



# Grace News Today

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## “Faith Alone in Christ Alone”

**H**earty greetings from your GEM family! No doubt about it, your relentless participation in the cause of the Great Commission demonstrates one thing: your love for Christ. “If you love Me, you will keep My commandments” (John 14:15): “Go and make disciples of all nations...” (Matt. 28:19-20). That is His supreme commandment. Your obedience to this mandate is a crown of your love for Him. It proves that you are passionate in regards to the things He is passionate about. “Seeing the people, He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and dispirited like sheep without a shepherd” (Matt. 9:36).

Another challenge of the Commission is to teach believers the whole realm of sound biblical truth. With gladness we report to you that God in His infinite grace has been faithful in helping the ministry accomplish the dual tasks for which He alone established it. Many doors are being thrown wide open. He is leading in taking His message of hope *faith alone in Christ alone* to the destitute both near and far. We are bringing His sound teachings to those bound in the captivity of falsehood. Face-to-face teaching, electronic media and publications, are being used by God to encourage and edify the hearts of His saints.

Many with an attitude of gratitude have written to express how grateful they were to God that He led them to the ministry. We share one such letter with you:

“Dear Grace Evangelistic Ministries: you are truly God sent! First I must say how much of a blessing it has been to read and study and also teach from your publications! I have a small group of Christians here (in jail) that absolutely depend upon your books!”

“Once again thank you!”

“The back of your books say we can receive them free of charge by writing to you. May we please have the following publications sent to us ASAP: Riding the Death Train, The Spiritual Gift of Tongues, Signs and Wonders, Focus on Christian Marriage, Comfort in Suf-

fering, Eternal Security of the Believer, God’s Plan after Salvation, Joseph, A Pillar of God’s Grace and Biblical Doctrine of Salvation. Thank you! U.S.A”

Beloved, it will be remiss on our part if we fail to thank you for your tireless commitment and sacrifice to reach those desiring the truth. No doubt, you who are in the supply line for those on the frontline are also in the battle field. God of equity will not forget your labor (Heb. 6:10). “The share of the man who stayed with the supplies is to be the same as that of him who went down to the battle. All will share alike” (1 Sam. 30:24 NIV). That is good news!

Wishing you every blessing in Him!

On the frontline of the Great Commission,

Moses C. Onwubiko and your GEM family

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## Mission Trips 2015

Please pray with us about the following mission trips. This is our desired calendar as the Lord leads and provides.

<b>Jan/Feb</b>	Oman Kuwait
<b>Mar/April</b>	Hungary Romania
<b>May/June</b>	Thailand Argentina
<b>July/Aug</b>	Zimbabwe Kenya
<b>Sept/Oct</b>	France Ireland U.K.



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There is no price list for any of our materials. No money is requested. When gratitude for the Word of God and the understanding of the need to reach 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.

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## Voices from the Past

**“IN MY OPINION, THE GREATEST SIN IN THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST IN THIS GENERATION IS IGNORANCE OF THE WORD OF GOD.**

**MANY TIMES I HAVE HEARD A CHURCH OFFICER SAY, ‘WELL I DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT THE BIBLE, BUT...’ AND THEN HE GIVES HIS OPINION, WHICH OFTEN ACTUALLY CONTRADICTS THE WORD OF GOD!**

**WHY DOESN'T HE KNOW MUCH ABOUT THE BIBLE? THESE THINGS WERE WRITTEN AFORE TIME FOR OUR LEARNING. GOD WANTS YOU TO KNOW HIS WORD.”**

*J. Vernon McGee*

# Word of Encouragement

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## **You men of little faith**

“He said to them, ‘Why are you afraid, you men of little faith?’ Then He got up and rebuked the winds and the sea, and it became perfectly calm” (Matthew 8:26).

Knowing that God is in total control of every one of life’s turbulences or exigencies outweighs all other knowledge.

Welcome aboard! “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). Storm rocks the vessel; danger looms; adrenaline rises; fear overpowers everyone. We have all been in a parallel 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 at one time or another, no exceptions!

All along the Captain of captains was with them sound “asleep in the stern” (v. 38). The irony is arresting: the human nature of our Lord was quite asleep, unaware of the storm; *but* His deity was awake, “neither slumber[s] nor sleep[s]” (Psalm 121:4). God never naps! That is good news for our fainting souls. The fact that God has not responded to our immediate predicament does not mean He does not 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 go wrong? In a “now or never” attitude: “... 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 were wrong again. They failed to realize that with Jesus Christ, no situation is dire; He has a hand on *every* situation no matter how hopeless. To their failure, He chastised them, “Why are you so timid? How is it that you have no faith” (Mark 4:40).

Nonetheless, the Captain having been awakened, “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’s 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 on to His promise to keep you while He fulfills His perfect plan for your life.

“When you pass through the waters [of austerity measures] I will be with you ... they will not overflow you. When you walk through the fire [of economic depression, chronic illness and more], 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 ...” (Genesis 28:15).

God will not let go of you. You will remain in this life until His plan for you carries the 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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# On Prayer

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Conference: Lord Teach Us to Pray

“Prayer does not enable us to do a greater work for God; prayer is a greater work for God.” Thomas Chalmers, Scottish preacher (1780 - 1847).

Nothing is more central to the Christian life than prayer, and nothing is harder. Don't imagine that just because someone stands at the front to preach that they're experts at prayer – they're not.

