



# Grace News Today

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## “Faith Alone in Christ Alone”

**H**EARTFELT GREETINGS FROM your missionary partners! The year 2014 is rolled up like a carpet and 2015 is unfolding before us under the supervision of our amazing God—the Great Architect. Knowing that God is in total control of the past, present and future, compelled King David to sing, “My times are in Your hands” (Psa. 31:15). What solace to know that our future is in the hands of the Sovereign God of the universe. “For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you.” (Jer. 29:11 NIV). With those encouraging words in mind, and because of your love for Him, trust that He will cause all things to work together for your good this year (Romans 8:28).

We challenge you to “count your blessings, name them one by one” as we have. You will be overflowing with joy to see what the Lord has done for you, just as we were! You say, “Well, I was in great pain throughout last year.” Yes, but you could still respond as Job did, “But it is still my consolation, and I rejoice in unsparing pain, that I have not denied the words of the Holy One” (Job 6:10). Or the apostle Paul who wrote, “I am filled with comfort; I am overflowing with joy in all our affliction” (2 Cor. 7:4). “I will sing the LORD's praise, for he has been good to me.” (Ps. 13:6 NIV). God is good!

Celebrate with us **18 years** of God's faithfulness! God has been so faithful to Grace Evangelistic Ministries—a ministry that He created. He has enlarged its coast beyond our wildest imagination. In His sovereign rule, God had taken us to over 75 countries, including Pakistan, Indonesia, India, China, Bangladesh, and Laos, just to name a few of the nations that are hostile to the gospel. How true is our Lord's promise, “surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age” (Matt. 28:20 NIV). We (you and our team) had, and are still enjoying God's protection as we travel worldwide, reaching the unreached with His message of hope, *faith alone in Christ alone*.

Thank you for your obedience to God by allowing Him to use you as a vessel, whereby He channels resources to us, so that we can continue to fulfill the mandate of the Great Commission, “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations” (Matt. 28:19). His promise to you is infallible: “he who waters [others] will himself be watered” (Prov. 11:25). “For God is not unjust; He will not forget your work and the love you have shown Him as you have helped His people and continue to help them” (Heb. 6:10 NIV).

Our 2015 itinerary (in order) includes Oman and Kuwait, Indonesia and Myanmar, Romania and Ukraine, Kenya and Zimbabwe, Ireland, France and the United Kingdom, and God willing Pakistan and India. We fervently solicit your relentless prayer on our behalf as we travel. Know that the people on the supply line are in the shadow of those who are fighting on the battlefield. God viewed them as equals, and rewarded them as

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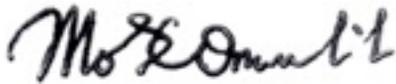
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such. "The share of the man who stayed with the supplies is to be the same as that of him who went down to the battle. All will share alike" (1 Sam. 30:24 NIV).

On the other hand, know that we hold you up in prayer daily before the throne of His grace, asking that God would protect, provide and keep your heart burning for the work of His Kingdom until Jesus Christ returns. "Behold, I am coming soon" (Rev. 22:7). He cannot go back on His promise!

Wishing you a prosperous New Year! Until next we communicate, God willing.

Your partner in His Mission field,



Moses C. Onwubiko and your GEM family

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## *Voices from the Past*

**“OUR GREATEST FEAR SHOULD NOT BE OF FAILURE,  
BUT OF  
SUCCEEDING AT SOMETHING THAT DOESN’T REALLY MATTER.”**

*Dwight L. Moody*

# Word of Encouragement

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“I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted” (Job 42:2 ESV).

Knowing that “nothing will be impossible with God” is one thing; demonstrating that knowledge—in a seemingly hopeless situation, when everything looks bleak—is the power of faith (Luke 1:37). Consider Job. He feared God like no one else in his day, yet he was hit with a barrage of affliction. He was confined in the furnace of suffering. In the midst of his unsurpassed pain and suffering he confidently spoke these words of hope to his friends, “As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives” (Job 19:25). Later he told them, “Because he knows the road on which I travel, when He had tested me, I’ll come out like gold” (23:10 ISV).

