



Grace News Today

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“Faith Alone in Christ Alone”

Greetings!

“We give thanks to God always...making mention of you in our prayers” (1 Thess. 1:2). This is not just to quote the apostle Paul; but to let you know we do pray for you every day in our office. We believe prayer works—it changes things. For instance, a heartbroken prayer changed Hezekiah’s death sentence from “Set your house in order, for you shall die” (Isa. 38:1) to a grace response, “I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears; behold, I will add fifteen years to your life” (v. 5). That’s the power of prevailing prayer!

The Old Testament saints—Moses, David, Nehemiah, Daniel, just to name four prayer warriors, relied on prayer. They used it effectively. What’s more, our Lord Jesus Christ, the greatest prayer warrior of all time, employed prayer at every turn of his life and ministry. He perfected prayer and left us an example. “Rise and pray that you do not enter into temptation” (Luke 22:46). Our prayer list keeps growing as our brethren around the world ask us to petition alongside with them to our merciful God, who told us, “Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I shall rescue you, and you will honor Me” (Psa. 50:15). He answers prayers!

We know that you pray for us. Personally, I wonder what might have become of me, and Grace Evangelistic Ministries without your intercessory prayer. The church knew what became of James when he was in prison, and they didn’t pray for him—he was decapitated (Acts 12:1-2). They knew what could become of the apostle Peter when he was arrested, that his life was on the line (vv. 3-4). So the church prayed and the Lord rescued him (Acts 12:5-17).

Thank you for your continued barrage of prayers. God is answering them. Our experiences on the mission field, even in countries hostile to the gospel, are a litmus test to the power of prayer. Be courageous. You are an integral part of us in every sense of the word. Your prayers are needed more than ever, as Satan intensifies his battle in desperation. Now, I am beginning to understand why the apostle Paul, on many occasions called

for the artillery of prayer, “Pray at all times in the Spirit...pray on my behalf [also]” (Eph. 6:18-19).

You just came back with me from Eastern Europe through your support and prayer. Together we are fulfilling the Great Commission of our Lord, “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations...teaching them to observe all that I commanded you” (Matt. 28:19-20). In your endeavor, remember His Word, “For God is not unjust so as to forget your work and the love which you have shown toward His name, in having ministered and in still ministering to the saints” (Heb. 6:10). It’s my fervent prayer that He will reward you according to the unsurpassed riches of His grace, rooted in our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

“Pray without ceasing!”

In His matchless grace,

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.

Jan/Feb	Oman - completed Kuwait - completed
Mar/April	Ukraine - completed Hungary - completed Romania - completed
May/June	Indonesia Myanmar
July/Aug	Zimbabwe Kenya
Sept/Oct	France Ireland U.K.
Nov/Dec	India Pakistan



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Voices from the Past

"NO LEARNING CAN MAKE UP FOR THE FAILURE TO PRAY.

NO EARNESTNESS, NO DILIGENCE, NO STUDY,

NO GIFTS WILL SUPPLY ITS LACK."

E.M. Bounds

Word of Encouragement

“I believe God” (Acts 27:25)

Imagine these three little but powerful words in your Bible: “I believe God.” Consider how easy it is to read them. I—believe—God. Let us analyze the sentence. Grammatically, the word “I” is the subject; “believe” or *pisteuo* in the Greek is the verb and “God” is the object. Assigning merit, all merit goes to God, the object of our faith. “Faith in God” simply stresses two things. First, you understand who and what God is—the sovereign and omnipotent One. Second, you trust that He possesses all power to accomplish His Word. “My purpose will be established...I have spoken; truly I will bring it to pass. I have planned it; surely I will do it” (Isa. 46:10-11).

Yeah! The most difficult task is behind us—the syntax and word analysis of our passage, “I believe God.” Now here is the real challenge: putting what we have learned into practice. Here’s the truth: one’s barometer of faith in God is measured on how one responds to a seemingly hopeless situation. Worded differently, inner peace and poise in a helpless and hopeless situation is the core demonstration of one’s faith in God.

