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“Faith Alone in Christ Alone”

GREETINGS FROM All of us at Grace Evangelistic Ministries! We begin each morning with prayer, thanksgiving and petition to our awesome God, lifting you before the throne of His grace, praying, *“that in all respects you may prosper and be in good health, just as your soul prospers”* (3 John 1:2). Beloved, we can never thank God enough for your partnership with us: *“it will go well with [you]”* (Isaiah 3:10).

“God is not unjust [cruel] so as to forget your work and [labor of] love which you have shown toward His name” (Hebrews 6:10). Your tireless partnership and support of this ministry is accumulating rewards both in time and eternity future. We stand amazed at what God alone has done for and through this ministry. We are witnesses of the impact of His message of hope, which cracks and penetrates every ground, whether friendly or hostile to the gospel, bringing many who are lost and destitute to the Kingdom of His beloved Son.

The Great Commission continues. By His grace we march onward, *“We must work the works of Him who sent...[us]”* (John 9:4). Our Lord Jesus Christ said: *“[I] must work the works of Him who sent Me...; night is coming when no man can work”* (John 9:4). At G.E.M., we know no other work than the one which God has entrusted to us: *“we preach Christ crucified”* (1 Corinthians 1:23). Knowing that our time is short and night is near, we strive with great passion and urgency.

It breaks our heart that a good number of Christian soldiers have lost hope and become discouraged. Some have even completely abandoned the Great Commission. But for you, when the temptation to quit mounts, feed on His Word: *“And let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we shall reap if we do not grow weary”* (Galatians 6:9). *“He who promised is faithful”* (Hebrews 10:23). Let the apostle Paul’s word of encouragement to the Corinthian brethren be yours in abundance: *“Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord”* (1 Corinthians 15:58)

It is my prayer that God will equip and strengthen you, make you stand firmly rooted, immovable in His vineyard and shower you with great joy. To the only God our Savior be glory, dominion, majesty and power both now and throughout eternity. In Christ’s name. Amen.

“Eternal God is our refuge, underneath are the everlasting arms!”

In the Grip of His Grace.

Moses C. Onwubiko and your G.E.M. Team

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Word of Encouragement

Knowing that Jesus Christ is in control of your life gives hope; but, knowing that He is in total control of every one of life's problems and emergencies is even more comforting.

"There arose a fierce gale of wind, and waves were breaking over the boat so much that the boat was already filling up" (Mark 4:37). The storm rocks the vessel; danger looms; adrenaline rises; fear overpowers everyone. We have all been in a similar situation. Perhaps your vessel has been struck severely to the point of sinking. *"...Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?"* (v. 38). How many times have we asked God a similar question? We have all failed one time or another; no exceptions!

All along the Captain of captains was with them *"asleep in the stern"* (v. 38). The human nature of our Lord was quite asleep, unaware of the storm; BUT His deity was awake, He *"neither slumber[s] nor sleep[s]"* (Psalm 121:4). God never naps! That is good news for our panic-stricken souls. The fact that God has not yet responded to our immediate predicament does not mean that He fails to have a handle on the situation.

The Lord's disciples knew that He was with them; they knew that He was capable of calming the storm. Where did they fail to trust? Were they thinking "act now or we are doomed?" The Bible tells us *"... they awoke Him and said to Him, '...Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?'"* (Mark 4:38). They thought that if the Lord did not do something immediately all hope of surviving would be lost. Would it? They failed to realize that with Jesus Christ, no situation is beyond hope; He has a hand on EVERY situation no matter how hopeless. In response to their failure, He chastised them, *"Why are you so timid? How is it that you have no faith"* (Mark 4:40).

Nonetheless, when Christ was awakened He, *"rebuked the wind and said to the sea, 'Hush, be still.' And the wind died down and it became perfectly calm"* (v. 39). Take courage that your *"help comes from the LORD, Who made heaven and the earth. He will not allow your foot to slip. He who keeps you will not slumber"* (Psalm 121:2-3). He is working on His plan for your life, *"... I know the plans that I have for you... plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope"* (Jeremiah 29:11). *"Be still, and know that I am God"* (Psalm 46:10).

