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Faith alone in Christ alone

Greetings to you from all of us here at Grace Evangelistic Ministries. We can never thank God enough for His many blessings. We thank Him for using His saints as vessels through which He has poured financial blessings into this ministry. God has demonstrated in countless ways that He is behind this ministry. We have examined our hearts only to discover that we have not earned the privilege to be used by Him to deliver His message of grace to both believers and unbelievers alike. Indeed many have been blessed through Grace Evangelistic Ministries and it is all because of His grace.

The year of 1998 is almost over. At this juncture, we at Grace Evangelistic Ministries have taken time to pause and count our blessings. When we were finished, we were pleasantly surprised to realize all that the Lord has done for and through this ministry.

The same goes for you. If you are a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ and are growing in grace, you will undoubtedly arrive at the same conclusion that we did - that His work is perfect and His blessings immeasurable. However, before you begin to meditate on these thoughts, may I suggest that you put your burdens at the Lord's feet. You may be out of fellowship caused by self-pity, bitterness, remorse or high-powered anger. These are incompatible not only with your spiritual momentum but also with your ability to understand Bible doctrine with the guidance of the Holy Spirit. You may want your fellowship restored by naming these sins to God ([1 John 1:9](#)).

You might say to me, "Rev. Moses, you just don't understand. I am bitter towards God. How could He let me suffer in this way?" Frankly, I may not understand what you are going through, but one thing is crystal clear: God understands. Bitterness does not solve any problem. Rather it compounds it. On one hand, sometimes we suffer because of our wrong choices. Sometimes we suffer merely because we live in a fallen world. In all cases, God, in His grace, never makes us pay the full payment due for our

failures. If he did, I would be long gone and forgotten. The same goes for you. The truth of the matter is, if we would objectively count our blessings and name them one by one, we would be surprised to see what God has done for us. You might respond, "Moses, I have not received any blessings from God yet." If this is the case, you may wish to pause for a moment and meditate on this profound statement: "How great [how immeasurable] is the love the Father has lavished [showered] on us, that we should be called children of God!" (1 John 3:1). What a blessing that we, the depraved sinners, have been adopted into the Royal family of God for all eternity. What an unfathomable blessing that you and I are the objects of the eternal love of God the Father. What blessing could ever surpass that?

Therefore, you may wish to meditate on the words of the following song:

*When up on life's billows you are tempest tossed
When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost,
Count your many blessings name them one by one
And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.*

As a missionary-oriented organization, we want to continue to assure our supporters that our objectives remain the same. We desire to evangelize the unbelievers with the clear gospel message and follow up with those who have responded positively. We will assist these new believers by providing them with sound Bible teaching on tapes or literature at absolutely no cost on their part. We will also find and train indigenous pastors who will continue to provide these new believers with sound Bible teaching from the infallible Word of God.

Therefore, as we strive to follow the leadership of our great God and endeavor to bring glory and honor to His name, you may wish to be a part of this organization in any way the Lord may direct you.

Forever in the hollow of His hand,
Moses C. Onwubiko
President & Founder
Grace Evangelistic Ministries

You shall know the
truth, and the truth
shall set you free.
JOHN 8:32

Doctrine of Salvation

By Reverend Moses C. Onwubiko

Are you a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ who is in bondage? Many believers are in bondage simply because of lack of exposure to pure, undiluted, and uncompromising teaching of the Word of God. In response to this chaotic situation, the Bible declares, "My people [believers] are destroyed [including living in fear and not being fruitful], for lack of knowledge [Truth]" (Hosea 4:6a).

Undoubtedly, a lack of understanding of the pure and undiluted Word of God holds many believers in bondage and keeps many unbelievers from turning to Christ. How can one witness effectively for our Lord Jesus Christ when he does not have a solid understanding of his own salvation. Bondage is very destructive. It is not a thing to be taken lightly. The believers who are encapsulated by it never enjoy the wonderful blessings God intends for them.

Our Lord Jesus Christ poignantly put it this way: "You shall know the Truth [sound Bible doctrine] and the Truth shall set you free" (John 8:32). Nothing else except the Truth can set you free. As a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ, is learning sound Bible doctrine your major priority in this life? I hope

so.