Consider the apostle Paul. He was in the biggest storm of his life along with the other crew on board a ship. They “were being violently storm-tossed” (Acts 27:18) and “scarcely able to get the ship’s boat under control” (v. 15). Everyone on board had lost hope of survival, even the apostle. “Men, I perceive that the voyage will certainly be attended with damage and great loss, not only of the cargo and the ship, but also of our lives” (Acts 27:10). The violent storm scared the apostle Paul so much that he feared for his life. Be of good cheer, for you can see that you are not alone in the race—even spiritual giants experience turbulent fear in this heart wrenching and challenging journey.

Suddenly, the apostle Paul “took bread and gave thanks to God in the presence of all; and he broke it and began to eat” (Acts 27:35). Are we missing something? They had gone for fourteen days “without eating” (v. 33). Here was a man who had lost his appetite and now he is eating with poise. What’s “the game changer” for the great fear-stricken apostle? It’s what he has in common with you and me—the Word of God!

Read carefully. “For this very night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve stood before me, saying, ‘Do not be afraid [stop the fear now] Paul; you must stand before Caesar; and behold God has granted you all those who are sailing with you. Therefore, keep up your courage, men, for I believe God, that it will turn out exactly as I have been told” (Acts 27:23-25).

God’s Word is “the game changer.” Read the passage again carefully, particularly paying attention to the apostle’s reassuring words “it will turn out exactly as I have been told.” The word *exactly* buds out from the stem of faith. He had no reason to doubt God—He has never failed to deliver on His Word. Consider what else he said, “the God to whom I belong.” He knew he belonged. Do you know that you belong in God’s Royal Family? He purchased you with “His own blood” (Acts 20:28). He declares to His children, in every generation “You are Mine” (Isa. 43:1). You have been purchased (1 Cor. 6:20). As God’s possession, He keeps His eyes on you 24/7 (Psa. 32:8).

Do you belong in God’s family? Do you serve Him? The apostle Paul rightfully claimed, “whom I serve.” God constantly cares for those who serve and obey Him. If your spiritual life is honoring to God as was the apostle’s, relax, “it [your situation] will turn out exactly” according to His promises to you—“I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you” (Heb. 13:5).

You may want to pause and take a deep breath. Inventory your list of suffering—great and small and envision yourself sitting with the great apostle on a storm-torn-ship, and hearing him say, “I believe God.”...“It will turn out exactly” as Scripture foretells. If you believe God also, pick up courage; compose yourself and go about your daily business. Come what may, God will see you through as promised.

My beloved, as long as your spiritual life is on course, count on God. He is blending your suffering together with a view toward a wonderful outcome. Refuse outright to buy into Satan’s lie that your world is over. On the contrary, reply “I believe God.”... “My world ‘will turn out exactly as’ He promised it would.” Believe that “God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God” (Rom. 8:28). Refuse to be numbered among the losers—those who forego blessings because of unbelief. God’s “anger...mounted against Israel; because they did not believe in God, and did not trust in His [saving power]” (Psa. 78:21-22).

Be a winner! “Blessed is [one] who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what had been spoken” (Luke 1:45). Don’t let suffering rob you of your blessing. “Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father...by grace, comfort and strengthen your hearts” (2 Thess. 2:16-17). Amen!



Doctrine of Grace

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The Rise, Fall & Restoration of King David: A Panoramic View of the Imminence of God's Grace

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UNCOVERING LAYERS OF MISSTEPS IN DAVID'S LIFE

Repetition is the grandfather of reception, retention and recall. One of the great philosophers of old called repetition the father of learning. The apostle Peter makes no apology, "I shall always be ready to remind you of these things, even though you already know them" (2 Peter 1:12 emphases added). One must "meditate [on God's Word] day and night" in order to enhance the ability of retention and recall (Josh. 1:8).

