



# Grace News Today

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## “Faith Alone in Christ Alone”

### CELEBRATION OF GOD’S FAITHFULNESS

Hearty greetings from your co-laborers at Grace Evangelistic Ministries Nashville Headquarters!

It gives us great joy to know that we are all missionaries and equal partners in God’s Vineyard. Those of us in the support base are on the same footing with those on the frontline, “as his share is who goes down to the battle, so shall his share be [on equal proportion] who stays by the baggage; they shall share alike” (1 Sam. 30:24). Even though you did not go to Ethiopia or Botswana with us this does not make you a lesser missionary. Just so you know: you are a full-time missionary with GEM. By divine-design, some are on the support-line and others are on the frontline. No one is left out of the action.

Can you believe it? In 2017 we celebrated 20 years of obedience to the Great Commission, “Go and make disciples of all nations” (Matt. 28:19), with over 90 countries listed as a monument to God’s immense faithfulness. You traveled with us through your prayer barrage and financial support. What’s more, many of you called or sent us notes of encouragement. By so doing, you fulfilled Scripture, “But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is still called ‘Today,’” (Heb. 3:13).

Time does seem to flash by when one is having fun serving the awesome God of the universe. Isn’t it so? Amazingly we are enjoying our mission endeavors tremendously, traveling far and near, reaching the unreached, ministering to the lost and destitute, in prison, in the open field, strengthening the persecuted and enlightening everyone and every group the Lord puts in our path—pastors and lay people!

Today’s news lets us all know that these are changing times. Wouldn’t you agree? There is no safe haven.

Every corner could have a hidden bomb waiting to explode. Every town square, hotel, mall, airport, and airplane is a potential target for terrorists. Are we surprised? No, we shouldn’t be. This is a fallen world. On the bright side, Jesus Christ is the Lord of history.

Have you ever asked, “Father-God, why is the world in an explosive mode?” If you have, His answer would likely be: Haven’t you read My Word, “But the wicked are like the tossing sea, for it cannot be quiet, and its waters toss up refuse and mud. ‘There is no peace,’ says my God, ‘for the wicked’” (Isa. 57:20-21). The world is in disarray because of My children’s colossal failure to “Go and make disciples of all nations” (Matt. 28:19).

People of our time are experiencing an unprecedented soul-vacuum. “There is no peace...for the wicked.” Soul-vacuum or emptiness gives birth to restlessness, hopelessness and apathy, the triplets are bomb-making-materials for self-destruction.

“The gospel of peace” (Eph. 6:15) is the only solution for solving man’s problem of restlessness. This is the divine solution. Bringing a message of peace and of

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hope is where GEM and its partners are focused. We've been sovereignly called to reach out to the lost and destitute. The world in its darkest moment needs you and us more than ever. Sadly, the church is filled with those who are not responding to missionary activity. People sleep rather than respond with action.

So often, God raises thorns and thistles to awaken those in missionary slumber. He did it in the apostolic era. The Lord told His disciples to start preaching beyond Jerusalem once they received the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8). They did receive the Holy Spirit as promised (2:1-5), and were reluctant to go beyond Jerusalem until God orchestrated persecution. "And on that day a great persecution began against the church in Jerusalem, and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria...Therefore, those who had been scattered went about preaching the word" (Acts 8:1, 4). We shouldn't wait for God's intervention as did those in Jerusalem. Remember when Jonah did not obey he found himself in a great fish, God's submarine.

Brethren, as we enter 2018, let's not be weary in fulfilling the Great Commission. The Bible encourages us: "Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary" (Gal. 6:9). Let's stand shoulder-to-shoulder, as we take the message of hope to everyone, even to those who are now migrating here from dark countries where the gospel is forbidden. As for me, "I am under compulsion; for woe is me if I do not preach the gospel" (1 Cor. 9:16). That's not all. Our blessing in time and eternity is linked to this vital command, "Go and preach the gospel to all nations."

"How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news of peace, who bring good news of good things. The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and he who is wise wins souls" (Rom. 10:15; Prov. 11:30).

May the God of infinite grace richly bless you as you travel with us in 2018!

Working together in His mission field and wishing you a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year!



Moses C. Onwubiko, and your GEM Team



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### **Financial Policy**

Grace Evangelistic Ministries does not solicit funding. We operate solely on voluntary contributions believing that God in His grace will continue to meet our financial needs as they arise.

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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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 Christ and you will be saved"* (Acts 16:31).

Will you trust Him now?



# Word of Encouragement

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## WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT

“Your life is hidden with Christ in God”

“For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God” (Col. 3:3).

There you are, “in Christ!” Pause for a moment and reflect on what it means that “you are in Christ.” The English word hidden is the Greek *kryptos*, which metaphorically and/or eschatologically can refer to “a hidden treasure.” You are God’s treasure—His possession. Let this truth sink in. You are not just His child, which is marvelous; you are His treasure—the pupil of His eye (Zech. 2:8). He cannot lose you, ever. You “are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time” (1 Peter 1:5).

What do you do when you have a treasure? Yes, you hide it or put it in a safe place. You choose wisely, a safe deposit box or perhaps in a bank that guarantees safety from theft, damage, rusting and corrosion. You are God’s treasure. You are not ordinary; you are extra-ordinary. “He purchased [you] with His own blood” through His Son, Jesus Christ (Acts 20:28). Being God’s treasure, so dear to His heart, He has hidden you in Christ, and then Christ in Him.

Let’s capture this truth by doing a simple mental exercise. Imagine yourself as a pen. Hide it inside a small rectangular box. Hide the box inside your Bible. The pen is maximally secured. First, the pen cannot force itself out of the box or the Bible. Second, whatever happens to the Bible, automatically happens to the box, and whatever happens to the box affects the pen—you. This is the message of Col. 3:3, “your life is hidden with Christ in God.” Nothing can reach you until it first gets through the Omnipotent Father-God (the Bible) and the Son (the box) in this analogy.

Here’s the implication: Satan cannot get to you until He passes God. “Have You not made a hedge about him and his house and all that he has, on every side?” (Job 1:10). There you have it, the expansion of Colossians 3:3 in the Hebrew Bible. It’s a stunning revelation, that God has protected you, that nothing, not even Satan can pay you a visit without God’s permission. Satan cannot harm you or strike you with a disease until God

approves it. The truth should cause you to tremble in awe regarding God’s majestic work on your behalf.