“I’ll come out like gold!” Pause for a moment and reflect on what Job had already suffered. As “the richest person in that entire area,” he had lost his entire wealth (Job 1:3 NLT; see Job 1:13-17). He had also lost his children—ten of them (1:18-19)! If that were not enough to induce a believer to whine, mew, complain and even develop resentment toward God, Job’s health was destroyed. His flesh was afflicted with a debilitating disease. The disease caused among other symptoms, unbearable skin irritation. Job’s itching was no match for his finger nails, so he used “a piece of broken pottery and scraped himself with it” (Job 2:8 NIV). Think of it. That was his condition when he assured those around him, “I’ll come out like gold!”

Job demonstrated that a believer can be hopeful and joyful even in suffering. The apostle Paul was another perfect example. He suffered like no other in his day (2 Cor. 11:23-33). While in suffering, he wrote, “I am filled with comfort; I am overflowing with joy in all... [my] affliction” (2 Cor. 7:4). On the other hand, he admonished the Philippian believers, who were under tremendous suffering “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice!” (Phil. 4:4).

I ask you, does your affliction stack up with Job’s? He lost his enormous wealth, friends, and family, all except his wife. Virtually, he lost everything and was alone, with no one to comfort him, and his wife added to his pain. She told him bluntly, “[Honey] curse God and die” (Job 2:9).

This exercise is not to minimize your suffering in any way, but to underscore the sobering truth: Job had his trust deeply rooted in the Lord. “Behold, if He slay me, yet would I trust in him” (Job 13:15 DBT). His trust in God looked beyond the grave, “Even after my skin is destroyed, yet from my flesh I shall see God” (Job 19:26). That’s what it means to “Trust in Him at all times”—no matter what (Psa. 62:8)! He further testified, “At least I can take comfort in this: Despite the pain, I have not denied the words of the Holy One” (Job 6:10 NLT).

Those were Job’s words of comfort and encouragement which can also be yours. If we were to look into Job’s inner thoughts you would find he was rooted in confident expectation. Job believed that God, not circumstances, is in charge of his destiny. Can you trust in Him like Job who said, “Behold, if He slay me, yet would I trust in Him” (Job 13:15 DBT)? Trust in God because He has your best interest in mind, “‘For I know the plans that I have for you,’ declares the LORD, ‘plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope’” (Jeremiah 29:11). King David sang, “For the LORD God is a sun and shield; The LORD gives grace and glory; no good thing does He withhold from those who walk uprightly” (Psa. 84:11).

Beloved of God, as long as your spiritual life is on course, count on God. He is taking all your suffering—every turmoil, dilemma, heartache, loss of loved ones, lost of health, lost of job—and blending them together so that in the end, you too may sing like David, “You, LORD, keep my lamp burning; my God turns my darkness into light” (Psa. 18:28). So, sing with King David while you wait on the Master, “His favor is for a lifetime; weeping may last for the night, but a shout of joy comes in the morning” (Psa. 30:5). “Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us eternal comfort and good hope by grace, comfort and strengthen your hearts in every good work and word” (2 Thes. 2:16-17). Amen!



## A Panoramic View of the Immensity of God's Grace

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### WELL DONE FAITHFUL SERVANT

The salutation, “well done” is a victorious acknowledgment; it has other synonyms—*good job*, *congratulations*, or *bravo*. Whatever task a person undertakes in life, the individual craves to hear one of these joy inducing, triumphant greetings. That’s also true of the apostle Paul. In his endeavor, he aspired to hear, “Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness” (Matt. 25:21).

Back in Volume 65, we examined what made David a spiritual giant. We noted that he relied on God in everything. We studied the nine traits of leadership, authority orientation, humility, teachability, grace orientation, integrity, good listening skills, reliance on God’s Word, independent thinking and courage. We identified these traits in David’s leadership and in other spiritual giants in the Bible. To help us grasp this timeless truth, we consulted the apostle Paul’s view on victorious living. He too showed us the way—discipline—“I discipline” myself (1 Cor. 9:27). In that study, the principle of discipline: prioritization, action and consistency (PAC) was highlighted.

Why was the apostle Paul concerned about victory since he knew that every blessing comes through grace? To answer this thought provoking question first we must rule out what grace does not do. Grace does not negate man’s responsibility. Grace enables the believer to utilize his God given spiritual gifts. God has given each one spiritual gifts. Some are given one or two, and still others receive three, four or five. Though the talents in this parable are a monetary unit, still it can be related to spiritual gifts: “To one he gave five talents, to another, two, and to another, one, each according to his own ability; and he went on his journey” (Matt. 25:15). Their master intended for them to be productive with

their talents, knowing that the day of reckoning would soon approach (v. 19).