Throughout my life, I have heard different believers present the gospel in various shapes and forms. Many have attempted to modify the simple gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Many ministers make the gospel message difficult to understand because they feel they have to add something to it. The message of our Lord Jesus Christ is very simple and straightforward. "And as Moses lifted up the serpent [typology of Jesus Christ] in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up [on the cross]; that WHOEVER believes may in Him have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that WHOEVER BELIEVES in Him should NOT perish, but have eternal life" (John 3:14-16). Following in the footsteps of Jesus, the apostle Paul wrote, "BELIEVE in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be SAVED" (Acts 16:31a).

The doctrine of salvation is so vital in the Christian life that we have spent the last six volumes of "Grace News Today" teaching different aspects of it. At this point let us review our outline and add one or two items.

The outline is as follows:

Introduction

Definition

The Role of God the Father in Salvation

The Role of God the Son in Salvation

The Role of God the Holy Spirit in Salvation

Salvation - an Act of Grace

How to Obtain Salvation:

False Appropriation of Salvation as Satan Intends It

True Appropriation of Salvation as God Intends It

Salvation Explained in Terms of:

Conversion

Regeneration

Justification

Sanctification

Salvation by Grace Versus by Works (Paul and James under fire)

Assurance of Salvation

Unlimited Atonement (new item)

Post-Salvation Spiritual Production

So far we have covered in detail numbers one through five and part of number six of the outline. Let me briefly refresh your memory. In Volume One, we introduced the subject of salvation. We examined the Greek word, *soterion*, and its Hebrew equivalent, *yeshua*. We defined salvation as the ultimate manifestation of the righteousness, justice and love of God which was expressed in grace through Jesus Christ to the helpless sinners. We also examined the essence of the One who promised us salvation. We asserted that just as a rope is only as strong as its materials, so is a promise only as trustworthy as the one who makes it. In God's case, we saw that His integrity was beyond reproach.

In Volume Two, we examined the role played by God the Father in salvation: condemnation, judgement of sinners and provision of salvation through Jesus Christ, as well as eternal judgement for those who reject Christ. In Volume Three, we carefully examined the role and the purpose of the incarnation of Jesus Christ. We have seen how His human life was centered around fulfilling the Father's will. He was to be publicly humiliated in the hands of those He came to save and then be judged by the Father for all the sins of mankind.

In Volume Four, we examined the role of God the Holy Spirit as the revealer of God's plan. In Volumes Five and Six, we discussed in great detail the sealing ministry of God the Holy Spirit. We demonstrated how God used the concept of the seal throughout Scripture to support its application in relation to the eternal security of believers. In Volume Six, we began examining the role of grace in salvation, which is number six on our outline.

Today, we continue from Volume Six. We saw how Adam and Eve disobeyed God in the Garden of Eden. We also saw how neither of them were willing to admit their failures to God. Rather what did they

do? We begin with Genesis 3:7: "Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they [Adam and Eve] knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loin coverings."

MAN'S EFFORTS TO PLEASE GOD

A few weeks ago, I had a salesman come into my office. I gave him the opportunity to give a demonstration of the postage meter machine. Afterwards, I asked him where he would spend eternity if he were to die that day. He paused for a moment and answered, "I think I would go to heaven." "How do you know for sure?" I responded. At this point, he told me that his pastor had said that if a person tries hard to live right and to do good things for others that they will be accepted into Heaven. I asked him if he thought that that was enough. He added, "One also needs to keep the ten commandments." At that point I handed him the Bible to read certain verses that clearly refuted what the pastor had told him. In regards to human righteousness, the apostle Paul wrote, "AS IT IS WRITTEN, 'THERE IS NONE RIGHTEOUS, NOT EVEN ONE; THERE IS NONE WHO UNDERSTANDS, THERE IS NONE WHO SEEKS FOR GOD; ALL HAVE TURNED ASIDE, TOGETHER THEY HAVE BECOME USELESS; THERE IS NONE WHO DOES GOOD, THERE IS NOT EVEN ONE'" (Romans 3:10-12). I paused to ask him if he kept all of God's commandments all of the time. He said, "Not always - no one can keep all the commandments." The salesman was absolutely correct - NO ONE CAN. "For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles in one point, he has become guilty of all" (James 2:10). Let me stop here to expound on James 2:10.