What if you have been hit with the missile of illness, loss of loved ones, a job or any warhead of distress? Listen to God’s three powerful words, “Do not fear.” Why shouldn’t you fear during one of life’s dilemmas? He gives the sufficient reason, because “I am with you...for I am your God. I will strengthen you, surely I will help you, surely I will uphold you with My righteous right hand” (Isa. 41:10). God is aware of your situation. His eyes are upon you. You are His treasured possession.

Back to our analogy. Has anything touched you? If so, it first touched God and His Son. If it has gone that far, you can be confident that God is working out His plan in your life. “I know the plans that I have for you...to give you a future and hope” (Jer. 29:11). He is taking all the tribulations Satan dumps on you, and converting and weaving them into a marvelous tapestry that guarantees “a hope and future.”

While you wait on Him, 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” (Ps. 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” (Jer. 29:11). “Be still, and know that I am God” (Ps. 46:10). Latch onto His promise while He perfects His plan, “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, or chronic illness], you will not be scorched, nor the flame burn you. For I am the Lord your God.” (Isa. 43:2-3). “Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go... for I will not leave you until I have...[fulfilled My plan for your life]” (Gen. 28:15). God will not let go of you until His plan for your life carries a stamp “GOD’S PLAN 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” (Ps. 30:5).



# Doctrine of Grace

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

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(Vol. 72, Lesson 9, Continued from Vol. 71 lesson 8)

### Uriah's Life Cut Short

Lack of in-depth knowledge of God's Word leads to erroneous assumptions. We often hear people say, "One cannot truly be a believer and commit murder." Consider David's action in arranging Uriah's death. David was not just a believer; he was a man after God's own heart. James underscores the power of the sin nature: "[Christian] you lust and you do not have; so you commit murder" (James 4:2).

Pause and reflect. Here was a brave soldier, one of the fiercest, who again and again put his life in harm's way for the freedom of his people and the good of his king. He was one who considered the freedom of others more important than his pleasure. His life was cut short by none other than David, his king, the man he trusted and for years pledged his own life to protect. My fingers tremble as I type, reflecting on Uriah's life.

"Hypocrisy is a terrible disease of the soul"

Joab followed David's orders, "So as Joab kept watch on the city, he stationed Uriah at the place where he knew the best enemy soldiers were. When the men of the city came out and fought with Joab, some of David's soldiers fell in battle. Uriah the Hittite also died" (2 Sam. 11:16-17 Net Bible).

Mission accomplished, David's order is carried out—an innocent man, Uriah, is dead.

### David Receives a Battle Update

Then Joab reported to David all the events of the war. He charged the messenger, saying, "When you have finished telling all the events of the war to the king, and if it happens that the king's wrath rises and he says to you, 'Why did you go so near to the city to fight?... Why did you go so near the wall?'—then you shall say, 'Your servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also.'" (2 Sam. 11:18-21).

Joab calculated his answer well. He knew that he had undertaken a bad military operation, which resulted in the loss of an untold number of innocent lives. He anticipated the king's negative reaction and therefore

instructed his envoy to soothe David's anger with these words: "Your servant, Uriah the Hittite, is dead also." In other words, "King David, we've lost lives today because of your order: "Place Uriah in the frontline of the fiercest battle and withdraw from him [makes sure he dies]" (2 Sam. 11:15). I have done exactly what you instructed me and consequently many lives have been lost.

You see, Uriah wasn't the only victim. Other innocent lives were lost on the battlefield because of David's order. As you reflect, remember that God, in His omniscience, knew all this before He crowned him Israel's king. David sang, "Thou dost understand my thought from afar...even before there is a word on my tongue, behold, O Lord, Thou dost know it all" (Ps. 139:2, 4). David knew that God is omniscient. He knows everything that's to be known about us—the past, present and future. God is never surprised. He knew that one bleak day, David would fail miserably and yet God still granted him eternal life.

### David's Reaction

Examine your own life before you bury David in the graveyard of "How dare you commit such a sin."

Hypocrisy is a terrible disease of the soul. David had been wearing a mask of hypocrisy as we previously noted. He reacted as one who was saddened by the news. He pretended as if he wasn't behind their deaths. He sent a hypocritical word of encouragement: "Thus you shall say to Joab, 'Do not let this thing displease you, for the sword devours one as well as another; make your battle against the city stronger and overthrow it'; and so encourage him" (2 Sam. 11:25). Read in another way, this is what David said: "Joab, don't be discouraged. War is about killing and being killed. Be courageous!"

Guess what kind of wine might be fermenting in David's soul? The wine of guilt. If there's any tangible pleasure in sleeping with his next-door neighbor's wife, it has turned sour. By allowing his sexual passion to conquer his spiritual command post, David has gotten himself in a spiritual quagmire. He knew it. Humanly, he knew that there was no way out of his mess. He had gotten himself into trouble with the Supreme Court of Heaven. The real question is why do we allow ourselves to be overthrown by our passion? Do we ever

consider the consequences before we succumb to our lust? We should. “Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. Whatever a man sows, he will reap in return” (Gal. 6:7 BSB).

### God’s Displeasure

Scripture does not discriminate; it lays it on the line—the good, the bad and the ugly. It does not conceal the faults of its heroes. Who will argue the inerrancy of Scripture? We remember David’s record of immense love for God, humility, doctrinal and grace orientation. But when David sins greatly Scripture records it. “But the thing that David had done was evil in the sight of the Lord” (2 Sam. 11:27). In addition to adultery, David has committed two of the seven sins God hates most, “hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked plans” (Prov. 6:17-18). He was responsible for the planning and arranging of Uriah’s death.

Oh, how we wish that David had acted differently when he saw Bathsheba bathing. That he would have acted as he did when he stood before Goliath and said, “who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should taunt the armies of the living God? This day the Lord will deliver you up into my hands, and I will strike you down...that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel...; for the battle is the Lord’s” (1 Sam. 17:26; 17:46-47). How we wish he had made Joseph’s words his own when he was confronted with the temptation of sexual sin, “How then could I do this great evil and sin against God?” (Gen. 39:9). Tragically, he didn’t.