As we study David's spiritual missteps, we should resist the temptation of wearing a self-righteous hat—a mental attitude of "I will never do such a thing." Recall, "whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction" (Rom. 15:4). God in His infinite wisdom and matchless grace has left us with a wealth of information in His Holy Book, allowing us to study the good, as well as the bad and ugly side of the saints, so we might take note and adjust our spiritual life accordingly.

Previously we examined one of David's spiritual missteps—an insatiable love for women. "David took more concubines and wives from Jerusalem" (2 Sam. 5:13). We asked a daunting question, why did he want more concubines and wives? Our answer was not far-fetched—because he could afford to take care of them, but more than that, so they could provide him pleasure.

David's Blind Spot: Pleasure

Excessive pleasure was another layer in David's spiritual missteps. There's no evil in pleasure when a believer in the Lord considers God, the Giver of all things, as the true source of pleasure, "In Your presence is fullness of joy; in Your right hand there are pleasures forever" (Psa. 16:11).

Apparently, David sabotaged himself, thinking that more was the answer to contentment. This could ex-

plain why he was not satisfied with one wife, rationalizing that more women could increase the degree of his pleasure. As a serious student of God's Word, his action revealed his forgetfulness of the life of Moses, who elected, "to endure ill treatment with the people of God, rather than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin" (Heb. 11:25). He may have also forgotten that Samson's excessive love for women brought the mighty man down (Judges 14:1; 16:1-19). By his forgetfulness, David inadvertently sat on a grenade with its pin in the hand of Satan who patiently waited to pull it at the right time.

James asks, "What is the source of quarrels and conflicts among you?" (James 4:1). He answers his own question, "the source [is] your pleasure" (v. 1). He goes on to indict his audience for asking God for more so that they could spend it on their pleasure (v. 3), which is typical of those obsessed with pleasure. Keep in mind, this assertion of truth does not infer we should not acquire

things. Instead, in our acquisition of material things we should shelter our mind from seeing them as the true source of pleasure. Solomon warns, "He who loves pleasure will become a poor man" (Prov. 21:17). You could empty your bank account and go into debt chasing pleasure. "Poor man" could also refer to spiritual bankruptcy.

David's Violation of God's Instruction

God had given instruction regarding the care and transportation of the Ark. It must be transported by the priests and they were not to touch it, but were to carry it by using poles. (Ex. 25:14; Num. 4:15, 20). David ignored the instruction when he went to Philistia to retrieve the Ark of God, which had been under its custody for more than a century because of God's discipline of Israel. David by-passed God's law and had his men carry the Ark on a cart—a violation of the divine ordinance (2 Sam. 6:1-3; see Ex. 25:14). Scripture is silent regarding David's motivation. Was it ignorance? Or had he slowed down in his intake of God's Word? Only God knows. We are simply looking at what Scripture reveals to us.

We cannot afford to neglect immersing ourselves in God's Word, ensuring complete obedience. "This book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be

"He who loves pleasure will become a poor man." (Prov. 21:17)

careful to do according to all that is written in it” (Josh. 1:8). Taking time off from God’s Word, or ignoring any portion of His instruction spells trouble. David’s negligence in transporting God’s Ark caused Uzzah’s death.

Uzzah’s Tragic Death

This portion of our study carries a warning: we should never allow our emotions to override divine mandates—no matter what! See what happened to Uzzah. As David and his men were returning back to Jerusalem, they “came to the threshing floor of Nacon, Uzzah reached out toward the ark of God and took hold of it, for the oxen nearly offset it” (2 Sam. 6:6). Uzzah’s instinct overrode the Word of God, “[no one should] touch the holy objects [lest he] die” (Num. 4:15). God makes good on His Word. “The anger of the Lord burned against Uzzah, and God struck him down for his irreverence; and he died there by the ark of God” (2 Sam. 6:7). You may ask, “Why was God so harsh on Uzzah?” Dr. Walvoord tells us, “The harshness of the Lord’s discipline must be seen in the light of His absolute holiness which requires that sacred tasks be done in a sacred manner.”¹ God’s Word must supersede Man’s instinct. God does not need man’s help. Uzzah learned his last lesson that “God is not a man” (Num. 23:19) and therefore does not share human sentiments.