Robert Murray M'Cheyne (1835-1843), was a great man of God who died young. His words are burnt onto the conscience of many believers - “What a man is on his knees before God, that he is and nothing else.”

As a young man I remember being challenged by these striking quotations and writing them down. That list also contained the following from Leonard Ravenhill (1907-1994) - “No man is greater than his prayer life.”

We may try to look like impressive Christians, but actually the greatest test of who we really are before God is our prayer life. We can kid others, but ultimately the measure of who we are in the kingdom of God is the state of our prayer life.

Let's be clear - prayer is the hardest activity in the whole of the Christian life; there is nothing harder. Prayer is the area where we feel our greatest weakness; it's the area where we feel the greatest spiritual attack. So don't be surprised that you struggle.

Little wonder, therefore, that Paul issues this command to the believers in Colossae. “Devote yourselves to prayer,” (Colossians 4:2).

You probably know what it means to devote yourself to something. What is it that you give constant thought or attention to? What is it that generally is running through your mind? It might be your job. Maybe a job you love; a job that occupies your thinking.

Or maybe it's not your paid employment, maybe you keep thinking about your duties in the home. Perhaps you're a home maker and you love to make sure that where you live is comfortable, and attractive, and clean.

You find your thoughts keep going back to that housework with great affection.

Well the word that Paul uses for devotion (*proskartereó*) carries with it the meaning of being absolutely committed to a particular task. For example in Romans 13:6, “This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing.” The word translated “full time” is *proskartereó*. They are devoted to this task, this activity. Maybe this gives you some insight into what devotion means because you're devoted to a particular task.

Or maybe you give constant thought and attention to a particular relationship. Maybe you're a devoted fan of some famous personality. Maybe you're committed to them and you just love to go around and hear concerts by that particular person. You're constantly thinking about them, or daydreaming about them.

And maybe that's the same emotion you feel in a relationship – perhaps with your spouse or boyfriend or girlfriend. You love them, and you're absolutely committed to their personal well-being and you live to please them. You'd gladly give your life for them. Well, once again we find this word, *proskartereó*, is also used in that way. For example in Acts 8:13 it says, “Simon himself believed and was baptized. And he followed Philip everywhere,” and where it says “he followed him everywhere” that word *proskartereó*, is used. It wasn't a job that Simon was devoted to, it was a person.

Or maybe the thing that occupies your thoughts and attention above all else is a particular hobby. You just love to spend all your time in that activity. And duties at home or work can be a real distraction. Maybe even relationships have to take second place to your all-consuming hobby. It could be the computer and you spend hours surfing the net, or playing games.

Maybe it's DIY jobs, and unless you have a paint brush and screw driver in hand you're just not happy. Or maybe you're into building gadgets or models or train sets or the like. Perhaps you love doing cross stitch, or dressmaking or decorating. Maybe you love playing sports; maybe you're a film buff, maybe you're a video freak or maybe you're a “couch potato.”

This sort of concentrated time commitment is also captured by *proskartereó*, in Ephesians 6:18, “And pray

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in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests, with this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for the saints.” And where he says “always keep on” Paul’s using *proskartereó* again to illustrate a high level of commitment.

Now maybe we’re getting closer to understanding what Paul was telling the Colossian Christians and therefore what God is telling us. We should have a devotion to prayer that is greater than our devotion to that special task or that special person or that special hobby. It should be a devotion that has so captured our minds and hearts that we will commit ourselves to it gladly and without reservation.

You say that’s not possible. Well, it was possible for the early church. “They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.” (Acts 1:14) There is that word *proskartereó*, “They all joined together constantly.”

Or Acts 2:42, “They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer” (*proskartereó*).

Or Acts 6:3-4, “We will turn this responsibility over to them and we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the Word” (*proskartereó*).

So the pressing question we must face is this: how can we develop such devotion in prayer? It’s all well and good saying that we should be like this, but so often it only fills us with a sense of hopelessness and guilt. So what’s the answer? How can this become a reality?

We need to understand that true prayer is something that involves every aspect of our personality. It involves our mind; it involves our heart; it involves our will, and it is only as each of these is properly engaged that we can be devoted in prayer.

### #1 - True prayer involves the mind.

**Desperation:** By this I mean we need to recognize our terrible need. This was something that some in the Colossian church didn’t grasp. Some of them were very confident in what they could do. They had their religious rules and regulations which they proudly kept and relied upon. And there was another group in that church who trusted in their experiences. They thought they were highly blessed and qualified because of what they had gone through, whereas Paul tells them that they had lost connection with Christ (Gal. 5:16-26).

Let me ask you a question: when did you last get down to some really intense and committed prayer? I know the answer. I’ll tell you when you did that. It was when you were in trouble. Perhaps you were facing illness or worrying news. Maybe a family member was sick or a serious situation was looming. And at such times you prayed with amazing earnestness. Now why did you do that? It was because you realized that this was a situation that only God could deal with. It was beyond your control so you turned to Him in passionate prayer.

Now let me ask you another question: Why are you not devoted to prayer right now? I’ll give you the answer, it’s because you don’t see the need, there’s no pressing problem, there’s no situation that you can’t handle, there’s nothing keeping you awake at night. All is nicely under control, you think, and so you are not devoted to prayer.