### David Suffers in Guilt

Listen: Misery is the by-product of our actions. By our own free will, we sow to the wind and reap the whirlwind [tornado] (Hos. 8:7). David retreated in his soul suffering from the pain of self-manufactured guilt. Repeat: God always has our best interest in mind and knows what’s best for us. Always remember that. His command to “Run from sexual sin!” is meant to shelter us from self-induced misery. “No other sin so clearly affects the body as this one does. For sexual immorality is a sin against your own body” (1 Cor. 6:18 NLT). David the great, drinks from a well of guilt. Later he confesses the sin of guilt—the cankerworm of the soul. “Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, ‘I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.’ And *you forgave the guilt of my sin*” (Ps. 32:5 NIV emphasis added).

### Concealment of Sin Produces Pain

Remember, it was David’s attempt to conceal his sin that led to Uriah’s death. Had he come forward and confessed his sin as he did later, his record would have been different. He was hoping that the consequences of his sin would evaporate. Hear me: we cannot afford the intense suffering of self-induced misery. Its pain is out of this world. This message isn’t just for David; it’s for us: “Whatever was written in the former days was written for our instruction” (Rom. 15:4 RSV). David testifies, “When I refused to confess my sin, my body wasted away, and I groaned all day long. Day and night your hand of discipline was heavy on me. My strength evaporated like water in the summer heat” (Ps. 32:3-4 NLT).

For your arrows have sunk into me, and your hand has come down on me. There is no soundness in my flesh because of your indignation; there is no health in my bones because of my sin. For my iniquities have gone over my head; like a heavy burden, they are too heavy for me. My wounds stink and fester *because of my*

*foolishness*, I am utterly bowed down and prostrate; all the day I go about mourning. For my sides are filled with burning, and there is no soundness in my flesh. I am feeble and crushed;

I groan because of the tumult of my heart...My heart throbs; my strength fails me, and the light of my eyes—it also has gone from me. (Ps. 38:2-10 emphasis added).

David admitted that there was no soundness in him “because of his foolishness.” He was restless. He had lost his vitality—no peace, no joy of his salvation and no fellowship with his God. Ouch! David, a man after God’s own heart, who had exchanged his life for continued fellowship with God, was now spiritually bankrupt. Consider the words written by David when he was in fellowship: “God, you are my God! I will fervently seek you. My soul thirsts for you; my flesh longs for you in a dry, weary, and parched land. So I have looked for you in the sanctuary, to behold your power and glory. Because your gracious love is better than life itself, my lips will praise you” (Ps. 63:1-3 ISV).

But now, David is seriously in pain.

### David Marries Bathsheba

Uriah was dead and now what? David with his adulterous child on the way, married Uriah’s wife.

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Pause for a moment and reflect on the life of David to this point. Imagine what could be going on inside of him. Knowing what we know about him, his unparalleled love for God, a man of humility, compassion, kindness and more, he would be asking himself, “Why did I succumb to my lust? Is my self-gratification worth all this mess?” Being David, he couldn’t endure watching Bathsheba go through life as

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God is doing nothing.

a helpless widow, which he himself had caused, so he married her. Keep in mind, David had lost contact with God—no visions, no dreams and no prophetic utterance. Was God dead? No, not at all! God’s silence does not mean God is doing nothing. God will use David’s lowest point as a platform to demonstrate His grace.

### **Nathan Delivers a Message of Grace**

David knew that he was in trouble with the Eternal Bar of God’s Justice. He had committed an unpardonable sin according to the Law of Moses. There’s no sacrifice for adultery or murder in the Mosaic Law. The guilty party is taken outside the city and stoned to death. “If there is a man who commits adultery with another man’s wife, one who commits adultery with his friend’s wife, the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death. If a man takes the life of any human being, he shall surely be put to death” (Lev. 20:10; 24:7).

God sent Nathan the prophet to help God’s wounded servant recover from his struggle with inner turmoil. He came to David with a riddle. He told him of a poor man who had only a “ewe lamb” and a rich man, who had “a great many flocks and herds” (2 Sam. 12:2). “One day a guest arrived at the home of the rich man. But instead of killing an animal from his own flock or herd, he took the poor man’s lamb and killed it and prepared it for his guest” (v. 4 NLT). That’s cruelty at its peak. Wouldn’t you agree? David agreed.

### **David’s Anger Burns**

Deep inside, David cared. He was a man who couldn’t tolerate injustice; he abhorred the taste of it. See how he reacted: “Then David’s anger burned greatly against the man, and he said to Nathan, ‘As the Lord lives, surely the man who has done this deserves to die. He must make restitution for the lamb fourfold, because he

did this thing and had no compassion’” (2 Sam. 12:5-6). David could not swallow the thought of a rich man squashing the poor because of the rich man’s power. He came to the poor man’s defense.

As king, David possessed the power to deliver his verdict. But before we go any further, let’s consider his reaction. For a moment be in David’s shoes: Point your index finger and thumb at an object. Observe that three of your fingers are pointing backward—to you. What’s the deal? Before you condemn someone for a fault, be sure that your hands are stain-free. Jesus Christ underscores, “How can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ and behold, the log is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother’s eye. (Matt. 7:5). This David failed to do. He failed to examine his own life before passing judgment on the rich man.

### **Nathan Indicts David**

How did David react to Nathan’s indictment, “You are the man!”? The answer is loaded with nuggets of God’s amazing grace.

Join us for the next installment of this intriguing study of *the rise, the fall and the restoration of David*, the finest king Israel ever had. 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 the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen” (Eph. 3:20-21).



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# Letters

Dear Grace Ministries,

I had the privilege to read "Joseph, a Pillar of Grace." I would love this book and the other following books to share with people in the shelter I live in. If I may have or purchase all 13 books in my list please let me know.

California,  
USA

Dear G.E.M.,

I am a pastor with a passionate heart for ministry in the Lord's vineyard. I heard that you are generous to pastors and Christian workers supplying them with theological books and materials.

I hereby with this note plead that may I find favor from you providing me with theological books and materials in order to better my knowledge and equip God's people.

Cameroon

Dear Grace Evangelistic Ministries,

It is with great delight and thanksgiving that we get to write this donation check to Grace Evangelistic Ministries. I will always remember the miraculous day the Lord had appointed me to your Brentwood office in the spring of 2016.