David’s Anger Burns

“And David became angry because of the Lord’s outburst against Uzzah” (2 Sam. 6:8).

Why was David angry? At whom was his anger directed? Was he angry with Uzzah or with God? Make the call. Who is to be blamed for Uzzah’s death? Wasn’t David the leader? Was he not aware of God’s instruction regarding the transportation of the ark? Was his lack of instruction to the carriers sheer negligence or ignorance of the Law? The big question is: Why didn’t God lambast David for his failure? Are you seeing God’s grace? Are you beginning to get your feet wet in the ocean of His amazing grace?

It is my conviction that the study of David’s rise, fall and restoration in second Samuel, will reveal the most vivid picture of God’s grace in the Bible. Knowledge gained from it will cause us to be in awe, “Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways” (Rom. 11:33). Master this study on David’s journey and gain a deeper appreciation of

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grace. Among other things your grip on the subject will put to rest, once and for all, any doubt you may have regarding the eternal security of the believer.

Fear Grips David

It is possible to be angry and fearful at the same time. David experienced both, “So David was afraid of the Lord that day; and he said, ‘How can the ark of the Lord come to me?’” (2 Sam. 6:9). Does the ark belong to David or the house of Israel? What he did next was even more stunning than improperly transporting the Ark. “David was unwilling to move the ark of the Lord into the city of David with him; but David took it aside to the house of Obbededom the Gittite” (v. 10). Do we read in the next verse that “Consequently, the Lord’s anger burnt against David and He struck him down for his refusal to bring the ark into Jerusalem”? No, not at all. Are we beginning to have an inkling of how God deals with man? Grace!

God Blesses Obbededom

Keep in mind, God chose to manifest His presence among His chosen people Israel by dwelling on the Ark of the Covenant. There He “sits above the cherubim”—the two angelic sculptures on top of the ark (1 Sam. 4:4). God’s presence, among other things guarantees blessing. The name Obbededom means, “Worshipper of Edom.” Experts believe he may have been a convert to Judaism. This could explain why David trusted a foreigner with a sacred element. Did God rebuke David for his outburst of emotion and irrational decision? No. Rather, He blessed the foreigner, “Thus the ark of the Lord remained in the house of Obbededom for three months, and the Lord blessed Obbededom and all his household” (2 Sam. 6:11). Wherever God’s presence is honored, blessing is ensured.

Amazingly, the news reached David regarding God’s grace toward the household of Obbededom. The moment he was told, David went and brought the ark back, but this time, he followed God’s instruction precisely. He called the priests to bear the ark, rather than have them carry it on a cart (2 Sam. 6:13). However, David crossed the divine line again, “David was wearing a linen ephod” (v. 14).

Wearing the Linen Ephod

Just as white coats set medical doctors apart in a medical facility, so does a *linen ephod* set priests apart from the rest of the people. It’s what they wore when they offered sacrifices to God. God asks, “Did I not

¹ John F. Walvoord, Roy B. Zuck, The Bible Knowledge Commentary. Victor Books: Wheaton, IL. 1985. p. 463

choose them from all the tribes of Israel to be My priests, to go to my altar...to carry an ephod before Me?" (1 Sam. 2:28). What is more, offering of sacrifice was restricted to the priests as Scripture reveals, "Only the Levites shall perform the service of the tent of meeting" (Num. 18:23). But David's lineage was of Judah. He may have forgotten that one of the primary reasons for God's rejection of Saul was his violation of Numbers 18:23—he offered a sacrifice in the place of Samuel (1 Sam. 13:8-9). This action cost Saul dearly, "You have acted foolishly; you have not kept the commandment of the Lord your God...now your kingdom shall not endure" (vv. 13-14).