Now can you see why I believe that the first step to devoted prayer is when we grasp with our minds the immensity of the real problems that face us? Our greatest need is to have our eyes opened to things as they really are. And what is the problem? I can tell you: There are members of your family who are going to hell. There are members of your family who are being crippled by Satan and robbed of that full life of joy in Jesus. The problem is that we are hardly touching the community we serve. We are

happy, our church is doing fine, but there are thousands round about us who do not know Jesus as Lord and Savior. There’s the problem!

Another problem is that we’re seeing so few lives transformed by God’s grace. The problem is that sin is freezing our desires after holiness. The problem is that men and women in this world do not acknowledge Christ as Lord, and they do not give Him the glory. The problem is that the world has so infected the church that its trivialities predominate. The pride and jealousy, dissensions and envy roam unchecked. The problem is our obedience and worship is so half-hearted or has become a dry ritual.

My friend, is that not serious enough for you? Is that not enough to turn you to devoted prayer? Is that not enough to make you desperate? The problem is some of us just don’t feel like that. We are so egocentric that as long as things are going well for me then that’s all that matters. But it’s when we get the real picture and understand the big scheme, that we will get desperate.

True prayer involves every aspect of your personality

God help us to have a reality check! God help us to get desperate, because when we get desperate we will pray.

**Deliberation:** In addition to desperation the Christian mind should also recognize the wonderful provision that there is in the power and love and sufficiency of the Savior. In Colossians 1:16-20 Paul lifts up Jesus. “For by Him [Jesus] all things were created, things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities—all things were created by Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. And He is the head of the body, the church; He is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything He might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all His fullness dwell in Him, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through His blood shed on the cross.”

And I believe the reason that so many of us lead impoverished prayer lives is that we fail to fully appreciate how ready and eager and able our God is to hear and answer our prayers. We think He’s distant, or else we think He’s uninterested, or maybe we even think He’s angry. Whereas the deep, wonderful truth is that God’s love for His children is so strong and deep and true that not even eternity will exhaust an examination of His riches.

Imagine with me the picture of a starving child and imagine you are with an aid agency and you say to that child, “Right here in this tent are thousands of tons of provisions that have been made available so that you can eat. You don’t have to go hungry any more; we’re here to help you; come inside.” And the child looks at you and says, “But I’m fine, I’ve never known anything else, this is how life is,” and turns away and just wanders back into the main refugee camp. He begins to rub around in the ground as he and the others have been doing all their few years, just trying to get a grain of food here and a grain of food there. And you are heartbroken because of the scene.

My friend, you are that child when it comes to prayer. We are weak and sickly in spiritual things, but actually we sense no lack, we think “I’m all right”! We are unbelieving when it comes to the promises of God’s Word concerning the overflowing, super abundant grace of Jesus. We are so ready to turn away and settle for the meagre scraps that we can scratch up from the ground by our own efforts.

Do you see that if we are to be devoted to prayer it begins in the realm of the mind. We need to understand how desperate things really are and we need to deliberate upon the resources that are in our wonderful, glorious, loving, gracious Father.

## # 2 - True prayer involves the heart.

But not only does prayer involve the mind, true prayer also must involve the heart. You see, when I have realized my desperate need and when I have grasped the amazing and gracious provision there is in Jesus, then such an understanding should have an effect upon my heart. It should have an effect upon the way that I feel; it should move me.

**Devotion:** Prayer is not a mechanical duty that can be carried out in some robotic fashion. Real prayer is something that flows out from the loving relationship that Jesus has brought us into with the Father.

We’ve already mentioned the Jewish legalists in Colossae; the ones who came to that church and told them that you needed to pray three times a day at the right time; that you must do what all good Jews are expected to do. Whereas Paul stresses that prayer will happen continually as the natural overflow of a relationship.

In 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, Paul says, “Be joyful always; pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” And the more you’re in love with Jesus Christ the more you’ll want to enjoy His presence, naturally speaking to Him and listening to Him. And that devotion will flow over into the way that you live.

Paul writes, “Therefore as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity” (Col 3:12-14 NIV). Actually, this is how it works in relationship, you love to live in a way which pleases people who are important to you.

Let me illustrate this. I love my wife and she, amazingly, loves me. But there needs to be an overflow of those words into action. The fashion now in the U.K. is that men have designer stubble. So guys don’t shave really close but leave some of that shadow. Now this appealed to me. It would be great if I didn’t have to

Why are you not devoted to prayer right now?

scrape my face every day, but Kath said, “I prefer it when you don’t have stubble.” Now the wonderful thing is, if I’ve been lazy or neglectful and have stubble on my chin she will still kiss me, even on my stubbly face. And I know that stubble doesn’t make any difference to her love, but I know that the way I can please her is to make sure I get the razor out and keep this chin as smooth as it can be. You see, that’s what happens in relationship.

In relationship prayer and holy living go hand in hand. Paul writes to Timothy, “I want men everywhere to lift up holy hands in prayer, without anger or disputing.” (1 Timothy 2:8). And Psalm 66:18-19 tell us: “If I had cherished sin in my heart the Lord would not have listened; But God has surely listened and heard my voice in prayer.” You see, devotion will be seen in a lifelong pattern of grateful prayer and holy living.

You’re thinking, “Well, I’ve got this, when I understand the problem that we’re in and when I’ve understood the resources that I have available in Christ then my heart is going to be affected, and there will be devotion, evidenced in Christ-glorifying living.” Now that’s a good beginning, but there’s more.