For the sake of illustration let us look at the ten commandments:

- "You shall have no other gods before Me.
- You shall not make for yourself an idol . . .
- You shall not worship them [idols] or serve them . . .
- You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain . . .
- Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
- Honor your father and your mother . . .
- You shall not murder.
- You shall not commit adultery.
- You shall not steal.
- You shall not covet your neighbor's house . . ." (Exodus 20:3-17).

Let us assume that a person intends to get to heaven by trying hard to keep the law. Every day, he manages to keep 99 percent of the law. He always falls short of perfection by one percent. Eventually this good man dies and arrives at the Supreme Court of Heaven where God the Father is the residing Judge and God the Son and the Holy Spirit as the Jurors. The elect and the fallen angels are the spectators. "All rise," the announcer bellows. "The Supreme Court of heaven is now in session. God the Father is the residing Judge. Case number 000001: Mr. DoGooder Without Christ vs. God's Grace Gift. The record shows that Mr. DoGooder Without Christ performed extremely well before his sudden death. He took care of the poor, donated generous amounts of money to the church and never cheated anyone. His only mistake was that he had an idol - he worshipped his wealth." In other words he failed to keep one commandment. "Jurors, have you reached your verdict?" the Father asked.

"We have," God the Son and God the Holy Spirit replied.

"What say you concerning Mr. DoGooder Without Christ with regard to my ten commandments?"

"Concerning commandments one through ten, we find the defendant . . . guilty."

"Mr. DoGooder, all your efforts to earn acceptance into Heaven have accounted for nothing. My Son Jesus Christ is the only person who has ever fulfilled the law. Therefore, only by faith in Him can anyone be righteous in my sight and spend eternity in Heaven."

Let us return to my conversation with the salesman. The last verse he read was Galatians 2:16. It reads, "Nevertheless knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the Law [i.e. keeping the law] but through FAITH in Christ Jesus, even we have BELIEVED in Christ Jesus, that we may be justified

by faith in Christ and not by the works of the Law; since by the works of the Law shall no FLESH [no human being] be justified [saved]." If one were to examine this sentence they would most likely criticize it for its repetition. There is a reason for this. Paul, the author, was trying to emphasize the importance of the concept, "faith alone in Christ alone." When I finished explaining this to the salesman, his inner eyes were opened and he saw that it would be impossible for him to work his way into Heaven.

After Adam and Eve disobeyed God, they were acutely aware of their nakedness and shame. They tried to hide this reality by making coverings out of fig leaves. They thought they could hide their sin from God. But God was not fooled. And he is not fooled today by our attempts to hide our sinful hearts from Him and impress Him with our good works. But rather than disown us forever, He provided His perfect Son, Jesus Christ as a payment for our sins. Through faith in Him and Him alone can we be forgiven and therefore please God.

The intriguing question then is, how did the grace of God unfold in the courtroom of Eden? To answer this question, you need to keep in mind that both Adam and Eve were spiritually dead the moment they disobeyed God by eating what I call, the "curiosity fruit." God was not shocked or amazed. Why? Because as an omniscient God ([Psalms 139:15-16](#)), He knew in eternity past that Adam and Eve would commit the first sin. You may ask, if God knew they would sin, why did He create them? That is a good question. The Bible does not give us a clear answer as to why God created not only Adam and Eve but also Satan and the other fallen angels when He knew they would fail. When we get to heaven, we shall find out the true answer.

What we do know is that God adamantly and emphatically rejected Adam and Eve's righteousness. How do we know that? Let us look at Genesis 3:21: "And the Lord God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife, and clothed them." God spoke these words to Adam and Eve after they had tried to cover themselves to hide their sin from God. This was God's way of showing them that their efforts were inadequate and that He must provide for them. It was also His way of showing them that a sacrifice, in this case an animal, was needed to cover them. The sacrificial death of that innocent animal was a typology of the sacrificial spiritual death of the Lamb of God on the cross. Concerning the death of our Lord Jesus Christ, Isaiah the prophet said, "He [our Lord Jesus Christ] was oppressed and He was afflicted [badly wounded], yet He did not open His mouth [Matthew 26: 63a; 27:12-14]; like a lamb that is led to slaughter, and like a sheep that is silent before its shearers, so He did not open His mouth" (Isaiah 53:7). ". . . He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities [sins]; the chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, and by His scourging we are healed [drawn together — see Ephesians 2:13]" (Isaiah 53:5). John echoed, ". . . Behold, the Lamb of God [Jesus Christ] who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29b). Therefore Adam and Eve's acceptance of this free gift from the hand of God was a symbol of their personal faith that Christ would come as God had promised. ([Gen. 3:15](#))