David didn't just wear the ephod, he also "sacrificed an ox and a fatling" a service God reserved for the priests (2 Sam. 6:13; see also Num. 18:23). This discovery is not to condemn David. Far from it! Rather, we want to show a pattern of spiritual missteps. Even though they may be small, they begin to form major areas of spiritual weakness. Remember just as erosion takes time so does a major spiritual decline. It does not happen instantly.

Ignoring Spiritual Weaknesses

Let's pause momentarily and identify our spiritual weaknesses. What are your spiritual weaknesses? Not enough time for developing a strong relationship with God? Could it be putting something else other than God's Word on the top shelf of your life? What about praying without ceasing? Are you praying as you should? The Lord mandates, "pray that you may not enter into temptation" (Luke 22:46). The questions go on and on. The answer is a matter between you and the Lord. On the other hand, to the extent that you and I ignore our spiritual weaknesses, they will gradually erode our spiritual life - and we will pay a heavy price.

Scripture warns us in three major areas of our spiritual life. First, the warning is directed at the gate of our soul, "Watch over your heart with all diligence" (Prov. 4:23). Second, in our sobriety, "Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls about like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour" (1 Peter 5:8). Third, in the area of our action, "Do not give the devil an opportunity" (Eph. 4:27). We are to be careful not to do anything that will allow even the smallest weakness in our spiritual life.

Satan prowls like a lion looking to prey on the spiritually weak. So far, Satan had identified some hidden weaknesses in David's life, David's unquenchable love

for women, an increased thirst for pleasure, his negligence in carrying the Ark of the Covenant and the wearing of a linen ephod. All these spiritual missteps point to a spiritual diminishing return. Satan's warning up to bring the mighty down. He will strike in the place and time of his choosing. We cannot afford a "spiritual vacation". We are no match for Satan's assault; he will defeat us when we break loose from God—our Rock, Refuge and Defender.

On the other hand, God continues to shower David with grace hoping he will reignite the flame of his spiritual life. But, in the midst of his spiritual life, weakness builds upon weakness and eventually there will be a complete spiritual failure. We ask a second time,

"How did a man like David, who loved God so much, commit the sins of adultery and murder?" Again, the answer is not that simple. So far, we have uncovered several layers of missteps in David's life. We are just about to uncover the remaining layers. "For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction" (Rom. 15:4). 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 far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations, forever and ever! Amen" (Eph. 3:20-21).

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Letters to G.E.M.

Dear GEM,

I'm writing you this note to tell you "thank you" for the help. I'm in prison in Texas. I'm in Texas and I'm in the faith based dorm housing. It's a new program that is Christian centered. We have classes each day and its overseen by the chaplains department.

I requested these books because I feel that they will help all the (54) brothers in the program. We use and pass around all the books and literature we are able to come across. They will be read over and over. Thank you for your help in this matter. We'll pray for you.

Prison.
Texas, USA

An appeal for material for use in God's vineyard.

Dear Brethren in the Lord,

Accept greetings from your fellow brothers in the Lord Jesus Christ. I am delighted to write to you to plead for support in the ministry of Christ. I wish to be a part of your blessings after hearing from my friends how helpful our ministry is.

I have been released for five years (after passing 34 years in the Islamic religion prison) by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. That is why I am here in the seminary to be well equipped and my focus will be Muslim people.

I thank God for using you people in His great work. Please, if you can help me with theological materials and books I will be grateful and God will be glorified.

Thank you for reading these few words with deep understanding. May the Lord bless you.

Your servant
Cameroon, Africa

I want to thank you for sending me the books. When I opened the package, I sensed you prayed that the books would be received with a heart of gladness. I really did feel most glad to have the books and receive special blessing as I read the information. Thank you so much for your prayers regarding the books.