Latch onto His promises while He brings about His perfect plan, *"When you pass through the waters [of austerity] I will be with you...they will not overflow*

you. When you walk through the fire [of economic depression, chronic illness], you will not be scorched, Nor the flame burn you. For I am the Lord your God" (Isaiah 43:2-3). *"Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go...; for I will not leave you until I have... [fulfilled My plan for your life]"* (Genesis 28:15). God will not let go of you until His plan for your life carries a stamp **"MY PLAN FOR YOUR LIFE IS FULFILLED IN TOTO!"**

Until then keep on recalling His Word, *"His favor is for a lifetime; weeping may last for the night, But a shout of joy comes in the morning"* (Psalm 30:5).



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Doctrine of Grace

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The Rise, Fall & Restoration of King David:

A Panoramic View of the Immensity of God's Grace
(Lesson 2, Continued from Vol. 62)

DAVID'S PREPARATION IN THE WILDERNESS

It cannot be said enough: God uses prepared vessels, "...if anyone cleanses [prepares] himself... he will be a vessel for honor; sanctified, useful to the Master, prepared for every good work" (2 Timothy 2:20-21). We each attend a different "life preparatory college."

David began his journey to the palace from the college of shepherding. Then he went to various colleges of the wilderness. He availed himself of God's grace provision. What is more, he was passionate about his relationship with God. He went all out in his quest for Him, "I shall seek Thee earnestly; **My soul thirsts for Thee, my flesh yearns for Thee, In a dry and weary land where there is no water**" (Psalm 62:1; cf. 42:1-2). He was spiritually prepared. Afterward God crowned him ruler of His people, Israel.

This principle of preparedness is also demonstrated in the Life of Christ. He began His journey to the cross from the college of the wilderness where He spent forty days (Matthew 4:1-2). He went on

to every college of suffering known to man and was "tempted in all things" (Hebrews 4:15).

"He learned obedience from the things which He suffered... having been made perfect [mature], He became to all those who obey [trust in] Him the source of eternal salvation" (Hebrews 5:8-9). You see, God had to prepare Him before He could be offered as a sacrifice for our sins.

In the same way God sent Moses to the college of the wilderness for forty years. Having graduated, he became the man of the hour to lead Israel out of their Egyptian bondage. It was also true of Joseph. God took him to Egypt, away from his family, where he was sent to various training camps including the college of the Egyptian prison. Afterward, he was promoted, second only to Pharaoh.

Signs of David's Readiness

Before we celebrate David's rise to the throne, let's briefly examine his mental attitude as revealed in Scripture. Keep two things in mind as we view the makeup of his soul: first, let's see if we can find clues as to why God regarded him as "a man after His own heart" (1

Samuel 13:14). Second, let us pinpoint the signs of his spiritual readiness as the man for the hour.

David's soul reveals his intense pursuit for God's heart: "My soul thirsts for Thee, my flesh yearns for Thee" (Psalm 62:1). Could it be the reason why God sought him "a man after His own heart?" Remember "God sees not as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart" (1 Samuel 16:7). He told the Prophet Jeremiah, "Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you" (Jeremiah 1:5).

God knew what every man can accomplish with God-given potential. David's heart was consistently craving for God, to honor and please Him. It was said of him, "The law of his God is in his heart" (Psalm 37:31).

"Thy word I have treasured in my heart, That I may not sin against Thee" (119:11). David was ready.

No Animosity in David's Soul

One who is full of animosity and hatred toward his subjects cannot be a leader. David showed that his soul was free of bitterness and revenge toward the household of Saul or anyone else. He loved Saul until they were separated by Saul's death. When he was informed of the people who buried Saul, his response was God-like,

"May you be blessed of the LORD because you have shown this kindness to Saul your lord... may the LORD show lovingkindness and truth to you; and I also will show...goodness to you because you have done this" (2

Samuel 2:5-6). To further show that he was bitterness-free, he was furious with two men, Baanah and Rechab, for murdering Saul's son, Ish-bosheth, who was presumed to be a threat to David's kingship. They brought Ish-bosheth's head to David hoping for approbation: "Behold the head of Ish-bosheth, the son of Saul, your enemy, who sought your life; thus the LORD has given my lord the king vengeance this day on Saul and his descendants" (2 Samuel 4:8).

David's reaction was swift, they would pay for their action. He reminded them "As the LORD lives, **who has redeemed my life from all distress**, when one told me saying, 'Behold, Saul is dead,' and thought he was bringing good news, I seized him and killed him... which was the reward I gave him for his news" (v. 10). David went on to say, "How much more, when wicked men have killed a righteous man in his own house on his bed, shall I not now require his blood from your

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hand, and destroy you from the earth? Then David commanded the young men, and they killed them” (vv. 11-12).