**Dependence:** A heart relationship with God involves the work of the Holy Spirit. Prayer can’t be reduced to lists and liturgies, however helpful they may be. No, there’s something more going on.

Prayer and holy living go hand in hand.

When Paul was writing to the Ephesians he said this: “and pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests, with this in mind be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints” (Ephesians 6:18). Let me deconstruct that verse. He says, “With this in mind, be alert.” With what in mind? He’s referring to “pray in the Spirit,” and it takes you back to the previous verse, which talks about “the sword of the Spirit is the Word of God.”

Now I want to suggest this has two very important applications to alert praying. The first is this, we must be alert to the immediate promptings of the Holy Spirit. God is not silent, nor is God taking a rest. He’s actively working throughout His creation and by His Holy Spirit who indwells every believer. He’ll prompt us to pray for particular people or particular situations at particular times. The Christian church is littered with accounts of how people have been moved to pray for situations, only later to discover that at that very moment their prayer was being answered in a remarkable way thousands of miles away. You’ve experienced that, haven’t you? Maybe you’ve thought, I just feel I should pray

for so and so, and you do, only to find out a little bit later that they went through a real problem. In the presence of God there was that sense of being prompted; God the Spirit does that.

Be alert to the Spirit’s prompting; don’t just pass these things off. If God lays something upon your heart do it there and then, just pray where you are. To be watchful means we must be sensitive to that which God is prompting us to pray for.

But the second point I want to make is this; not only must we be alert to the immediate promptings of God the Holy Spirit, we must be alert to what God is saying through His living Word. Put simply: prayer is us speaking to God and God speaks to us through His Word.

And God’s Word is living. Because it’s authored by the eternal God it shouldn’t surprise us that God actively communicates to us through that Word. That means that when we come to prayer, having read the Bible, there will be something fresh and relevant to prompt us in our praying. That is why I can’t understand those who say they get bored praying the same old thing, or they don’t know what to pray. If reading the Scriptures precedes our praying there will always be something new that will fill our hearts and minds and help shape our prayers.

George Mueller (1805-1898), from my home town of Bristol, U.K., was an amazing man of faith and wrote this,

“The difference between my former practice and my present one is this: formerly when I rose I began to pray as soon as possible and generally spent all my time ‘till breakfast in prayer. But what was the result? I often spent a quarter of an hour or half an hour, or even an hour on my knees before being conscious to myself of having derived any comfort, encouragement or humbling of soul and often after having suffered much from wandering of mind. I scarcely ever suffer now in this way for my heart, being nourished by the truth, being brought into experiential fellowship with God, I speak to my Father and to my Friend, vile though I am and unworthy of it, about the things He has brought before Me in His precious Word. Since God has taught me this point it is as plain to me as anything, that the first thing the child of God had to do morning by morning is to obtain food for his inner man. Now what is this food for the inner man? Not prayer but the Word of God. And here again, not the simple reading of the Word of God so that it only passes through our minds just as water

runs through a pipe, but considering what we read, pondering over it, and applying it to our heart.”

If we want to be devoted to prayer, in practice you start with the Scriptures, and listen to what God is saying to you. And if you do that, if you read the Scriptures and you think about what you are reading and you meditate on those things, you will then be able to come to prayer with so much to help shape and prompt and fire and fuel your prayer life.

Now let’s be clear, I’m not trying to lay down particular strict forms of prayer, but as a general guide read God’s Word first and then pray out of the Word. We found in some of our meetings at church, as we were trying to work out what it meant to pray corporately, that one of the best things we did was to open up God’s Word, read it, talk about it, and then we kept our Bibles open and prayed back to God what He had been saying to us. That revolutionized our prayer.

### #3 - True prayer involves the will.

You see, if there has been a desperation and deliberation in the realm of the mind then it should lead to devotion and dependence in the realm of the heart, which in turn should lead to a response in the realm of the will.

**Determination:** Prayer doesn’t just happen. It requires a steely determination to battle through all the distractions and yawns and satanic attacks so that you can spend time with the Lord.

Brothers, sisters, are you going to devote yourselves to prayer? Because it’s all well and good to read this and feel emotionally moved. You think: “Oh yes, I should do this,” but the question is, are you going to do something about it tomorrow? Are you determined?

Have you planned how you’ll overcome all the obstacles that will face you? There are some young moms who don’t know when their kids are going to wake up in the morning. I’m not going to give you advice on exactly what to do. It’s up to you to work out something according to the patterns of your kids, to figure out when is the best time that you can pray. You’ve got to take control. Maybe some of you need to make necessary alterations to the alarm clock. Get your body into a particular way of doing things. Did you know it takes six weeks to get into a habit? My challenge to you to is do it for six weeks, maybe put the alarm clock back half an hour and do it for six weeks. By the end of that six weeks it will have become part of the natural rhythms of your life and your body will have altered and you will have made time to pray. Make sure you go to

God’s Word and from that Word you will then go to prayer.

**Demonstration:** Quite simply it means you will do it, you will pray, you will begin the battle, you will start to understand what it means to be devoted in prayer.

Brothers and sisters, that’s the challenge for us.

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Father, Sovereign God we ask that you would help us to be devoted in prayer.