Every believer will be accountable for his spiritual gift. Paul’s spiritual gift was apostleship. He wanted to make sure that he did not run, or use his gift in vain, “but I discipline my body and make it my slave, so that, after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified” (1 Cor. 9:27). It’s scary to think about suffering disqualification from hearing the welcoming words, “Well done, good and faithful servant” (Matt. 25:23) at the Bema Seat of Jesus Christ (evaluation of believers). The thought of winning this glorious crown consumed the great apostle Paul (Rev. 3:11). He was disciplined. “So I run with purpose in every step. I am not just shadowboxing” (1 Cor. 9:26 NLT). There we have it. He wasn’t *beating the air*. He studied the life of Christ and patterned his after it. “I follow the example of Christ” (11:1 NIV). Therein is the secret to victorious Christian living—following in the footsteps of Jesus Christ. At the end of the Apostle’s life, he declared, “I have finished the race...there is laid for me the crown of righteousness...” (2 Tim. 4:7-8 RSV). We must follow in his footsteps if we are to hear, “Well done” when our work is finished here on planet earth.

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### The Pitfall of Prosperity

Every seasoned student of God’s Word knows of King David’s great sins of adultery and murder (2 Sam. 11:1-7). One needs to look closely to detect the weakness in David’s spiritual life that caused him to fall into such great sin. It was prosperity! Can you believe that? Prosperity is God’s demonstration that, even in this fallen world, He can bathe His obedient children, who have developed capacity, with showers of blessing. He demonstrated this truth to Abraham. He “was very rich in livestock, in silver and gold” (Gen. 13:2). The same was true of Job. He was the “richest person in that entire area” (Job 1:3 NLT). This is just to name two of the richest men in the Bible.

If God prospers you; enjoy it. There’s nothing sinful about that. You should not entertain any guilt when God blesses you more than your wildest imagination. The apostle Paul states it best, “I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to *live in prosperity*; in any and every circumstance I have

learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need” (Phil. 4:12 emphases added). Maybe you are thinking “What prosperity? Paul was not rich like Job and Abraham.” But there is more to prosperity than great wealth. Prosperity is also defined as “flourishing, thriving, well being and having plenty—more than enough to meet one’s needs.”

Paul had all that he needed and often he had more than enough (Phil. 4:18-19) and was able to provide not only for his own needs but also for the needs of others. He was a profitable tent maker (Acts 18:3) and God often prospered his effort as he claimed “...these hands of mine have supplied my own needs and the needs of my companions” (Acts 20:34).

The truth is that God is glorified when He blesses us. The prophet Isaiah alerts us, “Therefore the LORD waits to be gracious to you, and therefore he exalts himself to show mercy to you. For the LORD is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for him” (Isa. 30:18).

You may wonder why the all powerful God is *waiting* to be gracious or bless His child when He could send blessing right away?” He waits, because He wants the believer to develop capacity, which attracts superior blessing. On the other hand, Satan has discovered that prosperity is the most effective tool to lead God’s children into ruin. “The love of money [wealth/prosperity] is a root of all sorts of evil” (1 Tim. 6:10). It’s sad that “many have pierced themselves with many a pang” (v. 10) just as the Bible has warned us. The writer of Proverbs, mindful of the looming danger of prosperity, requested, “Give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with the food that is my portion” (Prov. 30:8). He struck a chord on the peril of prosperity. See what it did to a man after God’s own heart.

### David’s Insatiable Love for Women

Maybe you are asking “women”? thinking that Bathsheba was just *one* woman. But big sins don’t leap out of a vacuum—there is always something that starts smaller and if unchecked grows until, eventually, something big occurs. If we can learn to recognize sin in the early stages, and nip it then and there, we will save ourselves a lot of heartache.

Debatably, David’s spiritual fall was a result of a notable weakness—an unquenchable love for women. It blocked his spiritual life just as plaque blocks an artery,

eventually causing a stroke or heart attack. This love for women was one step toward the fall of this spiritual giant. What has prosperity to do with David’s love for women?” Everything! I have had someone say to me, “poverty stinks.” Poor people have a hard time attracting women. There’s a saying, flaunt your fancy car, show the map to your mansion, every woman in town will come looking for you. How true!