Think of it; David called a man who rebelled against God’s authority (2:8-9) “*a righteous man.*” There is something about David’s spiritual life that we cannot fully grasp. He was a spiritual giant.

DAVID CROWNED KING

At last the Jewish elders “*anointed David king over Israel*” (2 Samuel 5:3). God made good on His promise to set David over the house of Israel. It is comforting to know that God keeps His promises, no matter what. Walk back to the college of the wilderness where David was faithfully caring for his father’s sheep. Listen to the call: “David, hurry, a prophet wants to see you.” Upon his arrival God said to Samuel: “***Arise and anoint him; for this is he***” (1 Samuel 16:12).

Satan counter attacks when good news is announced. For instance, in the Garden, the moment God announced the coming Savior, “the seed of the woman” (Genesis 3:15), Satan mounted an intense opposition until God made His promise good. “*And the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; for behold I bring you good news of a great joy which shall be for all the people; for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord’*” (Luke 2:10-11).

Now walk with David from the day of his anointing as the future king of Israel. Consider the opposition as it mounted. His brothers were a thorn in his flesh: “*I know your insolence and the wickedness of your heart*” (1 Samuel 17:28). King Saul was no better; he was a nightmare for him, relentlessly seeking to end David’s life and thus make God a liar. Time and again, David had no rest. He was hiding out during his days in the college of the wilderness. After a long wait the Jewish elders “*anointed David king over Israel*” (2 Samuel 5:3). God made good on His Word. “*David was thirty years old when he became a king*” (v. 4).

Thirty years! David was just a young boy when Samuel anointed him king. It took more than a decade for him to be crowned “*king over Israel.*” Imagine the lapse of time. He could have wondered, in the midst of his unceasing dilemma, whether his ordination was a hoax. He told Saul, when he was hunting him, “*do not let my blood fall to the ground away from the presence of the LORD*” (14 Samuel 26:20). Other times, he must have thought the anointing to be genuine but wondered whether he would ever live to see its fulfillment. His heart may have failed him; but God did not fail him.

Time is inconsequential when it comes to the fulfillment of God’s promise, “*For a thousand years in Thy sight Are like yesterday when it passes by*” (Psalm 90:4). This brings up a biblical application.

Biblical Application

The power of God’s Word is in its application. Therefore we cannot ascertain how powerful the Word of God is until we use it. You may want to pause and inventory your life. If your spiritual life is on course, but your life has no pressures and distress, could it be because Satan has not heard God announced any good news on your behalf? On the other hand, “*consider it joy*” if your life is undergoing “*various trials*” (James 1:2), if every door is slammed, nothing has worked and you are bombarded with endless difficulties one after another. The reason for your predicament can be discerned. Satan has launched a vicious attack on God’s “*plans of welfare*” for your life (Jeremiah 29:11).

We are not ignorant of the tactics of Satan, God’s arch-enemy. It is typical of him to counter attack whenever and wherever there is good news. When God boasted about Job’s spiritual integrity (Job 1:1-6) Satan counter attacked. Likewise, when God announced a future king for Israel (1 Samuel 16:12) Satan counter attacked. We ask: “Has he launched a counter attack against you?” Relax, God is in control of Satan’s fire. God uses this fire as a refinery, “*See, I have refined you... in the furnace of affliction*” (Isaiah 48:10 NIV).

Furthermore, Satan’s fire cannot burn God’s plan for you. Rather, it refines you as gold. Herein is good news: “***The counsel of the LORD stands forever, The plans of His heart from generation to generation***” (Psalm 33:11). “***For He spoke, and it was done; He commanded and it stood fast***” (v. 9 emphasis added). We can take comfort that no part of God’s plan “*can be thwarted*” (Job 42:2). He “*who opens, and no one will shut, and who shuts and no one opens*” (Revelation 3:7). It boils down: God’s “*purpose will be established;*” no matter what (Isaiah 46:10).

If Satan never succeeded in preventing God from bringing a Savior, and he did not; if Satan did not thwart God’s plan for Job, certainly he did not; if he never stopped David from becoming king, and he did not; then he cannot succeed in thwarting God’s plan for your life. In the midst of Satan’s attack, tune in to God’s Word: “*My purpose will be established [for you]... Truly I have spoken; truly I will bring it to pass. I have planned it, surely I will do it*” (Isaiah 46:10-11; cf. Psalm 89:34; 135:6 emphasis added).