Did God ever give Adam and Eve what they deserved? Absolutely NOT. Instead He demonstrated His grace by offering salvation to them. From that very hour till this very day, no human being has ever being saved apart from personal faith in Christ. You may say, what about the Old Testament believers? Let the Bible answer that question: ". . . a man is not justified by the works of the Law but through faith in Christ Jesus . . . since by the works of the Law shall no flesh be justified" (Galatians 2:16). And Abraham, the Father of the Old Testament believers, ". . . believed in the Lord; and He [God] reckoned [credited] it to him as righteousness" (Genesis 15:6). Adam and Eve and the host of other believers looked ahead expectantly to the cross while we look back to the cross. What do we have in common with them? "Faith alone in Christ alone." It is faith in Christ plus nothing. It is a personal conviction that salvation is a matter that has been settled once and for all for those who put their entire trust in the finished work of Jesus Christ on the cross (see [Volume 6](#)). "But he, having offered one sacrifice for sins for all times . . . For by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified" (Hebrews 10:12a, 14).

"Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen" (Jude 24,25).

To be continued - [Volume 8](#)

Testimonies & Gratitude to Our God

We thank God immensely for what He is doing for and through Grace Evangelistic Ministries. We also thank Him for using His children as vessels through which He continues to bless this ministry financially.

God Will Provide Genesis 22.8

"God will provide" is the attitude of Grace Evangelistic Ministries. We do not beg for money. We believe that if this ministry is honoring to God, He will provide EVERYTHING necessary for its continuation. "God will provide" was Abraham's reassurance to his confused son, Isaac ([Genesis 22:8](#)). When God gives an assignment to us as His servants, He is under obligation to provide for the job. When God does not provide, it could mean one of three things. One, God may not want the job accomplished at that particular time. Two, it could mean that those who are to carry out the mission are not prepared to do so yet. Lastly, it could be a sign that God does not want to have any part of the ministry. Therefore, it is absolutely foolish and arrogant for us as believers to try to devise a way to accomplish a task in the name of God when He has already rejected it. For example, when we use gimmicks to manipulate people to contribute money, we are not glorifying God. It is blasphemy on our part to think that God does not know how to provide for the work which He has assigned. Take a moment and think about the following question: When we work to accomplish a job which God has rejected, who will be glorified in the end? God? Or me?

Gratitude for Answered Prayers

"Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert [paying attention] in it with an attitude of thanksgiving" (Colossians 4:2).

God does answer prayers! When we prayed for financial support for this ministry, ". . . everyone whose heart God had moved . . ." (Ezra 1:5b) responded! God is the One in total control. He knows how to use His saints to meet the needs of His children. We are forever grateful to God for answering your prayers and ours concerning the upcoming crusade in Jos, Nigeria. Here are the results of all the prayers:

Dear Rev. Onwubiko,

It is a great honor to be a part of the team to bring Bible doctrine to positive volition! Although I certainly don't consider myself a "prayer warrior," I will be remembering you and your ministry to God the Father.

Also, please find enclosed two checks for Grace Evangelistic Ministries. [\$13, 342.00] is for the General Crusade in Jos, Nigeria, and [\$2,912.50] is for the Audio Duplication Center in Jos, for the duplication of R. B. Thieme, Jr.'s literature and audio tapes.

*Because of Christ,
USA*

News Update

Grace Evangelistic Ministries has been listed in the bulletin of Berachah Church of Houston, Texas since early 1997. In July of 1997 it was declared publicly by Col. R.B. Thieme, Jr. to be a missionary organization. Therefore, as a non-profit, tax-exempt missionary organization, all contributions made to this ministry as of 1997 and thereafter are 100% tax deductible under the Internal Revenue Service code 501(C)3.