Lord we find that naturally we do get devoted to things, to tasks or to people. We can get devoted to a whole ton of stuff, but Father, forgive us that we are not really devoted to the important things, we are not devoted to prayer.

Lord, help us to get a plan and a program. Help us see the needs that face us in this world as well as the wonderful provision You have given us and your super abundant lavish grace that is so ready and willing to hear and to answer.

Father move our hearts, warm us, give us a real devotion to You. Move us to do something about it. We want to get serious, we want to think about what it means tomorrow morning, and next week, to be devoted to prayer, to love you more, to speak to You, to enjoy that relationship. All these things we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.



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# Missionary Reports

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## **U.K.: MARCH, 2014**

The hall which seats about 300 was nearly full both days with many positive and remarkable testimonies about how Rev. Moses' teachings have impacted many lives.

A pastor came from Belgium with about seven of his leaders. After the conference he said he was sure that God brought them in order to do mission work with GEM in Europe. Another pastor came from The Gambia and delegates within the U.K. came from Manchester, Reading, Milton Keynes, Bristol, Yorkshire and more.

Thanks to all our faithful prayer partners for your prayer support.

## **ROMANIA: MARCH, 2014**

Moses and Tayo traveled 4 hours from the airport into the Romanian countryside to the conference site. They were asked to speak on spiritual warfare due to a high level of witchcraft activity in Romania. Many leaders from across different mission fields came together, plus about 15 American missionaries, and one Canadian missionary.

Rev. Moses taught that spiritual warfare is about maintaining a defensive position and not taking the offensive against Satan. The Canadian missionary said that he has never in all his life heard it from that perspective. Many other leaders said the same and that it changed their perspectives completely. One of them said that the teaching has relieved him and family from the fear of Satan. We could literally see the joy on their faces.

Our host in Romania wrote:

In such a short time, Moses and Tayo have significantly impacted our ministry and encouraged not only our missionaries and church members, but non-Christians as well. Their ministry inspired us all to praise and glorify the Lord.

My prayer is that, together, we will impact this country and the surrounding countries in a way that will honor and glorify Him, edify the Church, and reveal the saving knowledge of Christ to the lost.

We look forward to what God will do in this formerly Communist country!

*Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I. Send me!" (Isiah 6:8)*

## ***COSTA RICA: MAY, 2014***

May 28 - 30 Moses traveled to Costa Rica with Pastor Vidal for a pastor's conference. He received a wonderful response - and the pastors were all so grateful.

During dinner the final evening the man at the next table came over to greet them. He said he was at the hotel on his honeymoon - and was impressed that everyone bowed in prayer before dinner. He has a ministry in Guatemala and he and Moses plan to visit about ministry possibilities.

## ***MEXICO: JUNE, 2014***

We had a three day pastors' conference, and a three day crusade. Moses also spoke at several church services and also at a breakfast for the Pastor's Alliance - challenging them to aim high in their spiritual life.

### **Pastors Conference**

Bruce focused on how understanding and giving forgiveness affects our spiritual life and church unity. He stressed the importance of keeping our sins confessed and staying in fellowship, and the importance of forgiving others - providing unity in churches and families.

Moses focused on how spiritual life affects a nation - and reminded us that Christians are to Model Christ. First we must know Him. "Does our life match Christ's?" The Word was His first priority and He showed compassion to others and obedience to God. Moses reminded us that God blesses Christians who are obedient and follow Him and it overflows to families, communities and the country. Righteousness exalts a nation.

Many Pastors commented that these messages changed their lives and their ministries.

### **Pastor's Alliance Breakfast + Crusade**

One hundred twenty villages comprise the outlying municipality where we ministered. Moses had the opportunity to speak to the recently established pastors' alliance at their breakfast meeting.

That evening was the first day of a historic three day crusade in that area. It was the first time in 450 years that evangelical churches have worked together to reach the larger community. God's love for the people of Mexico was declared and many were added to the kingdom! We are so grateful for all that God is doing in Mexico! Your prayers are an integral part of all we do—thank you for your prayers.

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

## **GEM CONFERENCE: JUNE, 2014**

Moses Onwubiko and GEM hosted Bruce Bumgardner, Pine Valley Bible Church, Houston, Pastor Andy Paterson from the U.K., Pastor Drue Freeman, Trinity Bible Church, Oklahoma, City, at the "Lord Teach Us to Pray" Bible Conference, held in Nashville, TN.

People attended from 10 countries and from all around Tennessee and Texas. Everyone was encouraged and edified as prayer was examined: Why do we pray? Praying in the Spirit and more. Listen to the messages online at [http://gemworldwide.org/lord\\_teach\\_us\\_to\\_pray.aspx](http://gemworldwide.org/lord_teach_us_to_pray.aspx) (or log on to itinerary pages - there is a hotlink under the conference).

## **ZIMBABWE: JULY, 2014**

The Victoria Falls pastor's conference was held Monday through Friday at the Salvation Army Hall - lunch was served - the local favorite Sadza (staple food of cooked cornmeal).

The people of Zimbabwe have grown weary of the false teaching with its false promises and are receptive to the Word of God. Their eyes are being opened. Pastor Gumbo is being encouraged day by day. One man who came from Harare (12 hours away) said that what he learned in the 2005 GEM Conference changed his life and that this new information on "The Affect of a Believer's Spiritual Life on The Nation" is again life changing.