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God has spoken! You are to take His Word at its face value and go about your daily life trusting that He will fulfill the plan He has for you. He has never failed anyone. *“God is faithful”* (1 Corinthians 1:9). He was faithful to His children who came before us. These heroes knew God. His Word permeated their thoughts and actions. Pages of Scripture stand as a monumental testimony revealing their confidence in God. Consider Job: *“I know that my redeemer lives”*; *“when he has tested me, I will come forth as gold”* (Job 19:25; 23:10 emphasis added). David: *“My soul is among lions; I... lie among those who breathe forth fire... My heart is steadfast”*; *“The LORD will accomplish what concerns me”* (Psalm 57:4-7; 138:8). Incredibly these men were still in the oven of suffering when they uttered those words. Therein is the ultimate application of God’s Word, confidence in the midst of suffering.

Let us assume that Scripture is still being recorded, and you are in the oven of suffering, as Job was, and a scribe is standing by to record your words. What would he record for those who will come after you? Would he record words of murmuring or of trust in your God? David sang, *“And those who know Thy name will put their trust in Thee”* (Psalm 8:10). Do you know His name? Do you trust in Him no matter the degree of your circumstance? That’s the test of the application of His Word. Pause and reflect.

Happiness comes from
spiritual capacity

THE BEAUTY OF GOD’S PROMOTION

Promotion is a good thing; it is satisfying when God is the source. Keep in mind, not every promotion is of God. Satan can and does promote. That which is not of God carries with it, a marker of *“the god of this age”* (2 Corinthians 4:4). Satan tempted the Lord with a promotion, *“fall down and worship me”* (Matthew 4:9) and I will give You *“the kingdom of the world and their glory”* (v. 8). Often times, Satan uses promotion as a distraction to lure believers away from God’s plan. Other times he uses it to blind them. His victims conclude: *“We are rich beyond measure, we have huge churches, therefore God must be blessing us.”* Have they failed to use discernment? Just because a believer has everything the world can offer, and another has a huge congregation, does not necessarily mean that God is behind their success.

We can promote ourselves through the practices of this world, but man made success is not of God. We see it in churches today. Many resort to gimmicks, marketing techniques and the like to attract members. Compare this to the early church where, *“the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being*

saved” (Acts 2:47). They did not use any gimmicks or marketing techniques. The real question we should ask when we experience success is this: who is the source? This question gives rise to another; did we help God in any way to secure the success? No doubt; just as the apostle John cautioned then, *“test the spirits to see whether they are from God”* (1 John 4:1); if he were here he could caution today, *“Test every success or promotion to see whether it is from God.”*

Promotion without capacity is like a helium-filled balloon; it is virtually weightless and its staying power is short-lived. Such promotion cannot and does not bring or sustain happiness. Happiness comes from spiritual capacity. Many fail to study and apply God’s Word. They by-pass the call to develop spiritual capacity, which not only attracts God’s favor but makes promotion enjoyable (Acts 20:32). When God promotes a be-

liever, God sees to it that He does not withhold anything good from him (Psalm 84:11). He showers him with God’s best which sets the individual apart from others. This is the epitome of God’s promotion. Repeat: true promotion is God’s monopoly. He

“brings one down, he exalts another” (Psalm 75:7). What is more, there is *“no sorrow to”* His promotions (Proverbs 10:22). That’s the test of God’s richest blessings.

David was spiritually well-rounded. He had spiritual capacity; God bathed David with His very best. *“For it is You who blesses the righteous man [believer with spiritual capacity], O LORD, You surround him with favor as with a shield”* (Psalm 5:12). He crowned David king. The outcome: *“David became greater and greater, for the LORD God of hosts was with him”* (2 Samuel 5:10). God was with him. Because of David’s immense capacity, God *“exalted his kingdom”* (v. 12). God gave David victory on every side. Later, David’s son, King Solomon, wrote, *“When a man’s ways are pleasing to the LORD, He makes even his enemies to be at peace with him”* (Proverbs 16:7).