Doctrinal Church in Nashville

Dear Rev. Onwubiko,

What a thrill to receive your newsletter and to know of your work. I had begun to think there were no "doctrinal" believers in Tennessee. We could just never hear of a church or any sign of positive volition to categorical teaching. I know that great state is filled with believers though.

We have placed your name and your ministry on our church prayer ministry list and someone will be praying daily for you in our small church.

*Looking forward to your next newsletter, I am yours in Christ.
Huntsville, Alabama*

Dear Sir:

Having learned about you through R.B. Thieme, Jr. Bible Ministries, it is a privilege to add your ministry to my daily prayer list.

I was introduced to Bob Thieme's grace teaching in 1973 in a little church in Nashville, called Calvary Bible Church. Sadly, it is now long gone. Through Berachah, I have Vol. 1 of "Grace News Today," and it is "spiritually rich evangelism." I would like to continue receiving it.

Please send a copy of "Comfort in Suffering" and 5 copies of the "Riding the Death Train" gospel tract. I am enclosing a check in the amount of \$20.00, and hope to be able to contribute to your ministry from time to time.

*Respectfully,
Raleigh, North Carolina*

Special Prayer Request

Grace Evangelistic Ministries is in the process of establishing a doctrinal Church here in Nashville. We would like to solicit your prayer to that effect. Please pray with us:

- That God would use us to establish a doctrinal church here in Nashville.
 - That God would bring positive believers into the church.
 - That God would provide the church with a pastor whose life and work is based on sound Bible doctrine.
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Special Missionary Report from Africa

PART ONE

JOS CITY ALIVE WITH THE TRUTH

by Darlington Elekwa, Jos, Nigeria

After a very hectic journey from Lagos (former capital city of Nigeria) to Abuja, the present political capital of Nigeria, by air and then from Abuja to Jos in a chartered bus, any ordinary person would have been totally exhausted and perhaps temporarily indisposed. That could have been the plight of the president of Grace Evangelistic Ministries, Rev. Moses Onwubiko, during his June-July 1998 missionary trip/visit to Nigeria. Tired? Maybe, but not out! And we are grateful to God for granting Rev. Moses the grace to leave the comfort provided by the [United States] in order to bring to us sound Bible Doctrine.

Before his arrival, excitement could be sensed in and around expectant brethren who tasted the tip of the iceberg in February during Rev. Moses Onwubiko's first missionary visit to Nigeria via Cameroon. To say the least, many people were anxiously waiting to literally have a greater bite [of] the rich Bible Doctrine presentation of this God-given Evangelist turned teacher. Soon on arrival, the president swung into action without any sign of tiredness nor exhaustion and had to take morning and evening sessions on some days.

The conference was declared open with the topic "Believers Fellowship with God." This could be through suffering justly, prayer or offering. There are important points to be given special attention to: (1) The Believer's Fellowship with God in time is not permanent, (2) Sin destroys fellowship with God temporarily, (3) When a believer sins, he grieves the Holy Spirit and slows down the work of the Holy Spirit in the believer's life, (4) Every believer's soul is a rendezvous (battleground), and (5) When fellowship is in progress, the Bible Doctrine accumulated in the believer's soul forms the basis of interaction with the Holy Trinity. It is the Holy Spirit in the believer that produces fruits that please God and no believer can do without the Holy Spirit. It is equally possible to be in church without having fellowship with God for once despite incessant shouts of, "Amen!" "Hallelujah!" "Praise the Lord!"

This eye opening topic was followed by yet another stimulating one: "Running the Race to Win." Secular athletes work real hard to earn a perishable crown, even then, they must compete by the rules or be disqualified. So believers are on a heavenly race to obtain [an] imperishable crown. But they must understand God's guiding principles for the race so that they are not disqualified at the end of the race.