The people of Zimbabwe are still suffering. The GEM team was sad to see Pastors with no Bibles and people taking notes on small scraps of paper and still no roof on their church. One day Moses was moved to explain the gospel from every angle - so no one could be confused. He spoke about the three kinds of people for whom Christ died: the self righteous, the moral and the immoral.

Here are some testimonies:

One man said "I didn't know there was a program but I heard people singing and decided to come in. I just got saved today after going to church for over 30 years!"

A pastor said "You made scales fall from my eyes - I have had questions about the gospel and the accuracy of it."

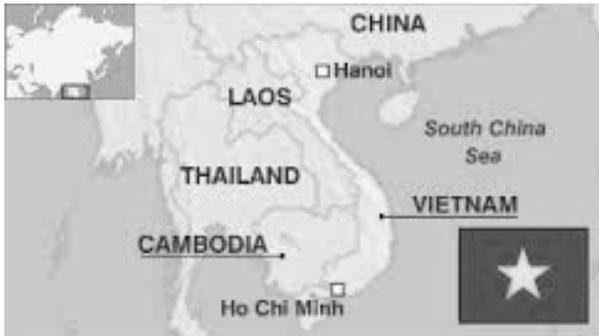
Another man said: "I wish you had time for me to show you what I have written in my notes. I wrote to myself: 'You have been out of line - this is the time to get back in line.'"

All were revitalized from the Word, including our dear Pastor Gumbo!



## ***VIETNAM: JULY, 2014***

Your prayers were instrumental in preventing Moses from being sent back to Dubai. In fact someone came to do exactly that; but just moments before the supervisor had taken the passport. To everyone's astonishment the supervisor was able to provide an emergency visa. We know that God intervened and paved the way!



All through the Vietnam program everyone was taking copious notes; they are starved for the Word. They kept asking if he could teach more hours each day and asked if he could add an extra day.

Our host, Pastor Nguyen, reported:

I am very happy to serve God through the G.E.M. Team. This is such an amazing course that almost all the pastors said that God is visiting Vietnam through His messenger. We appreciate and thank all of you.

We praise God for all He is doing and continues to do in

## ***LAOS: AUGUST, 2014***

Laos is a communist country. Buddhism is their religion and is so imbedded in the culture that Pha That Luang, a gold-covered large Buddhist stupa stands in the center of the capital city, is generally regarded as the most important national monument in Laos and a national symbol.

Churches meet in secret and in fact the host pastor took Moses in the car and drove around so they could speak safely. The pastors and those meeting in house churches were indeed refreshed. We hope to return to visit Thailand and the Laos believers can cross the river and learn in a free country.

## ***FIJI: AUGUST, 2014***

Moses barely got out of customs/immigration in Fiji. It seems drug dealers have been using a fake pastor identity to bring drugs into Fiji. And here was a pastor, a Nigerian, with a passport full of countries visited. Moses and missionary Lonnie's entire suitcases were taken apart and tested for drugs and explosives.

At the end of the interrogation the customs person said "A person from America is supposed to be coming to our church this week" Moses replied "Yes, that's me!"

Three or four generations ago there was a huge revival in Fiji and there were lots of fervent born again Christians. Now many believe they are Christians because they are from a Christian family - but they have

not personally trusted Jesus. Many from India immigrated and brought Hinduism with them. Pastor Hemraj, our host, was a devout Hindu and at one time wanted to enter their priesthood. Now he is a pastor and church planter! We pray for a revival in this generation in Fiji.

Pastor Bruce joined the team in Fiji and daily he and Moses team taught church leaders, and Debby and Lonnie taught the children.

Day two and three of the pastor's conference Moses and Bruce each taught two sections. Our overarching topic is "The Effect of a Believer's Spiritual Life on Their Nation."

Bruce gave a powerful presentation on what Christ endured to purchase our forgiveness. Moses focused on knowledge of the Bible and consistent study as the foundation for the spiritual life as well as what was important to Christ in His spiritual life.

Moses and Bruce finished with the importance of forgiving one another and the importance of the Spirit filled life. Many pastors and assistant pastors as well as 15 students from the Bible College attended. One after another pastors came and said this conference had been life changing and would affect their ministry. They were excited to have the books we brought for them. We thank God for His miraculous grace and all that He alone is doing in Fiji.

## ***AUSTRALIA: AUGUST, 2014***

### **Sydney**

In Australia we were reunited with our good friend and associate, Pastor Azam! Some of you remember he fled persecution in Pakistan and you will be happy to know that he and his family have been approved for Australian citizenship. Now he works among the Muslims living there.

Sunday, Moses and Bruce each spoke at different churches. Together they taught the pastors for three days. The messages were enthusiastically received by an international audience. The attendees were Greek, Italian, Fijian, Korean, Japanese, Indonesian, Pakistani, and even Aussie!

Many said they were challenged and encouraged by the messages.

### **Melbourne**

We had three meetings in Melbourn with the Chin church there. Pastor Joel in South Korea and Pastor Paul in Myanmar are from the Chin people group and connected us to the Chin in Melbourne.

Saturday night Moses spoke on justification of the believer - by faith alone in Christ alone. Sunday afternoon service was attended by hundreds with people overflowing into the lobby and beyond! What a blessing to see this many people interested in the Word of God!