DAVID IN TUNE WITH GOD

We ask, *“What is the secret to David’s remarkable spiritual success?”* David answers, *“I delight to do Your will, O my God; Your Law is within my heart”* (Psalm 40:8). Being in tune with God’s will is spiritual triumph. *“I can do nothing on My own initiative...I do not seek My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me”* (John 5:30). Our Lord was in tune with the Father throughout His earthly ministry: *“As I hear I judge”* (v. 30). It was typical of David; he was in constant contact with His God; he *“inquired of the LORD”* on every

crossroad (2 Samuel 2:1; 5:19, 23). Like our Lord, David could well have said, “*As I hear I judge.*”

Craving for success, David pursued three goals:

First, he sought God’s Word with every fiber of his being, “*My soul thirsts for God*” (Psalm 42:1). God’s Word was “*his delight*” (1:2) and a defense against Satan’s assaults: “*I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you*” (Psalm 119:11; cf. 37:31 NIV). He knew the principle: to know God’s Word is to know the revealed will of God; the revealed will of God is the Word of God. He knew that he could not fulfill God’s plan for his life unless he knew what the plan was.

Second, he sought to obey the known will of God, “*by the word of your lips I have kept myself*” (Psalm 17:4; cf. 37:31). David raised the bar of obedience to God’s Word that he became a measuring device for others. For instance, the Lord told David’s son, Solomon, “*if you walk in My ways [maintain a spiritual lifestyle], keeping [obeying] My status and commandments, as your father David walked, then I will prolong your days*” (1 Kings 3:14 emphasis added). Consider another king, Hezekiah: he “*did right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father David had done*” (2 Chronicles 29:2).

Third, David devoted his life to prayer. Like Daniel, he prayed at least three times a day, “*Evening, morning and noon I cry out in distress, and he hears my voice*” (Psalm 55:17; cf. Daniel 6:10 NIV). Other passages abound: “*I love the LORD, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy. Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live*” (116:1-2 NIV); “*In the day of my trouble I will call to you, for you will answer me*” (Psalm 86:7); “*call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honor me*” (50:15). Prayer is a powerful tool. Tragically, many are unaware of the roadblocks to prayer.

Hindrances to Prayer

Have we ever wondered why our prayers are not being answered? There are at least 12 roadblocks to prayer:

1. **Lack of interest in God’s Word:** “*If anyone turns a deaf ear to my instruction [Word], even their prayers are detestable*” (Proverbs 28:9 NIV).
2. **Pride,** (Luke 18:10-14).
3. **Selfishness:** “*you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures*” (James 4:3).
4. **Lack of obedience to God’s Word:** “*whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do the things that are pleasing in His sight*” (1 John 3:22; cf. John 15:7).

5. **Lack of forgiveness,** (Matthew 6:14-15).

6. **Lack of mercy:** “*judgment will be merciless to one who has shown no mercy*” (James 2:13).

7. **Marital problems:** “*You husbands... live with your wives in an understanding way ... show her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life, so that your prayers will not be hindered*” (1 Peter 3:7).

8. **Unresolved personal conflict,** (Matthew 5:23-24).

9. **Prolonged carnality:** “*Then they will cry out to the LORD, But He will not answer them. Instead, He will hide His face from them at that time Because they have practiced evil deeds [continually]*” (Micah 3:4).

10. **A closed mind to the needy:** “*He who shuts his ear to the cry of the poor Will also cry himself and not be answered*” (Proverbs 21:13).

11. **Unconfessed sin in the soul:** “*If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened*” (Psalm 66:18 NIV).

12. **Lack of faith:** “*But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That man should not think he will receive anything from the Lord*” (James 1:6-7; cf. Matthew 21:21-22).

David, because of his rapport with God could say, “*I love the LORD, because He has heard My voice and my supplications. Because He has inclined His ear to me, Therefore I will call upon Him as long as I live*” (Psalm 116:1-2). In the same way, “*Jesus raised His eyes, and said, ‘Father, I thank You that You have heard Me [always]*” (John 11:41). Is our Father-God answering our prayers? If not, let us re-evaluate our spiritual lives. Life is easier when we stay in tune with God through a diligent study and application of His Word and a lifestyle of prayer. That is the secret of victorious Christian living.

We are not finished with what made David victorious. How we thirst for a victorious Christian life but come short of living it. Our study of the rise, fall and restoration of King David will give us a glimpse into how to be victorious. We will continue in the next issue. It is my prayer that this brief study will impact our lives for the praise of His glory. Until then, may God’s richest blessings abound for you.

“*[Now] to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy— to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen*” (Jude 1:24-25)



Letters to G.E.M.

Your newsletter is one of the most wonderful things we receive in the mail. It is so encouraging to see how the Lord has used your ministry to spread His Word all over the world! What a joy to watch Him work through you.

Thank you for sharing the gospel with so many and for sending such encouraging words in your newsletter. "God is faithful," and it is wonderful to be reminded of who and what He truly is. Keep up the good work!