When one is super rich, there is the danger of developing an attitude of arrogance. Rich people often enjoy the game of *show and tell*. They enjoy showing off. “Weak women, burdened with sins and swayed by various impulses” love such games (2 Tim 3:6). When you have money, you attract those who do not. “The poor person is shunned by his neighbor, but many are the friends of the wealthy” (Prov. 14:20 ISV). We have all heard tales of woe about those who win the lottery and instantly have long lost “friends” and distant “family” at their door.

Observe the biblical connection between prosperity and lust. “And he became more and more powerful, because the LORD God Almighty was with him” (2 Sam. 5:10 NIV). Literally, Yahweh made David great—He prospered him. What did David do? Scripture answers succinctly in the next few verses. First, the people “built a palace for David” (v. 11 NIV). Second, David took an inventory of his position. “David knew that the LORD had established him as king over Israel and had exalted his kingdom for the sake of his people Israel” (v. 12). Bravo! God had exalted him beyond his peers. What’s next?

The third thing David did gives a Bible student the opportunity to make the connection between prosperity and lust. “David took more concubines and wives from Jerusalem” (2 Sam. 5:13). Did we read “more concubines and wives”? Why did he take that many? Common sense answers, “Because he could afford them.” Was David not aware of the timeless biblical principle of one man, one wife as God ordained in the Garden of Eden (Gen. 2:21-24)? Our goal is not to judge one of the greatest believers of the Old Testament. Far from it! Rather, our objective is to discover and reveal the cause of his fall from grace as a warning to us all.

His son, Solomon, broke his father’s record with “seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines” (1 Kings 11:3 RSV). How true the idiom, “like father, like son.” David’s life was a witness to Solomon and the same weakness that caused David’s

David’s spiritual fall was the result of a notable weakness

spiritual fall affected his son too. Solomon’s “wives turned his heart away after other gods; and his heart was not wholly devoted to the LORD his God” (v. 4). We are simply examining facts with the help of the Holy Spirit who reveals truth.

Excessive love for women, does not imply that every prosperous man pursues women. We all have different areas of strength and weakness. Satan knows this and he does not waste time attacking us where we are not vulnerable; he assaults us in our areas of weakness. The apostle Peter warns us, “Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour” (1 Peter 5:8). Satan is a strategic genius and he studies our every move and calculates the proper time to strike.

### Life Goes On

Having taken more concubines and wives from Jerusalem David continued to attend to national affairs and his life (2 Sam. 5:13). Taking many wives did not ruin David’s life instantly, but we can observe some outward symptoms, which alerts us to a deeper sickness in the soul. Simplified, the spiritual giant may have excelled in other areas of his spiritual life, but struggled in the area of contentment. The apostle Paul said something regarding this issue. “But godliness actually is a means of great gain when accompanied by contentment” (1 Tim. 6:6). David’s failure to be content with just one woman, revealed a looming danger on the horizon. Satan noted it as well. While Satan is not omniscient, he is a great student; he studies us like no other.

Bear in mind, we delve into these details because, “... whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction” (Rom. 15:4). When we see a great man brought down by an area of weakness it behooves us to see what we can learn from it. There are three important questions we should ask ourselves. First, “As a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ, have I identified the areas of my spiritual weaknesses?” Is it women, gossip, lack of contentment or something else? Second, “Am I guarding those weak areas as I endeavor to strengthen them through studying and applying God’s Word and prayer?” Third, “Do I keep my sins confessed to stay in fellowship with God and use self control and other fruit of the Spirit to overcome temptation?” (1 John 1:9, Gal. 5:22-23).

Satan is a strategic genius and he studies our every move

As you ponder these questions, sing along with the Psalmist, “Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path” (Psa. 119:105); “I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you” (v. 11 ESV). Pray along with David, “Keep your servant from deliberate sins! Don’t let them control me. Then I will be free of guilt and innocent of great sin” (Psa. 19:13). Unless you immerse yourself in His Word, apply it diligently, pray unceasingly and “keep your heart with all vigilance” (Prov. 4:23) Satan will devour you when least expected. This is true of all of us.

### David’s Fame Continues

Just as blessing is sometimes delayed, so it is with judgment. There is often grace before judgment - but be careful not to mistake a grace period allowing for self correction to mean that God has forgotten or that there is no judgment for sin. In the science of medicine, illness often develops over time. Likewise in the science of geology erosion does not take place overnight; it also takes time—drip-by-drip, flood-by-flood, soil is gradually washed away and consequently erosion occurs. Similarly, spiritual catastrophe does not happen overnight. It’s a heinous sin when one overlooks impending spiritual erosion and fails to correct it. What our study will show us, as we progress, is that David’s failure to identify women as his area of weakness and control it cost him dearly. My assumption is that he never thought that having multiple women was a big deal. He ignored the danger in his soul and continued his rulership of the kingdom and military campaign.

