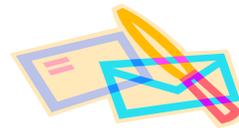
### PETITION TO OUR FATHER:

- 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 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 2006 and 2007.
- 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.

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“The propitious smiles of Heaven can never be expected on a nation that disregards the eternal rules of order and right which Heaven itself has ordained.”

**Founding father George Washington**  
1789 Inaugural Address

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