Oregon, USA

Dear Moses,

I would like to thank you so very much for you allowing the Holy Spirit to lead you in writing your latest tract, "Who Are You?"

"Who Are You?" is so lucid and powerful like your other tracts and books that you have written.

"Who Are You?" is helping me to focus on what's truly important in my life: Who I am in Christ and my mission in life.

Moreover, "Who Are You?" is a book that all Christians should read and I hope to share "Who Are You?" with every believer the Holy Spirit leads me to.

Again, thank you so much for your sensitivity in letting the Holy Spirit guide you in writing "Who Are You?" I look forward to other tracts and books that the Holy Spirit will lead you to write in the future.

Texas, USA

I would like to thank Moses for his teachings and sending these fine publications. They have been a much needed blessing to read and learn more of God's Word during my time of incarceration. May God bless you all and thanks again.

Prison
Mississippi, USA

Missionary Reports

CZECH REPUBLIC: MARCH, 2015



Pastor Petr and Tayo finally got to meet face to face. Petr told Tayo how GEM's books, especially the book study of James, and Dr. Dean's teaching have been a huge blessing to him. He's been pastoring his church since 2005 but he does not know of any church in the whole of Prague that is clear on salvation by grace alone. So he was very glad that Tayo stopped over to have fellowship with him.

We look forward next year to a weekend of teaching for Bible college students in their city and from the entire region. All sessions will be open to anyone who wishes to attend.

HUNGARY: MARCH, 2015

Looking at the enthusiastic crowd of up to 60 people who gathered for the messages, one would never have guessed that Hungary was an evangelistic outreach that almost did not happen for concerns over low attendance. Not only did they show up, some people followed from venue to venue. To everyone's surprise, leaders from other churches also came.

The small number was not a deterrent. Not willing that any should miss out, Tayo visited Hungary while Moses and Bruce visited Ukraine. Little did we know that God had hand picked Tayo because the Hungarians fell in love with him. Most had never before seen a black man and they were fascinated by this gentle black giant who came to teach them the truth in love.

Everywhere Tayo went people were excited to see him. He received a free haircut from the barber along with a plea for a picture with him. Everyone wanted their picture with him. Two different families hosted Tayo for meals and insisted that never again was he to stay in a hotel - their homes are open to him. God knew what these people needed. We see that God can use anything to draw people to Himself.

Tayo had a chance to visit with the board of elders of the church. This provided a chance to open dialogue, resulting in much forgiveness and healing. This was an huge answer to prayer

Pastor, Csaba, our host, said the GEM visit brought great joy to his heart and his family. He and the congregation felt much revived. Casaba and his wife were almost in tears as Tayo was leaving. Future ministry partnerships were discusse and Pastor Casaba arranged a meeting for Tayo with the head of the Baptist union in Budapest who is a strong evangelical Christian too. Let's see what God is about to do!

*Tell of His glory among the nations, His wonderful deeds
among all the peoples. (Psalm 96:3)*

UKRAINE: MARCH, 2015

Our host Paul reports:

We have been blessed by Moses and Bruce's visit to Lviv, Ukraine. They held a three day conference on "The Impact of the Spiritual Life on a Nation," which is a big question on Ukrainians' minds these days.

As the world around us blames this government or that politician, it was a breath of fresh air to have someone propose the idea that what Ukraine is really lacking is the spiritual life. People from all over the country came out and it was a wonderful time of learning and fellowship.

In addition to the conference, Rev. Moses and Pastor Bruce spoke in our church on Sunday and had a special breakfast and teaching time on Monday with some students who are preparing to start their own ministry.

We are looking forward to translating "Riding the Death Train" into Ukrainian (it is better than any other tract I'm aware of in Ukrainian), and we hope to see the GEM team again in the future. Thank you for doing what you do!

The GEM team was also happy to be visited by Pastor Jim Meyers and his wife from Word of Faith Bible College in Kiev.