I saw your name on the office building roster. It piqued my interest so I knocked on your door and poked my head in. I was offered books and a nice person suggested "Christian Marriage." I was like "Oh no" because I was in a conflicted relationship at the time.

I instantly started to read the "Christian Marriage" book, and I began to see what type of woman I should be seeking. And my girlfriend had exactly these qualities.

From the time I got this book, our relationship became very serious and focused. God had given me perspective. I pursued this woman with energy from on high - for I don't know where else I would have gotten it. I proposed in August and we were married in November.

We thank our Lord God for His blessings. And I also thank you and love you all for nourishing us with God's Word, when we needed it most and we are thankful for your ministry.

Nashville, TN

To my Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I have just recently finished studying one of Moses C. Onwubiko's books called "Disaster God's Warning Bell." It was spectacular. I love it and I'm looking to increase in knowledge and understanding of God's precious Word.

I'm requesting for one of your books called: "Biblical Doctrine of Salvation." I would also love any of your material. I pray that God almighty continues to bless your ministry.

Prison  
Georgia  
USA

Dear Grace Evangelistic Ministries,

Our Unit would like to thank you for the material you sent to the men. We are requesting the below listed books from your ministry. We have 1,800 men here. May God bless you and your ministry.

100 Biblical Doctrine of Salvation  
100 Focus on Christian Marriage  
100 God's Plan After Salvation  
(English)  
100 God's Plan After Salvation  
(Spanish)

God Bless!  
Chaplain  
Huntsville, Texas

Dear G.E.M.,

*For many years you have blessed me with one of your Reflections Calendars. The daily inspiration Bible verses are a part of my morning every morning. I read the monthly verse many times during the month. It and you are a true blessing in my life.*

*If you can once again bless me with your 2018 calendar, I will be forever grateful. Thank you and God bless you and your life.*

Prison  
Tennessee

Beloved People of God,

Sir I am very happy to write to you people my few words of greeting. How are you people doing with God's work? We thank God for this opportunity he has given to us.

I am very happy with the material that many people here at the seminary have received from you, it has also helped me in ministry. I also need these so that it will prepare me in ministry.

Seminary  
Cameroon

Dear Grace Evangelistic Ministries,

I want to thank you so much for the books. There are no words I can use to tell you what these books have done for me.

I am being released from jail. I have used my time here like a Bible boot camp and because of that I now have a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ and God the Father with the Holy Spirit inside me. I just want to ask you to please keep me in your prayers.

Thank you and God Bless  
Dallas, TX

# Missionary Reports

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## ***NIGERIA: November, 2016***

### **ASABA**

This was the first trip to Asaba for both our host Bishop Julius and for Moses even though it is in his native country of Nigeria. God brought them together to minister in this area.

Moses called out the problems in the church in this part of the world. Pastors use gimmicks, and soft pedal the Word in order to extract money from the congregation. Lack of righteousness in the church results in lack of righteousness in the culture and discipline from God.

The Pastors were receptive to this hard hitting message. They were challenged to return to the truths of the Bible, to gain righteousness that attracts blessing. Pray with us that these seeds will grow and bear fruit.

### **ABUJA**

A three day conference was held in Abuja, the capital city of Nigeria. The topic was "Why Revival Tarries," which was quite relevant and timely as Nigeria is experiencing every kind of distress. The enthusiastic response gives GEM a foothold in Abuja, the capital city of Nigeria

One attendee said she wished her church taught this Bible truth. Another said after hearing this kind of truth where would he go? One participant was so excited that she went back to her church and asked her pastor to invite Moses to visit their church on Sunday. When Moses got up to speak the pastor passed him a piece of paper that said "take 20 minutes." The topic was "Who is Jesus" and everyone was glued to the message. Then came another note - "take 40 minutes."

The topic was an eye opener for many of the members, who expressed their gratitude for exposure to the truth. The Pastor of the Church said that GEM's visit was the beginning of a new partnership. He even asked Moses to come back for their annual meeting in December.

We are all so grateful for your prayers - God is answering them!

## ***GHANA: November, 2016***

Tuesday and Wednesday GEM held a conference from 9 am -1 pm each day. With church visits Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

Friday they picked Moses up at 3:45 pm and didn't get back till about 1am. They drove about two hours into the countryside, onto a narrow road which dwindled down to a path leading to the place for the meeting. They gathered in the open air under a tree and Moses gave the evangelistic message: "For Whom Did Christ Die?" They were thrilled with the message and overjoyed that God has sent someone to visit them in their remote village.

Sunday Moses spoke in Pastor Seth's church (who also has planted a church in Russia and has invited us to come to Russia any time!) Lunch after church included a small Bible lesson. They said they had pages of notes and would be reviewing them over and over.

They thanked Moses for coming to bless their people and said they believed his coming was divinely appointed and can he please come back next year.

Thanks to everyone for their many prayers - you all are an integral part of what the Lord is doing in Africa.

## **IVORY COAST: November, 2016**

GEM held a two day conference in Ivory Coast, which was our first visit there. The country is over run with "prophets" who deceive the people. Our hosts have been desperately seeking truth - for they know what they are seeing in the church is not right.

Moses Spoke on "Righteousness Exalts a Nation" and "Jesus Christ, the God-Man." These truths were new to them, yet they recognized truth the moment they heard it. They now know what it means when the Bible says there will be a famine for truth in the last days and that only a return to God will save their country.

The missionary organization hosting GEM held a special Appreciation Day ceremony to announce that they are now formally affiliated with GEM. They see this visit as the first chapter in our relationship. They are anxious for more truth.

Moses spoke at three churches on Sunday and Monday evening was the "last supper" a time of fellowship and prayer for all the team leaders. It went on for four hours as so many expressed their thanks and looked forward to how to continue and build on the work that has now begun.

They saw this coming together for fellowship, reflection and prayer as a prototype for the way forward with church members and fellow clergy. They see how powerful taking the love of Christ to others can be, for they have felt it themselves.

One pastor's wife said she and her husband were up late talking and talking about all that had happened and all they had learned till finally the husband exclaimed "can we get some sleep?"

God is answering your faithful prayers!

## **LEBANON: January/February, 2017**

Upon arrival Moses was immediately taken to greet a group meeting for a home Bible Study! The visit to greet them "for just 30 minutes" evolved into an hour and a half of Bible teaching!