With those two electrifying topics over and in, we went on to listen to the Doctrine of Salvation as outlined in "Grace News Today." From the Doctrine of Salvation, we learned that God the Father planned salvation; it was revealed by God the Holy Spirit and then God the Son, the visible member of the God-head, executed the plan of salvation. What an exposition! By the time we were half-way into the study, reactions and comments from participants, notably pastors (a handful of them), began pouring in. It is not possible to write down all the comments. Suffice it to just say thank God for sending Rev. Moses Onwubiko to Jos, Nigeria at this time. Before now, a great majority of believers here were like Saul of Tarsus and Rev. Moses to us is like Ananias of Damascus ([Acts 9:10-19](#)). The scales on our eyes have dropped and we have received our sight. We can no longer be influenced by proud and arrogant preachers who becloud the sound doctrine of the Bible, spice it with falsehood and garnish it with hypocrisy.

One comment which caught my special attention (because the brother sat behind me) was, "Oh, these people have really tortured us Oh" (see [Volume 6](#)). "These people," according to the brother, refers to some preachers here in our country and pastors who do not TEACH! That sounds unbelievable, but it is exactly the true situation out here. Rather what fills our ears, paper ads and TV shows include such things like - "Worship with us this next Sunday at XYZ (name of church) - home of signs and wonders!" "Come to a night of financial breakthrough and fulfill your destiny!" "Attend Liberation '98 with Rev. (QRS)!" (who perhaps is a high school dropout now turned preacher).

The work of Grace Evangelistic Ministries Inc., led by Rev. Moses Onwubiko and his dedicated team, I make bold to say, is timely. In 2-3 years time, many false preachers shall be forced back into the labor market. After listening to the Doctrine of Salvation, I am fully convinced that without good understanding of the Doctrine of Salvation it is impossible to render proper service to God. Sound knowledge and application of the Doctrine of Salvation in its entirety forms the basis upon which servants of God can be effective in service and ministry. Anything short of that amounts to a waste of time and energy. For it is, "Not by power nor by might, but by my spirit," says the Lord Almighty" (Zechariah 4:6).

The city of Jos in particular and indeed Nigeria at large are coming back alive with the truth. This is because Christ once said, "These words that I speak to you, they are spirit and they are life" (John 6:63). Hebrews 4:12 confirms that, "The Word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart."

"Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen" (Ephesians 3:20-21).

PART TWO

SPECIAL UPDATE ON G.E.M. IN JOS, NIGERIA

Re: July 16 - August 31 Report

Prepared by Darlington Elekwa

Chapter President, GEM, Inc., Jos, Nigeria

A. INTRODUCTION:

Grace Evangelistic Ministries Inc. (GEM) made its debut on the Nigerian soil in February, 1998, barely six months ago. It is indeed gratifying to observe that GEM is already making an indelible impact on the lives of many across the country of Nigeria. Our programs have been described by many as unique while many others complain that we are an anti-Pentecostal movement.

Despite the complimentary as well as anti-complimentary remarks, GEM stands out tall as the only ministry in Jos, and perhaps in all of Nigeria, which operates purely on the basis of GRACE and a "no obligations" policy. While our peers are using the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ as merchandise, GEM's hallmark is free distribution of sound doctrinal books, audio tapes, tracts, pamphlets, etc., to those who are visibly hungry for the truth.

B. ACTIVITIES OF GEM:

One major objective of GEM is to present the gospel of Jesus Christ in a simple and clear manner without pretense and without masking any part of it. It strives to present the whole truth of the Word of God to as many people of the world as possible within the shortest possible time and without cost on the part of the recipients.

In Jos, GEM presently meets for four hours of Bible study and two hours of prayer each week:

SUNDAYS: 4 - 6 p.m. (prayer meeting)

TUESDAYS: 5 - 7 p.m. (Bible Study)

THURSDAYS: 5 - 7 p.m. (Bible Study)

C. TAPE DUPLICATING PROGRAM:

It is extremely difficult to give an accurate figure of daily tape recordings because sometimes there is no electricity available. It may be off for as long as 2 to 3 days in a week. However, when there is an electricity supply, we take tape orders and duplicate doctrinal tapes with our fast dubbing machine. We also type in tape titles on already printed labels and label the tape titles and package them for distribution either by hand or by mail.

At the last count, our tapes have reached 29 out of 36 states in Nigeria and hopefully, before the end of 1998, the presence of GEM will be established firmly in the whole of Nigeria.