USA

I just want to thank God for what He is doing through this ministry.

I am well grounded with the issues of *God's Plan After Salvation* and the *Biblical Doctrine of Salvation*.

Praying that God will continue to give you people more grace to realize more of these materials.

I am left with some few months to graduate from seminary and I am proud because your materials will also help me to teach the dying world, which is our desire.

Cameroon

Dear G.E.M.,

I am writing because I want any book you have written by Moses C. Onwubiko. I have been in prison for ten months already, but since I came I am seeking God and will not give up. I have everything with Him and more importantly I have salvation to an eternal life in Jesus Christ.

Thank you so much for your help. God be with you every step of your life and ministry.

U.S. Prison

I am incarcerated and serving a four year sentence. I have recently given my life back to God and am excited to see what He has in store for my life. Obviously my vision was not the right one.

I know I can no longer live my life without God in it. I have 4 beautiful children who deserve to have their mother in their life clean and sober. My addiction has taken me down a road of hell. I am tired of the pain and I know God is the only one who can fill it with peace.

Thank you for the opportunity to receive more information in a place where there are limited sources.

Sincerely,

Inmate set free with God's
love and mercy

I am confined in a small prison facility that is home to a tiny inmate library/chaplaincy department that operates on basically no budget. I happen to have the good fortune to have been given the job of "unit library assistant."

I've taken it upon myself to write organizations asking for donations of reading materials. I heard back from Grace Evangelistic Ministries and would like to be considered to receive any and all publications that you might have available to send.

Not only do I enjoy these materials but I pass them on to the general population at every chance that presents itself.

God bless you all,
U.S. Prison

Missionary Reports

KUWAIT: JANUARY, 2013

On our first visit to Kuwait, Rev. Moses taught a three day Pastor's Conference. Topics included "Who is Jesus really?" and "Who did you believe in?" The lead pastor said this is the first time he really understood the relationship between Jesus and God. Word spread daily, and on the last day the hall was filled to overflowing and people had to gather outside.

We also made outreaches deep into the farm country to the north and to the south - near the borders of Iraq and Saudi Arabia. People there work around the clock and have neither time nor money to make it into town and therefore are usually overlooked. Most had only huts to live in and women did not attend because it was too dangerous for them to be out. They were so grateful for the visit and hungry for the Word.

Moses got a glimpse of God's great plan to reach people from all nations. Many people groups are represented inside Kuwait. Though it is illegal to proselytize a Kuwaiti in Kuwait we were able to reach the many other nationalities who have settled there.

Testimony:

"We are blessed to have Rev. Moses here. All glory to God!!! We are happy and enjoying the teaching. We are learning new things and correcting ourselves. We have really been blessed by the seminars and we look forward to more to come."



UNITED ARAB EMIRATES: JANUARY, 2013

On the first day of the "Back to the Bible" seminar Rev. Moses spoke about "The Unique Value of the Bible." We were blessed to have Dr. Rao with us. This part of the world operates on a different time schedule - sessions began at 9 pm or later and lasted for a couple hours with dinner afterward.

The crowd grew on the second day when Moses taught the "Ten Attributes Of God." Not a single person moved during the teaching. Many delegates said they had never before heard the Word of God so effectively taught.

On the final day Rev. Moses taught about "The Impact of Christianity;" the whole hall was packed. At the close of the conference the organizers and leaders honored Moses by placing a shawl on him and praying for him.

On Sunday Moses spoke in a family cottage prayer meeting about "Faith." Many present said they were blessed. We thank God for this unique opportunity to challenge pastors and teach believers in the U.A.E.

SRI LANKA: MARCH, 2013

Rev. Moses and Rev. Bruce reached Sri Lanka safely... after traveling for more than 30 hours! Dr. Rao and Pastor Emmanuel from India were able to join the G.E.M. Team so they could take the teaching back to the pastors and believers in India.

Last year pastors from all areas of the country came together for the first time after 30 years of war. This year the attendance was more than double with about 140 delegates from all the districts of Sri Lanka. Both Singala and Tamil language groups were represented in this country that has fewer than 8% Christians.

The conference began at 8:30 am and went to 5:30 pm daily. Rev. Bruce taught on "Repentance" and Rev. Moses taught on "Sanctification." On the 2nd day few more delegates were added and a Pakistani refugee family as well! All the delegates were eagerly taking notes and learning. The men were humble, attentive and appreciative, a good combination! We thank God for what He is doing there!