The first day of the conference Moses taught sanctification. Last year the focus was on "Who Is Jesus?" and this year the focus was "How Does One Enter Into a Relationship with Christ?" The audience continued to marvel that God found them and sent someone to their obscure part of the world to give them the Bible truth they so desire.

Moses invited his driver who had never been inside a church before to come into the meeting. He agreed but doubted he could ever find a parking place. So Moses prayed and God provided a parking place! Day after day a parking place was divinely provided and by the end the driver had trusted Christ as had several others.

Moses taught the three phases of sanctification: at salvation, growing in grace in time, and ultimate sanctification in the future. They had no idea that they would receive a resurrection body and were so happy.

Sunday church was a great surprise, with over 1,000 people in attendance. Upon seeing the crowd Moses decided on the evangelistic message: "For Whom Did Christ Die" and followed it up with "Who Are You?" The congregation cheered when they heard the account of the woman at the well and that morning people were saved.

The woman who attended to Moses' room at the hotel surprised him when she came to one of the sessions! She accepted Christ over the course of Moses' stay. She, along with everyone else, kept saying "this message is unique and powerful." Moses told them it is just the message of grace and it is God who is powerful.

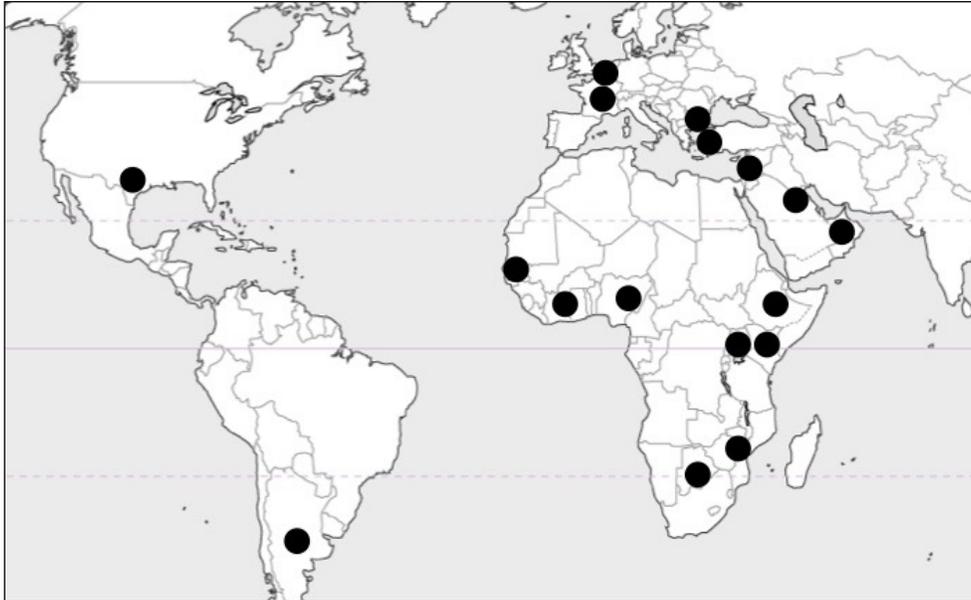
The hosts invited Moses for a final dinner on the last night. They were so eager to keep learning that he finally had to beg them to release him to prepare for his morning departure.

We thank God for all He is doing in Lebanon. Your prayers are being answered.

## ***BAHRAIN: January/February 2017***

Moses was joined by Khalid Naz from Pakistan for the Bahrain conference. They were so happy to see Moses after five years and asked if he could come again next year!

In all but two countries of the Middle East the practice of Christianity is limited to the expatriate community. Christians meet in spaces built by the government and rented to churches by the hour. Please pray for our brothers and sisters who were overjoyed to have words of truth brought to them. We thank God for providing continued safety and for you and your faithful prayers!



## ***DUBAI: January/February, 2017***

People were so excited to hear from Moses again. Each car ride to and from the venue became an additional Bible class. The conference teaching focused on sanctification and what it means to be "in Christ." Moses could see their faces light up as people were beginning to understand.

The first meeting began at 9 pm after people got off work and did not end until 1 am. On Friday our meetings could be held during the day since shops were closed in observance of their day of worship. The three topics covered were 1) Who Am I? 2) What is my purpose? 3) What is my destiny? They even had two interpreters to reach two language groups!

Eyes were popping open in understanding of what it truly means to be "in Christ." They have hope! We also answered the question: "If Christ has purchased me for a reason what is that purpose?"

There is a famine in the land - a scarcity of spiritual truth. Pastors and believers shed tears of thanksgiving for truth they learned about being "in Christ" and about God and His plan for them.

People stayed late Sunday night even though they had to get up just four to five hours later to go to work. Hearing Bible truth was of primary importance to them, more important than sleep or comfort.

Thank you all for your faithful prayers. They are a critical and integral part of any trip. God heard your prayers and answered them greatly.

## **ROMANIA:** *March, 2017*

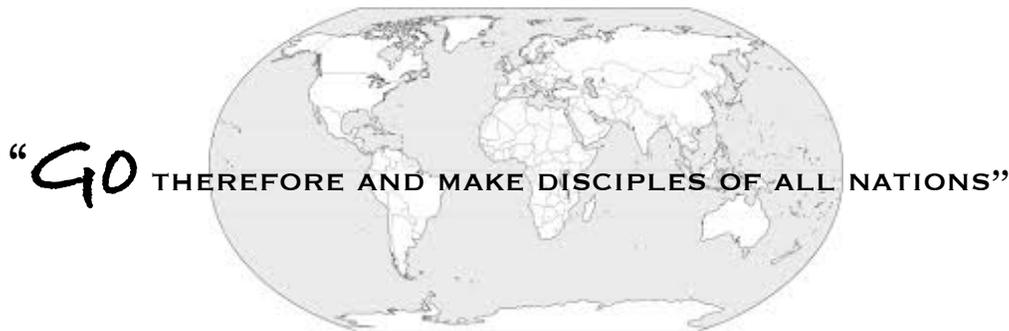
Prior to the Conference Rev. Tayo held training for missionaries and pastors on the topic of authentic discipleship. The head of the host mission team was grateful for the teaching of God's Word and the encouragement it brought.