It is important to note that the majority of our tapes are ordered by Pastors and Bible School teachers across the country. This makes our audience indirectly larger and it is a healthy development for the Word of God.

So far, 535 audio tapes have been duplicated, labeled and distributed. Another 384 tapes are being set aside for recording duplicate copies of our original tapes for our library. Of the 2000 blank tapes received, we have (2000 minus 919) or 1081 blank tapes left at the time of this report.

D. STAFF STRENGTH: (I)

At this time, only one member of staff (i.e. the Chapter President) runs the GEM office in Jos. He also co-ordinates the work of the ministry in Nigeria.

E. PROJECTIONS FOR GEM:

1. Establish a strong base (Headquarters for Africa) in Jos.
2. Start six other groups in Nigeria within the 6 Geo-political regions of the country.
3. Resume and strengthen our contacts in Ghana and Garbon in hopes of establishing new branches there.
4. Visit these branches from time to time to ensure compliance with the teaching of sound Bible doctrine.
5. Organize and execute a city-wide crusade in Jos in December 1998.
6. Explore the possibility of reaching Central, Southern, Eastern and Northern Africa with the gospel before the close of this century.

F. GEM's NEEDS IN JOS:

1. A befitting GEM office complex and Bible study center with modern office equipment such as electronic type-writers, computers, telephone, fax machines, pews/benches, etc. To rent office space here costs \$1,600.
2. 2-3 office/staff assistants.
3. A library and the equipment necessary to house and maintain books, audio tapes and video tapes.
4. A generator for a steady power supply, costing \$1,550.
5. A ten-seater staff bus, costing \$7,000.

I. PRAYER REQUESTS:

Please pray with us:

1. That God would grant peace in our country and unfettered dissemination of the Word of God in Nigeria.
2. For provision of materials and financial resources for the upcoming Jos city-wide crusade.
3. For the preachers, teachers and organizers of the crusade.
4. For the GEM President and Board members, that God would continue to strengthen them and grant them good health.
5. For everyone who has received our books and doctrinal tapes.

Upcoming Missionary Trip

Rev. Moses C. Onwubiko will leave the United States on December 6, 1998 for the General Crusade in Jos, Nigeria. He will join Mr. George H. Mueller in Cameroon, West Africa in late December 1998. He will be gone for approximately seven weeks, or as the Lord determines.

Letters to Grace Evangelistic Ministries

We would like to share with you some of the letters that have been sent to us. As you read these letters, please join us in giving thanks to our gracious God.

Our purpose in sharing these letters with you is to show you that your partnership in this ministry is indeed yielding fruit to the glory of our merciful Father.

Dear friends,

I just received a copy of "Grace News Today" Jan. 1998. It was a tremendously easy explanation of Salvation Doctrine. If it would be possible could you send me the back issues as of Feb 1998 - on. I would like to have it to share with some significant friends and family members.

My granddaughters are being home-schooled and are being taught Bible doctrine on a daily basis and this written doctrine [is] concise but very thorough to ensure that Absolute Truth is being taught.

I do attempt to write Bible stories for them, that express Bible truths and the January issue was an excellent companion lesson for my Adam and Eve story.

I would also appreciate a copy of "Comfort in Suffering" and "Riding the Death Train." This was the first I learned of Rev. Onwubiko and his ministry. I will keep him and his ministry in my prayers and look forward to learning more and participating in support of him.

*Sincerely by grace,
USA*

Dear G.E.M. Staff,

We were so happy to hear that the duplicating machine you needed has been provided. What joy to see the grace of God in action.

Thanks for including your prayer request list in [your] recent newsletter. We are glad to have these specific requests to bring before the Throne of Grace - knowing in advance that He will provide everything that is right and perfect for us all.

*Because of His grace,
Hilltop Lake, Texas*

To all of you at Grace Evangelistic Ministries:

Thank you for the books, "Comfort in Suffering" and "Riding the Death Train." They are great.

I have been under R. B. Thieme, Jr.'s teaching for over 25 years and am eternally grateful to the Lord for his ministry and his faithfulness to those of us who want accuracy and no nonsense.

Moses, you are a light shining in a dark place. I thank you for your faithfulness to the Word of God. I carry your book with me "Comfort in Suffering" wherever I go. Thank you. Please continue your grace thinking always. It is a pleasure to see!