On the last day everyone prayed for the unity of both communities and prayed for winning Sri Lanka for Christ. The general comment from every one is "no such seminar has ever been organized in Sri Lanka before." The organizers and the delegates were so disappointed to see the program end. They invited us to come back again!

The G.E.M. team was honored with gifts and an excellent speech, given by Dr. Balasingam, a renowned teacher of the Word from Bangalore, India, expressing their great appreciation about the quality and clarity of the teaching,

On Sunday the team members visited different churches to preach. Moses visit was two hours away. That trip turned into a rolling Bible class with everyone in the van asking questions. You could see their eyes open wide with understanding. These are the opportunities we pray for - God is answering prayers!

Testimonies:

"All the delegates, including the representative from the Catholic Church, were very much appreciative of the teaching. The general comment was "we never heard this type of teaching before."

"The Lord has blessed all of us tremendously. We had Pastors come from all over Sri Lanka traveling from long distances. Everyone stayed together in oneness as a one family and everyone attentively learned and was equipped."

BANGLADESH: MARCH, 2013

God answered so many prayers and protected the three day Pastors' Conference and Gospel Festival held in Bangladesh!

It all began with a citywide strike the day Moses arrived, meaning no taxi's. He was finally picked up by the hotel van, escorted by armed guards. This was after an immigration official had questioned him: "You are named after a prophet - who do you think is the greater prophet - Moses or Jesus?" Of course Moses replied "Jesus" - but was inwardly thinking "Oh Lord, please don't make me have a one man crusade right here - I could be denied entry to Bangladesh!"

More strikes were called for which would have effectively cancelled the Pastor's Conference. But three days of strikes were converted to three days of mourning when Bangladesh's president passed away after a long illness. (continued on page 10)

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More than 75 pastors and evangelists attended the Bangladesh Pastor's Conference, many traveling far from their homes to attend. All were very attentive and thankful to hear the teaching of Rev. Moses. Some said they had never heard such a wonderful, very simple and complete teaching of the Word of God. All the pastors were very grateful and asked Moses to continue more days of this kind of teaching and requested him to preach and teach in other parts of Bangladesh.

The Gospel Festival was held for three evenings. Rev. Moses began with prayer for Bangladesh and for the family of their late president who passed away the day before the Pastor's Conference began.



All the people were very excited to hear the powerful message: That by faith alone in Christ alone, man will be saved. Rev. Moses preached how one must be born again and he asked all to accept this opportunity of salvation. We thank God that there was not any disturbance during the preaching. The rain and storms held off until after the festival was over.

Moses said: "it was like ministering in a lions den - everyone was looking over their shoulder." Pastor Nir has been in Bangladesh for more than 20 years and never remembers a gospel festival ever being held. In the middle of the festival came the call to prayer. Moses just respectfully paused during this time so not to have competing loud speakers, and then resumed his message.

At the end, the Gospel tract, *Riding the Death Train*, was distributed among all at the festival. Many people gave their address and phone number for followup and many pastors asked for Gospel tracts for their preaching work. Pastors and community leaders requested Rev. Moses to visit Bangladesh again. Please pray for Pastor Nir and the Pastors so that they can follow up the people who accepted Jesus in the festival. Please pray for peace in Bangladesh.

We thank God for His protection and for the chance to visit this country often overlooked because of it's hostile environment. We give God all the glory for what He alone has done!

Mission Trips and Outreach 2013

May:	Panama	August:	Idaho Mission Trip
May/June:	U.K., Greek Isles G.E.M. Marriage Conference, USA		Brazil
July:	Texas Mission Trip	October:	U.K.
		November:	Thailand Vietnam

How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news! (Romans 10:15)

Join us in Prayer

Thanksgiving:

- For many open doors around the world.
- For protection and acceptance for the team as they travel.
- For desire for truth in Europe, Asia, Africa.
- For the knowledge that Jesus Christ controls history.
- For the hunger for *Riding The Death Train* in Asia.

Petitions to Our Father:

G.E.M.

- Open doors and travel logistics for 2013.
- Protection of staff and International Representatives.
- Divine provision and support for missionaries desiring full time work in the field.
- Additional qualified laborers for the mission field and mission work.
- Energy, wisdom, and discernment for G.E.M.'s God assembled team.
- Office staff, volunteers, supporters and their families.
- G.E.M. publications: writing, editing, publishing, distribution.
- G.E.M. website: development and content.
- Partners and supporters:
 - For the sick or terminally ill and their care givers.
 - Comfort for those who have lost loved ones.
 - Protection and growth for their businesses.
 - That God would continue to sustain and bless them.
- Land in Abuja, Nigeria, for G.E.M. Africa Headquarters.