Rev. Moses and Pastor Bruce taught at the conference in Romania attended by more than 100 people. The leaders said it was a historic weekend as it was the first time in many years that church leaders have come together for a Bible teaching conference. One person even traveled 150 miles to attend. Pastor Bruce preached on forgiveness, Rev Moses taught the effect of spiritual life on a nation. The Romanians had never experienced this kind of conference or seen such a turn out before. In this town of 300,000 - only 2,000 are Christians.

Your prayers are important - in ways you don't even know. On the 3 hour drive from the airport to the city of the conference two extremely close call head on traffic accidents were narrowly escaped. Tayo met the only black Christians in town while running an errand. They are from Congo and he invited them to the conference. They were excited to meet other Africans and eager to hear the Word.

Tayo and Terri visited some of the Roma people, encouraging them with the love of Jesus. The team was also hosted by an elderly Christian couple who told about the faithfulness of God during years of persecution. They have offered accommodations in their home when ever the GEM team returns.

On Sunday Moses, Bruce and Tayo preached in six different churches, both am and pm. In one of the churches, the music director said that it was the best worship service he had ever attended. In fact the evening, church was supposed to end at 7:30 pm, but after Tayo had spoken and Moses had given an evangelistic message, the pastor approached and said - we need to go longer - can't Bruce get up and preach? He gave a break for any who wanted to leave - everyone stayed!



## **BULGARIA:** *March, 2017*

The Bulgaria conference was hosted by a growing evangelical church. This was the first Bible conference held in the city for ages. About forty-five delegates attended the conference. One pastor and seven deacons drove more than two hours, from a city bordering on Greece, to join in Saturday's conference. All were so delighted to receive the teachings, in particular our host, Pastor Damian. Hearing amazing stories of Christians who lived through the severe period of persecution, yet remained faithful despite imprisonments and torture, was a great highlight of this trip.

The team was shown great hospitality. Though Pastor Damian's wife died four years ago, he brought in food so he could host the GEM Team in his home the night before the conference. Their generosity was further demonstrated as each team member received a gift as a gesture of appreciation. Before the conference Tayo and Terri had the chance to interact with the youth by teaching English.

The pastors and church leaders have asked GEM to come help train their pastors. One of the greatest challenges in Bulgaria is lack of adequate training for pastors. Everyone from the field sends their profound thanks to you for journeying with them in your prayers. On the trip from Romania to Bulgaria a head on collision with an 18 wheel truck was narrowly averted, with only a second to spare. Your prayers are vital to us.

## **ARGENTINA: March, 2017**

### **Two Taxi Drivers Accept Christ**

On the way to Argentina Moses had to overnight in Lagos, Nigeria. He began a conversation with his taxi driver and by the time they had reached the hotel parking lot the driver had trusted Christ and they prayed together.

The driver was to pick Moses up the next day but had a conflict so he sent a friend. The friend said he knew he was not going to heaven because he had been too bad and each time he thought about going to church he held back because he was not good enough.

Moses said "God is looking for people like you! He is looking for sinners - not the righteous." The driver looked like the weight of the world had been taken off his shoulders. Moses gave him his very last *Riding The Death Train*. He had arrived in Lagos with only two RTDT booklets and they went to those two drivers.

What an amazing picture of a God who orchestrates so many minute details for our ultimate good. We give Him all the honor and glory.

### **Argentina Conference**

The conference was held Thursday through Saturday with church visits on Sunday. The message of grace was received with open arms. Pastor's and individuals said "this return to sound Bible teaching is exactly what we need."

After the first night they were so encouraged that they came the second night despite rain, wind and hail. The third night there was a special section for the youth as well. At the end people came thanking Moses with tears and hugs. One man asked Moses "How can I live like Christ?" They have deep spiritual questions.

Sunday at church many came to Christ as Moses spoke on "For Whom Did Jesus Die?" Another man said that for ten years he had been indifferent to church but this conference had turned him around. Another person said he would like to have a conference on a larger scale and take Moses to some other countries in South America.

We thank God for these open doors and for your many prayers. We give all the honor and glory to God alone. Thanks for traveling with us and joining us in prayer!

## **GEM SUMMER CONFERENCE: June, 2017**

GEM celebrated twenty years of God's faithfulness since the ministry began in 1997. The conference held in Nashville, TN focused on Marriage and was widely attended by ministry friends from all over the U.S, point men and associates from Africa, as well as people new to the ministry from the Nashville area.

Videos of the conference lessons are posted on our website at [www.GEMworldwide.org](http://www.GEMworldwide.org).

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

## **ZIMBABWE: July 2017**

In Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe we held a four day Pastor's conference, three days of children's evangelism, training and visiting schools, plus two nights of an open air crusade preceded by screening the Jesus film in their native language. Moses said it was a night such as this many years ago in his small village where he accepted Christ when he was about 10 years old.

A woman in the hotel came running saying: "That red book, do you have any? I must have it. I really need that book." She was so excited - she had trusted Christ from reading our "Riding the Death Train" gospel tract and wanted to take this message to her entire family. The "hotel ministry" is a vital part of any mission trip.

On the last day of the conference, there was much excitement as everyone received one full size book of their choice plus a copy of the tract sized publications: "Eternal Security of the Believer" and "Riding the Death Train." On day one the people looked totally defeated, but after four days of teaching they were revived - there is hope.

On Sunday Moses spoke in Pastor Gumbo's church teaching them that "Worry is like a Woodpecker" - it chips away at your peace and your joy! God tells us: "Do not worry!"

Prayers are being answered! While we were in Zimbabwe their President, Mugabe, urged his people "to read and depend on the Bible which is the ultimate Word of God." He cautioned them not to look to "pastors who stage manage miracles to entice money from congregants."

## **BOTSWANA: July, 2017**

The message of grace was taught for the first time in Botswana! It seems that after all arrangements had been made that the Botswana pastors began to fear that we were coming to steal their members so at the last minute they withdrew from hosting us - but God used a woman named Lydia who asked us to please come anyway.

The pastors even tried to block us from entering the country at the border but God prevailed and we sailed through customs. Lydia took us to meet and gain approval from three different groups of Botswana authorities: city officials, area chiefs and police. Instead of scrutinizing us they warmly welcomed us and asked for us to pray for them!