*Very truly yours,
Santa Monica, CA*

Dear Sir,

I accidentally came across one of your issues of "Grace News Today" and found it very useful.

I would therefore be happy if you subscribe me as one of your monthly recipients of your paper. Also, to enrich our church library, I would be happy if you send to me five copies each of "Comfort in Suffering" and "Riding the Death Train."

May the Lord continue to provide you with power to reach out to the world.

*Sincerely,
Cameroon, West Africa*

Budget Sheet

Estimated Monthly Costs for Audio Tape Duplication Center in Africa-1999

1. Facility rental \$62.50

2. Facility utilities	\$100.00
3. Personnel salary	\$450.00
4. Office supplies	\$100.00
5. Postage costs	\$450.00
6. Blank cassettes	\$1750.00
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	\$2912.50

God's plan after salvation: Ready for printing. Estimated cost: \$4,500.00

UNLIMITED ATONEMENT: Estimated cost: \$2,800.00

Estimated cost for December 1998 crusade: We thank God for He has provided it.

Financial Policy

Grace Evangelistic Ministries does not solicit funding. We believe that God in His grace will continue to meet our financial needs as they arise.

We do not charge for books or audio tapes. No money is requested. Anyone desiring to receive our books, tapes or other spiritual materials can receive them at absolutely no cost.

When gratitude for the Word of God and understanding of the need to reach the unsaved souls with the simple grace gospel and sound Bible teaching motivate you to contribute, you have the privilege of giving and sharing in the dissemination of the Word of God. This is a grace ministry.

Bible Doctrine for Thought

Doctrinally speaking, one does not have to be called "a friend of God" ([James 2:23b](#)) to go to Heaven. Heaven is wide open for anyone who wholeheartedly trusts in the Lord Jesus Christ as their Savior ([John 3:16](#), [36](#); [John 14:6](#)). However, it is important to remember that a believer must be truly "a friend of God" in order to receive the "crown of righteousness" (II Timothy 4:8a). Only believers who have faithfully "fought the good fight" (II Timothy 4:7a) can join the apostle Paul in celebrating a victory won by God's grace: "For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time has come for my departure. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day - and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for His appearing" (II Timothy 4:6-8).

If your spiritual race here on earth was to be brought to a screeching halt, would you anticipate hearing the words, "Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness" (Matthew 25:21)? As a believer, is this the goal of your life? You may want to take some time to meditate on this.

Here is the Truth

Can a person be saved by keeping the law? God has provided His answer to this question in His Word. The apostle Paul adamantly answers this question: "...nevertheless knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the Law, but through faith in Christ Jesus, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we may be justified by faith in Christ, and not by the works of the law; since by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified" (Galatians 2:16).

The Good News

When our Lord Jesus Christ was on the cross, He had you on His mind. There was never a sin committed that was not poured out on Jesus Christ on the cross ([1 Peter 2:24](#)). He endured all afflictions so that He might pave a way for you to have life more abundantly through Him. Regardless of how sinful you have been in the past or are now, you can be forgiven and your slate wiped clean by God. How? By telling God right now that you are believing in His Son, Jesus Christ. The moment you put your entire trust in the Lord Jesus Christ, you will automatically become a regenerate person before God forever. The Bible says, "But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name" (John 20:31). "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved" (Acts 16:31). Will you believe in Him today? Or will you reject Him? The decision is totally up to you.

Would You Join Us in Prayer?

As we pray . . .

1. That God would protect Reverend Moses C. Onwubiko and George H. Mueller as they travel to Africa.
 2. That the upcoming General Crusade in Africa (December/January) will be fruitful.
 3. That God would continue to provide financial support for Grace Evangelistic Ministries.
 4. That God would continue to provide encouragement and spiritual nourishment for the groups in Africa.
 5. That God would continue to meet the needs of our supporters.
 6. For the stability of America.
 7. That God would continue to open doors and lead us to the right direction.
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Our Grace Ministry Has No Limits

Therefore, if you wish to be on our mailing list to receive this bi-monthly issue, "Grace News Today," or other materials that are of spiritual value, please write to us at the following address:

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