This was quite a sight in such a secular country. Our waiter at breakfast today commented that he had never but once before seen anyone say grace before eating...and this is from someone who works in the food service industry in a large hotel!

Sunday evening Moses gave a powerful message on "Who are You?" Reminding Christians of all they possess as God's children. Look for this as an upcoming small book titled "Who Are You?"

GEM point man - Keith Tabinor and his family were able to join in. Keith's multiple sclerosis progresses - but it does not slow him down one bit. He takes to the city on his red electric scooter armed with baskets full of tracts and gospel coins in many languages. Since Keith can't go to people he sits there offering tracts to those who walk by and God delivers them. What an encouragement he is to us all as he faithfully gives the gospel and tells of the goodness of God.

## ***ITALY: OCTOBER, 2014***

Rev. Moses reminded the church in Italy that they are responsible for the well being of their country which requires staying in God's Word. Italy has been severely hit by economic hardship and pastors have no regular members as many are leaving for other countries. But conference messages brought a glow of hope to their faces. The teaching was so well received that they wanted to extend the conference to hear more!

Sunday, Moses taught morning and evening. One pastor suspended his evening services and brought his entire congregation to hear the final message. Sunday morning, when Moses taught "For Whom Did Christ Die?" they all said that they had never before heard such a clear salvation message. Sunday evening Moses taught that the greatest missional impact is made when the believer lives as a fragrance of Christ. Everyone was excited to receive books. One of the bishops said that the teachings were so powerful that he repeated one of Moses' session almost literally on Sunday morning in his own church.

One prominent Bible teacher and vice chancellor of a seminary attended all the sessions and declared openly at the end that GEM is an answer to the prayers of God's people in Italy. He met with us to discuss the way forward and volunteered to take us to Denmark and Sweden. He also invited Tayo to be a guest lecturer for theology and biblical studies. All asked when the next conference would be.

A new unity was developed among the pastors. Many had never before met in a conference setting nor had a meal together. Yet they came together at the end of the conference to host a dinner for GEM, about twenty of them along with their wives.

Our hosts in Italy were from Ghana! Tayo quipped that there is something like "reverse evangelism" going on. Africans who were evangelized by the peoples of Europe are now returning to Europe with the gospel reaching out to the languishing church there! They long to be strengthened in order to better reach the indigenous Italians.

God is so faithful to send us to pockets of positive volition. We give Him all the glory! Thank you for your faithful prayers.

## ***BELGIUM: OCTOBER, 2014***

Rev. Moses challenged delegates: Spiritual integrity is the key to impacting the nation, the church is the conduit of blessing to the nation, not the other way around. The pastors were blessed and very encouraged. One delegate, who was a former adviser to an African President, said that tonight marked the beginning of Bible discovery for him, though he has been saved for many years. He said he has found another "Professor Gamaliel" after that of the Bible.

On the final day of the conference twenty key church leaders came in addition to other attendees. Rev. Moses spoke on the marks of genuine Christianity and its impact on the nation. He stressed the fact that the priority of God's Word always comes first and foremost. A pastor and a well known lecturer in Belgium seminaries walked up to us and affirmed that this message is what the church has lost. He thanked GEM for being used of God to restore the truth.

The pastors committee met to discuss the way forward. They lamented the influence of the health and wealth message and messengers and that it was introduced to those in Francophone countries by English speaking West African countries. Now, they want to be intentional about rejecting these false teachings by returning to the Bible. Only God could have sparked such fire in their hearts in just two days of Bible teaching.

Tayo spoke on the importance of building our lives and ministries on the Word of God, that it's only the Word that will keep us stable amidst all the storms of life. It was well received.

Our host, Pastor Innocent gave GEM an office space in his church in Brussels! From this office, GEM books will be translated into French. Research has shown that French diaspora churches in Europe get very little teaching because most teaching materials are written in English.

Moses spoke in churches both Sunday morning and evening. Many pastors and delegates said that they have never encountered the kind of teachings they heard. Others said that they were reminded of the good old days before they were polluted by the health and wealth gospel. One pastor told me that he will invite about 100 pastors to the next conference. He was only able to attend one session and yet it sent him home to re-think his life and ministry.

Thank you for traveling with us and for your prayers.



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The conference was well attended by pastors, church leaders and others. Many traveled on the coach for over two hours to get to the conference. One Englishman woke up at 4 am, rode his bicycle to the bus station to join a coach that departed for London at 4:50 am. He had been to our conferences in the past and did not want to miss this one.

The Conference Theme was “Comfort in Suffering.” Pastor Bruce taught how to deal with underserved suffering and Rev. Moses taught on suffering for blessing. Both of them took time to explain the different categories of suffering and the reasons.

During the Q & A they poured out their hearts saying the teachings had impacted and encouraged them. We could see rays of hope and comfort on their faces. One delegate said he was going home with the amazing truth that God's love and purposes cannot be thwarted by the sufferings of life. Others said they were so encouraged to know that suffering is an integral part of the believer's spiritual life, as opposed to the false teaching of some churches today.

One pastor said that what captivated him the most was the concept of self-induced misery manufactured by bad decisions. Pastors walked up to me to say that our ministry is very unique and that they would love to support our work.