The conference was held from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. daily and everyone received a good meal to go along with the spiritual food. We were so grateful for the cooks who turned out delicious meals cooking over open fires. One by one the pastors began coming to the conference.

The message of grace prevailed in Botswana! By the end the Pastor who headed the fraternity of pastors (who tried to block us) invited Moses to speak in his church on Sunday. Lydia was in tears as she testified about learning a lesson in forgiveness by seeing Moses forgive those who tried to block him.

Children were also taught by the team and on the last day books were distributed to all. Pastor Dan said he did not have enough words to say how grateful he was for the message. We pray that the truth of the Word of God will catch hold and that the light of the gospel will shine and dispel the darkness from this city.

The grace gospel message is so critical here. Botswana has 1% Christians and only about 20% of those are evangelical. People are still immersed in African traditional religion - which includes animism and ancestor worship. No wonder Satan did not want us in his stronghold!

We saw how God took the opposition we received, changed hearts, and used the entire event as a big example of what unity and forgiveness should look like. Thank you for praying, God is answering. We are excited by all that we have seen God accomplish here and we give all the glory to him!

## **ETHIOPIA: August, 2017**

Pastor Bruce joined the team and together we all flew to the second largest city in Ethiopia. The Airport was barely existent and the road from the airport was through a cornfield with stalks so close you could almost reach out and touch the ears. We were in the land of the Ethiopian Eunuch and Moses' second wife and possibly the home of the queen of Sheba.

Moses addressed the board of directors of our hosts annual country wide convention. The message was a reminder that the Apostle Paul prayed that our eyes might be opened. Moses of the Bible left the wealth and power of Egypt when he saw what God wanted him to see. We will be able to leave the treasure of this world behind and pursue the invisible only when our eyes are opened and we see what God has for us.

The conference was attended by about 300 youth pastors from every state in the country. They will take the message back to their area. Bruce taught Forgiveness and Moses taught the Spiritual Life. All are being challenged to live 100% for God - which can change their life and bring blessing to their community and to Ethiopia.

The conference ended on a high note. Darlington address the conference and challenged them to be fruitful. Moses finished with "Who Are You?" because few realize who they are in Christ. Everyone was very enthusiastic and wanted to learn. Some asked Pastor Bruce to meet during lunch with questions and there was a Question & Answer for all at the end.

Kids were sneaking into the adult session and were paying attention so we gathered them up and had a special session just for them. Debby and Lonnie were also able to meet with the head of Children's ministries to explain and donate training aids for children. They were asked to please visit and train the teachers.

Pastor Gossaye said "Who Are You?" changed his life and he oversaw all phases of having it translated and printed in their native language of Amharic. We were excited to share a copy with everyone as well as an English "Riding the Death Train."

After dinner on our last evening we had a time of fellowship with our hosts, and we are all amazed at what we saw God accomplish. We prayed for both our ministries and for Ethiopia - looking forward to future ministry to bring the grace gospel to this part of Africa.

We loved the people of Ethiopia and they loved us! That's God!!! Some asked Darlington if we could come back every other month. The smiles, hugs and selfies crossed all language barriers! The team split up to cover three different churches for Sunday Service. The "Hotel Ministry" was fruitful - one server trusted in Christ and many were encouraged. We thank God for them!



*A man whose life is disciplined by the Word of God  
does not give himself to something of secondary importance.*

*Recognizing that he does not have time for both the good and the best,  
he approves the things that are superior.*

Dwight Pentecost - 1915-2014

## ***NIGERIA: August, 2017***

We held a three day pastor's conference in Port Harcourt, Nigeria. People came from all around the country to hear the message of Grace. Moses taught "Pursuit of Sanctification" and Bruce taught "Characteristics of a Committed Disciple." There is a chokehold of falsehood on the church in this Nation. Revival is desperately needed.

The last day of the conference ended with Question and Answer and book distribution. And Moses gave a charge to the pastors delivering the message "Who Are You?". Our host, Pastor Seye, said about 370 people attended and that 90% were pastors. Many had previously opposed grace teaching. They want to hear "your next big break through" - or "how to grow your church," not the "Pursuit of Sanctification." Yet they came. That was surely God drawing them!

Pastors came from many large cities, several states, and even from Ghana and Cameroon! There was a genuine openness to "Salvation by Faith Alone in Christ Alone" and they were challenged to heed the truth God has given them.

Pastor Seye held a followup meeting to distribute CD's and to answer any lingering questions. They will have monthly followup meetings and a larger conference quarterly drawing from the surrounding states.

Please pray with us that this truth will shine light into this strong hold of great falsehood. God is still building His church. We give Him all the glory.

## ***TEXAS CHURCH VISITS: September, 2017***

**Dallas** - Pastor Dan Weber of Kessler Community Church, Dallas hosted Moses and team. Two of their members Robert and Richard have been ordering and devouring Moses' books for years.

**Houston** - Pastor Richard Rose of Holy Trinity Missionary Baptist Church hosted Moses for a three day Institute teaching Christology.

A Missionary report and encouragement was given at these churches, often accompanied with a message God had laid on Moses' heart "God Speaks Through Storms"

**Brookshire** - Pastor Orlando Salas, Iglesia Christiana

**Houston** - Jim Gilette, Founder Ireland Ministries

**Houston** - Pastor Robert L. Dean, West Houston Bible Church

**Houston** - Pastor Bruce Bumgardner, Pine Valley Bible Church

**Brenham** - Pastor Mike Smith, Country Bible Church

**Houston** - Pastor David Dunn, Grace Bible Church of Houston

This message is resonating with those who suffered through the devastation of Hurricane Harvey and many are requesting this be made into a small booklet. Please pray as we endeavor to fill that request.

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



*“And pray for us, too,  
that God may open a door for our message,  
so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ.”*

(Col 4:3)



## ***FOLLOWUP: 2017***

We thank God that He has provided open doors for some of our Point Men to reach out in ministry and other faithful from the United States are talking various roles in followup.