The drip-drip-drip had not overtaken David’s entire life yet. Was he ignorant of this sin or did he know and choose to ignore it? Scripture does not reveal, and we will not try to guess—but either way sin is sin. For now it had invaded just one area of David’s life and he continued to seek God’s guidance in his campaigns, “shall I go against the Philistines” (2 Sam. 5:19). And God continues to grant him success (v. 25). Up until some point, David’s spiritual life was still on target. But, in the midst of his spiritual life, a weakness attacked his spiritual life with the potential for causing a serious downfall. We have already seen that lack of contentment unchecked led to lots of women, which eventually lead to taking someone else’s wife and then murdering him in an attempted coverup.

Have you ever asked yourself “How did a man like David, who loved God so much, commit the sin of

adultery and murder?" The answer is not that simple. It requires us to uncover several layers of missteps in David's life. Mastering these will be of great help in our spiritual life. We will continue in the next issue, God willing. Until then, may God's richest blessings abound for you.

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen" (Eph. 3:20-21).



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).*

Will you trust Him now?



## Mission Trips 2015

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

**Jan/Feb** Oman - completed  
Kuwait - completed

**Mar/April** Ukraine  
Hungary  
Romania

**May/June** Indonesia  
Myanmar

**July/Aug** Zimbabwe  
Kenya

**Sept/Oct** France  
Ireland  
U.K.

## Voices from the Past

**"WE CAN STAND AFFLICTION BETTER THAN WE CAN PROSPERITY,  
FOR IN PROSPERITY WE FORGET GOD."**

*Dwight L. Moody*

# Missionary Reports

## OMAN: JANUARY, 2015



Moses met with church leaders the day before the conference began. The conference topic was "The Impact of the Gospel on a Nation." This topic engaged both believers and unbelievers. One couple had traveled 60 miles and therefore had planned to come to only one session. After hearing the first session they decided to travel back each day.

With crises all around, what people need is the Prince of Peace. They began to understand the clear and simple gospel message...and were so excited! Eyes were opened and the people rejoiced!

The conference ended with everyone begging for just one more day. Moses focused on the two gospels—the written one and the one revealed through the life of the believer. Even in a country where people may not be able to verbally give the gospel, the believer's life should be a witness. They should stand out—in a good way!

### Testimonies:

One man said that for the first time he really understood that Jesus Christ is God.

Another man reported that his pastor had been helping him but he still felt that something was missing. After hearing the teaching he has gained the missing piece and is now whole.

## KUWAIT: JANUARY, 2015

The first evening Moses went out into the countryside to visit the farmers who have neither time nor money to come into the city for the program. They are just beginning to understand in whom they have believed—that Jesus Christ is GOD! Moses could see the relief on their faces as they understood that they are secure in Christ. After a long hard day these men stayed up till after midnight, excited to hear Bible teaching.

God provided the stamina for the rigorous schedule. One day Moses taught two double sessions—two in the morning and two in the evening. With each session the numbers grew and everyone felt that something special was happening. In fact they were so excited they gave a standing ovation at the end of the message, saying "next year, next year." We know that was in response to the truth setting them free. Sunday, Moses visited two churches. First one and then a rush to the second—in the door and straight to the podium!

The "hotel ministry" was also quite active - many people asking for "Pastor Moses." One man delivered fruit to Moses' room to start a conversation. He continued to bring new fruit each day so they could talk about the message of the Bible and salvation. On the last day the man asked for two more copies of "Riding the Death Train" to share with others—and a Bible for himself!

On the final day Moses and the team visited the head of the churches for this region. Many assistants accompanied him which was a sign of respect. They had a wonderful meeting and look forward to ministry together next year.

Moses later attended a dinner prepared in his honor which turned into a three hour Bible class! He returned to the hotel in the wee hours of the morning—tired but overjoyed for the fantastic response to God's Word. We pray for the point men who are interested in getting publications into their languages.

We praise God for His open doors and welcoming hearts and thank everyone for praying with us!

# Letters to G.E.M.

GEM,

I cannot thank you enough for the awesome literature I got today from you! Thank you so very much. You have been a big help in my thirst for knowledge.

I pray our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, keep his Holy Spirit moving in your hearts, home and ministries. Thank you so much.