We need to pray for the people of Ukraine - we do not realize what those who lack good teaching endure. One woman told Moses after the program that never before had she known that Jesus Christ was born without an Old Sin Nature. She knew He never sinned but she did not understand the implications of the virgin birth.

ROMANIA: MARCH, 2015

A Pastor's Conference was held for three days. Moses established the importance of a sound spiritual life showing the relationship of the spiritual life of the believer to the state of a nation. Pastor Bruce spoke on forgiveness, that which we receive and the forgiveness we should extend to others. The messages were well received. A woman shouted a big "thank you" from her seat as Moses was rounding up. Many expressed their gratitude for the teachings.

A group of delegates asked if they could get the messages in their Romanian language. Thank God that all sessions were recorded. When a leader drove the GEM team home, he humbly asked many questions about the teaching, saying he wanted to teach it to his church accurately.

Rev. Tayo joined the GEM team who also met with RESO (acronym meaning "reaching southern Romania with the gospel" in the Romanian language). The RESO team shared their vision and all prayed together, with Tayo giving the devotion.

The ultimate testimony of the trip was given when the senior pastor and team leader of the missionary team stood up after the conference and said, "Indeed you have proclaimed the Word of God to us."

Thank you very much indeed for journeying in prayer with us to Eastern Europe.

How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!

(Romans 10:15)

Moment of Reflection

“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course...there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness”(2 Tim. 4:7-8).

Welcome to the reflection corner, where we take a moment to give serious thought to our life’s journey. D. L. Moody rightly said, “Our greatest fear should not be of failure, but of succeeding at something that doesn’t really matter.” Are we busy majoring on minors?

You may want to pause and ask yourself a question, “If my spiritual journey ended today, is there any assurance within me that I have lived my spiritual life the way God intends?”

You may wish to pause and reflect.



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?



G.E.M. Overview Summary

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

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

We embrace the following objectives:

No. 1 – Evangelism

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

No. 2 – New Convert Follow-up

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

No. 3 – Preparation of Indigenous Pastors

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

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

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

No. 4 – Satellite Centers

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

No. 5 – Publications

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

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

No. 6 – Assist the Needy

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

No. 7 – Establish a Theological Seminar Abroad

Plan to establish a doctrinal theological seminary abroad as the Lord guides and provides.

Join us in Prayer

Thanksgiving:

- For many open doors around the world.
- For protection and acceptance for the team as they travel.
- For desire for truth in 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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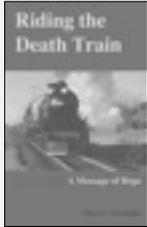
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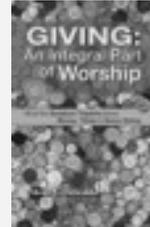
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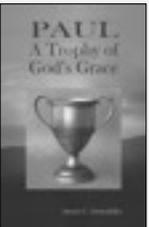
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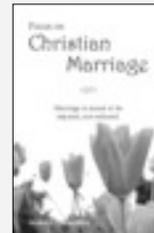
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Eternal Security of the Believer is a concise study of this important topic. *(English & Spanish)*.



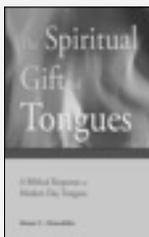
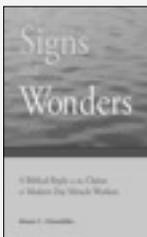
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God's grace is often talked about but seldom understood. Our series on Grace begins with **Overview of God's Grace** and continues with **Joseph, A Pillar of Grace**, and **Paul, A Trophy of God's Grace**.

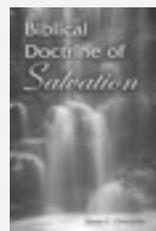


Comfort in Suffering and **Focus on Christian Marriage** give biblical viewpoint and divine solutions for common problems.
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Forgiveness, by Confession Alone provides a comprehensive overview of God's grace & mercy.
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