- Pastor Maurice Mwale in Kenya has been ministering all around Kenya teaching “Grace for Transformation” conferences and more. He even reached over into Uganda to hold a teaching for our point man there Pastor Asa.
- Pastor Philippe Selemani, formerly in Burundi, had to flee to Belgium for safety. He has been teaching the grace gospel in different areas of Belgium and has also taught in France.
- Pastor Tayo in the UK has done followup work in The Gambia and in Nigeria.
- Pastor Dennis Rokser and team from Duluth Bible Church, Duluth, Minnesota held a two week followup training in The Gambia.
- Rick Broadhead traveled to Myanmar to hold followup meetings with Pastor Paul. He is a member of Doctrinal Studies Bible Church, in Birmingham, Alabama, Pastored by Ron Adema.

## *Voices from the Past*

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**"THE CHURCH IS LOOKING FOR BETTER METHODS.  
GOD IS LOOKING FOR BETTER MEN"**



**“THE HOLY SPIRIT DOES NOT FLOW THROUGH METHODS,  
BUT THROUGH MEN.  
HE DOES NOT COME ON MACHINERY,  
BUT ON MEN.  
HE DOES NOT ANOINT PLANS,  
BUT MEN—MEN OF PRAYER”**

*E. M. Bounds*

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To receive email of real time reports like these from the mission field visit our website [GEMworldwide.org](http://GEMworldwide.org) and click on “SIGN UP for Road Reports.” Many are already “traveling with us”—please join us as we travel.

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## Mission Trips 2018

**Mar: SOUTH AMERICA**

Argentina  
Dominican Republic  
Puerto Rico

**June: GEM Summer Conference**

June 29-30, July 1, 2018

**July: AFRICA**

Namibia  
Zimbabwe  
Botswana  
Ethiopia  
Nigeria

**Sept: EUROPE**

Romania  
United Kingdom

**Oct: TEXAS**

Church Visits

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## SAVE THE DATE

GEM Summer Conference 2018  
***Storms: God or Global Warming?***

June 29-30, July 1, 2018  
Nashville, TN  
Bible Study, Fellowship, Fun

# Join us in Prayer

## Thanksgiving:

- For many open doors around the world.
- For protection and acceptance for GEM 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 and resources for 2018
- 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 and ministry support team.
- 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 & Leaders, 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, Syria, Zimbabwe & the Middle East.
- Indigenous pastors: that God will equip them in every way.
- Salvation of unbelievers.
- The spiritual growth of new believers.
- Protection for Christians persecuted for their faith.
- International translations of GEM publications: accuracy and supply.
- Provision for thousands of *Riding The Death Train* tracts to fill requests in Asia and Africa.

## G.E.M. Overview Summary

(Entire Overview is available at [www.GEMworldwide.org](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 gospel festival.

- b. Introduce pastors and prospective pastors to doctrinally sound resources.

- c. Provide opportunities for churches to send missionaries.

### No. 4 – Satellite Centers

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.

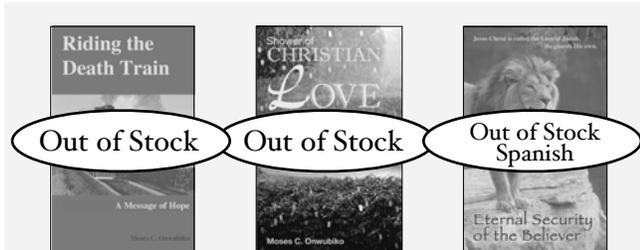
### No. 6 – Assist the Needy

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 embraces provision of spiritual food for all and sustenance for the needy as the Lord provides and directs.

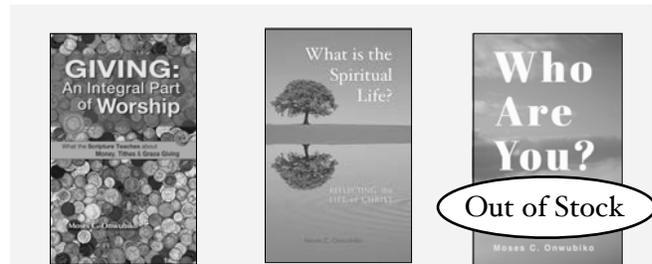
No. 7 – Establish a Theological Seminary Abroad  
Establish a doctrinal theological seminary abroad as the Lord guides and provides.

## Publications

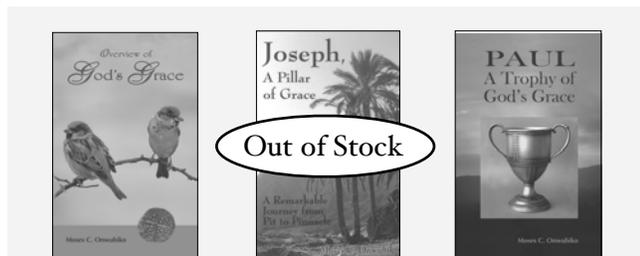
### Pocket size booklets



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*).



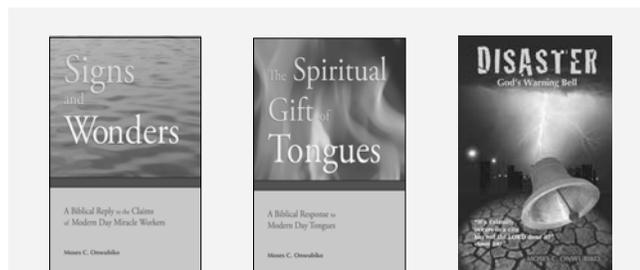
Giving: An Integral Part of Worship examines the Biblical view of Giving. Who Are You? (Pocket Size) and What is the Spiritual Life? (Reflecting the Life of Christ) ask questions Every Christian needs to answer to empower their Christian life.



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.

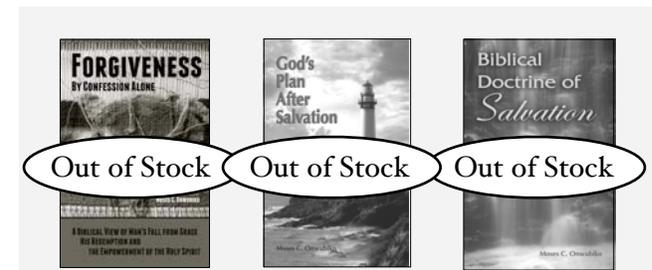


Comfort in Suffering and Focus on Christian Marriage give biblical viewpoint and divine solutions for common problems. James, Faith Without Works is Dead is an in depth guide for practical Christianity.



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.



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. (*English & Spanish*) Biblical Doctrine of Salvation is an in depth theological study.