In Christ  
Prison, California, USA

We write to appreciate your good works; Grace Evangelistic - you are God's gift to mankind. Your message restored peace to my family and gave us a new direction to follow.

We found useful the publications of Moses Onwubiko, the founder and our own flesh and blood. And no procrastination is made from joining both the truth and light. Both myself, families and friends had joined your ministry in the federal capital territory, Abuja Nigeria. We had commenced under a tree and cannot wait when you shall come to Abuja because if Jesus comes today we want to be saved along with you. Please include us in your mailing list for your outreach materials. We find many of your materials that we use at our service via your website. Don't forget us in your prayers.

Abuja, Nigeria

Hello GEM Family,

I pray all is well with everyone. I had written and requested the 2015 calendar in November and I received a letter saying it would be here soon. I am lost without my daily scripture on the calendar. Getting my day started off with scripture is a bonus. Thought I would write again, to see if somehow I had been forgotten.

Thank you  
Prison SC

Thank you so much for the service you are providing. I recently completed reading *Riding the Death Train* and I was touched in a deep spiritual way while reading *Paul: A Trophy of God's Grace*. Inmates and books flow constantly in and out of this facility and I have requested some of the books listed on this order form so that I may read and pass them on.

There are some cynics that say it is easy to pay attention to God's message in jail, but I think it is much more than that. For some people it may be the first chance to really know the sacrifice Jesus made for us on the cross, for others it may be the last best chance. I am also including the order form for the Grace News Today newsletter for my wife. Once this incarceration ends I hope to include your ministry in my tithe along with other causes that extend a helping hand into parts of the world where others often fail to look.

Thank You and God Bless  
Sheriff's Office, TN

GEM

Thanks again for sending the calendar and for the opportunity to read God's Word through your ministry. I have learned many things. May you continue to be a blessing.

Thanks again  
Prison, MS

# Moment of Reflection

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal” (Matt. 6:19-20).

You probably have heard the saying, “You can’t take it with you when you die.” That’s a half-truth. Depending on what “it” is referring to, determines if you can or cannot take it with you upon death. If the word “it” refers to material possessions, you definitely cannot take them with you. Scripture confirms, “Everyone comes naked from their mother’s womb, and as everyone comes, so they depart. They take nothing from their toil that they can carry in their hands” (Ec. 5:15).

But if the word “it” is a reference to spiritual capacity, no doubt about it, you will take it with you when you die. What’s more, our Lord exhorts, “store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor

rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal” (Matt. 6:20). Simply, everything we have stored up here on earth will not hold up, but what we have stored in heaven, by way of constant renovation of our minds through His Word (Rom. 12:2) and application thereof, (James 1:25) our investment, will be waiting for us when we die. That’s good news.

Question: Are you making any spiritual investment? When was the last time you checked your spiritual portfolio? Time is running out, “you do not know what your life will be like tomorrow. You are just a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away” (James 4:14). Beloved, does the thought of eternity consume you? It did the great apostle, Paul (1 Cor. 9:26). What is more important to you than the eternal state? You may wish to pause and reflect.



## 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 abroad as the Lord guides and provides.

# 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 caregivers.
  - 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.

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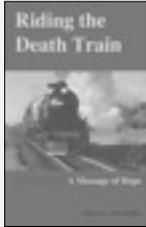
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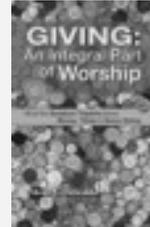
## Publications

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).*

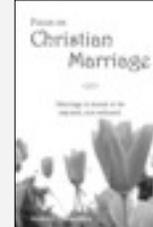
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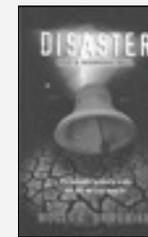
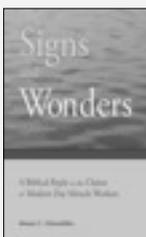
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**Who Are You?** Every Christian needs to answer this question in order to give authenticity and power to their Christian life. (Pocket Size)



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**.

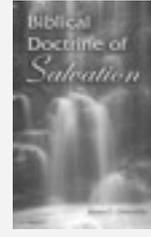


**Comfort in Suffering** and **Focus on Christian Marriage** give biblical viewpoint and divine solutions for common problems.  
**James, Faith Without Works is Dead** is an in depth guide for practical Christianity.



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



**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.  
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