Most of the things that were taught over this weekend were new to many despite that some are pastors and others have been saved for several years. Churches have leaders but not pastor-teachers, or as the author of Chronicles says, they have priests but not teaching priests. Consequently, God's people are not adequately fed and the mission of God through the church is weak. This can be hard to understand for those who have been exposed to years of good teaching. But other Christians don't necessarily have access to sound teaching - not even in the United Kingdom. The church there is in a sad spiritual state.

GEM Europe, with Tayo at the helm, is pleased to be used by God to help equip, train and encourage the church so that God's people can become missional and be able to impact others for Christ. Thank you ever so much for traveling with us with your prayers.



If you are reading this newsletter and you are without hope, without Christ, without eternal life, you can believe in Him for salvation now.

The Bible tells us simply:

*“Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved” (Acts 16:31).*



# Letters to G.E.M.

Dear Moses:

I want you to know that you and Gloria have been one of the most influential elements in our lives. Our conversation with you surrounding the understanding of who God's Holy Spirit really is has made a remarkable change (improvement) in our lives, spiritually and otherwise. I thank you my Brother in Christ Jesus.

USA

Dear Pastor,

Greetings! Hope all is fine with you by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ! I just went through your website. You are doing a great job to proclaim the Word of God in the world and to help the people around the world to grow in their faith. It is a wonderful website to share Jesus Christ and His Bible with the world.

I am from Pakistan. I am married and have 3 kids and a wife. I am very much impressed from the work you are doing for the Lord. Would love to know more about you. I also want to get involved to support with you to serve in Pakistan through your ministry. Praise the Lord!

God bless you!  
Pakistan

Dear Fellow Christians:

Greetings to you in the name of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ. We are writing this letter jointly to testify that the Lord is good to us because He has done a new thing in our lives by saving our souls.

After reading your message in my friend's house your message transformed our lives from darkness to light. As a new convert please help us to grow by sending materials for God's distribution.

We are living in the village where God's information is rare, due to tradition, myths, and isolation which have kept us chained for centuries. Many will be saved by the books which you send for us to distribute.

Yours in Jesus  
Malawi

Dear Moses:

Greetings in the name of the Lord! My family and I attended a session of your GEM Conference in Brussels, Belgium in early October. We were disappointed that our weekend schedule did not allow us to attend more, but we were so encouraged by the few hours of Bible teaching that we heard!

You and your fellow co-workers in Christ are teaching the Truth of God's Word and God's grace—and this, I am afraid, is becoming more uncommon. Please know that we are praying for GEM and for you team. Your labor is not in vain! So never be discouraged—God is using you!

We will be leaving Belgium and moving back to the states in January. We follow your ministry via email reports and will continue to do so. May you all continue to teach His Truth and may His Spirit continue to work through you. We love you!

Belgium

Greetings in our incomparable Lord,

I hope you will be interested to read from me for the first time. I am a man at the age of 39 years, and now beginning to feel that there is somebody who is greater than my father. I will confess to you, I never believed that there was somebody called Jesus Christ

I was given a small booklet by a stranger I met on a bus. He was older and I offered him my seat as all the seats were occupied. Upon leaving the bus he gave me a booklet and told me to read it daily. This booklet has taught me a lot of things.

Nigeria

Grace Evangelistic Ministries, Inc.,

I would like to thank Moses C. Onwubiko and family for sending books out to someone who wants and needs the better things in life.

I am here in jail, guilty until proven innocent. They hold you till they think it is time. They don't realize they have helped me get my mind back on the right track. I felt alone and now I am not! Thank God and this ministry.

God bless you all,  
Jail, US

## G.E.M. Overview Summary

(Entire Overview is available at [www.GEMworldwide.org](http://www.GEMworldwide.org))

Grace Evangelistic Ministries is incorporated in the State of Tennessee as a nonprofit organization. We are a Christian, 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

# Join us in Prayer

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## **Thanksgiving:**

- For many open doors around the world.
- For protection and acceptance for the team as they travel.
- For desire for truth in Africa, Asia, Europe, Middle East
- 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 2015.
- 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.

## Contact G.E.M.

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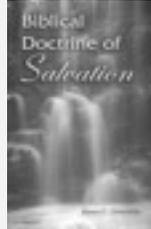
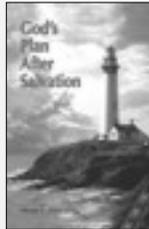
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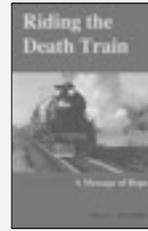
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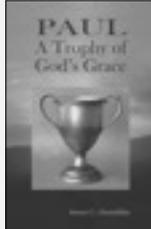
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**Riding the Death Train** is a clear presentation of the gospel. *(English & Spanish)* **Shower of Christian Love** should identify the Christian to the world. **Eternal Security of the Believer** is a concise study of this important topic. *(English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



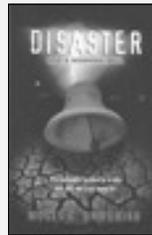
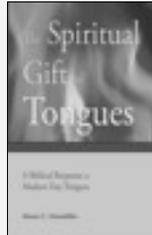
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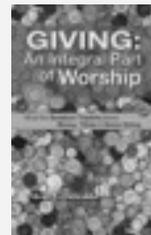
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**Signs and Wonders** and **The Spiritual Gift of Tongues** provide a biblical reply to modern day miracle workers and tongues.



**Disaster: God's Warning Bell** examines world events from a Biblical point of view.



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