United States

- President Obama for wisdom and guidance.
- For Godly men and women to be elected and appointed.
- Protection of U.S. military.
- The U.S.A. for a great revival, peace and freedom from terrorism.
- Bible teaching pastors and their ministries.
- Awakening of churches and their return to the Bible.
- Prison and youth ministries: for open doors and changed hearts.

World

- World leaders (Daniel 2:21, 1 Timothy 2:1-2).
- Protection of Israel, God's chosen people and peace in Jerusalem (Genesis 12:3).
- Peace in D.R. Congo, Kenya, Liberia, Nigeria, Pakistan, Sudan, Zimbabwe & the Middle East.
- Indigenous pastors: that God will equip them in every way.
- Salvation of unbelievers.
- The spiritual growth of new believers.
- Protection for Christians persecuted for their faith.
- International translations of GEM publications: accuracy and supply.
- Provision for thousands of *Riding The Death Train* tracts to fill requests in Asia and Africa.

G.E.M. Overview Summary

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

Grace Evangelistic Ministries is incorporated in the State of Tennessee as a nonprofit organization. We are a Christian, nondenominational, missionary oriented ministry, dedicated to evangelism and sound Bible teaching. Our main focus is evangelism; all other activities support our main goal. Our mission, in obedience to the command of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, is to: *"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations"* (Matt. 28:19).

We embrace the following objectives:

No. 1 – Evangelism

Evangelize unbelievers, adults and children, with the simple, grace Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

No. 2 – New Convert Follow-up

Follow-up with those who choose to believe in Christ.

No. 3 – Preparation of Indigenous Pastors

Because those who have responded to the Gospel will become unfruitful if they are not exposed to sound Bible teaching, we will:

- a. Hold pastors' conferences in conjunction with every crusade.

- b. Introduce pastors and prospective pastors to doctrinally sound resources.
- c. Provide opportunities for churches to send missionaries.

No. 4 – Satellite Centers

We will establish foreign satellite centers for duplication of recorded Bible lessons and reproduction and distribution of doctrinal literature as funds become available.

No. 5 – Publications

Prepare periodic newsletters, which include Bible exposition, and missionary reports.

- a. Convert the missionary teachings of Rev. Moses Onwubiko into books.
- b. Reprint overseas when possible to save costs.

No. 6 – Assist the Needy

Caring for the needy or the poor is a timeless, Biblical principle and it is incorporated directly or indirectly in God's mandates. In light of this, our mission will embrace providing spiritual food for all and sustenance for the needy as the Lord provides and directs.

No. 7 – Establish a Theological Seminar Abroad

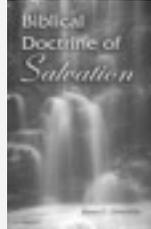
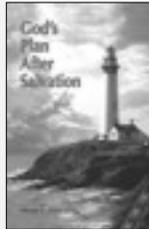
Plan to establish a doctrinal theological seminary

Publications

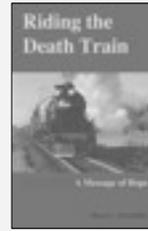
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Forgiveness, by Confession Alone provides a comprehensive overview of God's Grace & Mercy. **God's Plan After Salvation** offers instructions for maturing in the faith. **Biblical Doctrine of Salvation** is an in depth theological study.



Pocket size booklets



Riding the Death Train is a clear presentation of the gospel. (*English & Spanish*) **Shower of Christian Love** should identify the Christian to the world. **Eternal Security of the Believer** is a concise study of this important topic. (*English & Spanish*).



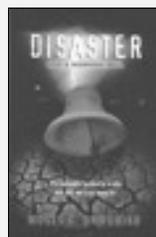
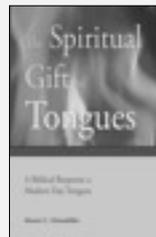
God's grace is often talked about but seldom understood. Our series on Grace begins with **Overview of God's Grace** and continues with **Joseph, A Pillar of Grace**, and **Paul, A Trophy of God's Grace**.



Comfort in Suffering and **Focus on Christian Marriage** give biblical viewpoint and divine solutions for common problems. **James, Faith Without Works is Dead** is an in depth guide for practical Christianity.



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