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GOD IS FAITHFUL

Greetings to you from your partners at Grace Evangelistic Ministries!

It gives me great joy to address you as equal in missions because that’s how our heavenly Father sees you. You are on the same footing with those who go. Scripture makes it clear that in God’s division of labor everyone shares alike: “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). You ought not to feel that since you didn’t come to the field with us your partnership is of lesser value. God did not call everyone to the field. Some He called to foreign lands; others He called to the support base. He will reward us based on our faithfulness in doing what He’s entrusted to us, “Well done good and faithful servant!” (Matt. 25:23).

I can’t say it enough: your prayers and financial support are the wheels of our missionary train as we travel far and near, reaching the unreached, ministering to the lost and destitute, in prison, in open fields, strengthening the persecuted and enlightening each person, and every group the Lord leads us to—pastors and lay people. Your prayer barrage shields us from danger, especially in countries that are hostile to the gospel. Like the apostle Paul, many times we’ve been in danger. We thank God, “who delivered us from so great a peril of death, and will deliver us, He on whom we have set our hope. And He will deliver us, you also join in helping us through your prayers, so that thanks

may be given by many persons on our behalf for the favor bestowed upon us through the prayers of many” (2 Cor. 1:10-11).

GEM takes follow-up to heart; that’s true of the apostle Paul: “Let us return and visit the brethren in every city in which we proclaimed the word of the Lord, and see how they are” (Acts 15:36). This year we returned to Kuwait (our 4th visit) and Dubai (7th visit), in the Middle East and Kenya (6th visit) and Nigeria (20th visit) in Africa, Bulgaria (2nd visit), Romania (4th visit) and England (10th visit) in Europe. We had the privilege of ministering to over two hundred workers of London City Mission, the world’s largest city missionary organization, which has been in existence for over 183 years. It’s such an amazing fellowship.

Our world continues to experience unprecedented turbulence, acts of terrorism and political chaos are on the rise, with wars and rumors of wars over-

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whelming. The list can go on and on. What can we do as Christians in a time such as this? We learned from biblical accounts that so often God sends turbulence and storms in response to disobedience. Solomon disobeyed God (1 Kings 11:1-4), “the Lord *raised an adversary* to Solomon” (v. 14 emphasis added). Jonah bluntly disregarded God’s mandate (Jon. 1:1-3); “And *the Lord hurled a great wind on the sea* and there was a great storm on the sea so that the ship was about to break” (v. 4 emphasis added). The disciples failed to obey the Great Commission (Matt. 28:19); they did not witness “in all Judea and Samaria” Acts 1:8), as they were commanded and the Lord of harvest responded swiftly, “And on that day a great persecution arose against the church in Jerusalem; and they [His disciples] were scattered throughout the region of Judea and Samaria...those who had been scattered went out preaching the word” (Acts 8:1; 4).

Here’s the truth: storms will continue to rage in and around us until believers awaken to the need to reach out to the lost and destitute. *God Speaks Through Storms* is our latest publication about climate change and other storms of life.

You who stand with us in the gap of the Great Commission, “my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord. 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 continuing to minister to the saints” (1 Cor. 15:58; Heb. 6:10).

Thank you for your immovable stand with us!

Wishing you every blessing in our Savior Jesus Christ,



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

“Let not your heart be troubled” (John 14:1).

The world is drowning in chaos; it’s a mess because it’s the devil’s world. He’s known as “god of this world” (2 Cor. 4:4). “In the world you have tribulation” were the words of Jesus Christ (John 16:33). There’s commotion and rattling everywhere. War between Russia and America could break out any moment. China and America are at the crossroads of potential wars—trade, cyber and even real war. There are so many killings at schools, malls, theaters, synagogues and on and on. Apart from these external troubles, there are internal turbulences—loss of a job, uncertainty about our financial future, death of loved ones, cancer and other life threatening diseases and much more. In all this, the Lord says to us: “Let not your heart be troubled.”

Did you hear what the Lord is saying to us? We have a problem, which voice should we obey—the world’s or the Lord’s? The world sends us a signal of fear, trepidation and anxiety to weigh us down, but the Lord whispers, “Be still and know that I am God” (Ps. 46:10). We ought to block every voice that is contrary to His. We must never forget that God is in control of life’s storms. He’s acutely aware of your plight.

Envision yourself on board the life threatening, stormy boat and inside “Jesus Himself was in the stern, asleep on the cushion.” What would you have done? This is what His disciples did: “They woke Him and said to Him, “Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?” (Mk. 4:38). The reaction of His disciples is not different from our reaction when the storm rocks our boat. We tend to think that a.) God is unaware of our situation and b.) He doesn’t care. “Do You not care that we are perishing?” was His disciples’ heart wrenching question.

Listen: don’t allow Satan to whisper in your ear, “God doesn’t really care about you.” God cares more than you can fathom. The apostle Peter later wrote, “Cast your anxiety upon Him, for He cares for you” (1 Peter 5:7). The Apostle spoke those words of encouragement from experience. Interestingly, he may have been one of those who asked, “Do You not care that we are perishing?” It took time for Peter to go from his pledge to die with Jesus Christ (Matt. 26:35), to his categorical denial of Him (vv. 69-74)

and to his vehement defense of His death, resurrection and ascension (Acts 2:14-40). What a leap of spiritual advancement! It takes time to go from a state of immaturity to maturity. The apostle Peter was a matured believer when he declared, “He cares for you.” He has had firsthand experience of His ever-present care.

The Lord would demonstrate the truth that He cares: “And He got up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, ‘Hush be still.’ And the wind died down and it became perfectly calm” (Mk. 4:39). I like that. He got up, He rebuked, the wind died down, it became perfectly calm. He didn’t let them off the hook, He asked them: “Where is your faith?” (Luke 8:25). They didn’t exercise faith in this situation. Let’s try to identify their failure. The obvious one was their failure to come to grasp that the God-Man, the unsinkable One, was onboard with them. An excellent observation! That’s their supreme failure. They could have rationalized: since the Lord cannot sink, we too cannot sink—we are safe with Him.

You did well if you identified their failure. Here’s the real question, how should you react when the storm of life rocks your boat? Or better, as you are reading this word of encouragement, is your boat caught up in a life’s threatening storm? How are you handling it? Can you equally realize that the unsinkable One indwells you and that no storm of life can sink Him—no matter what! You have one of two choices when your boat is struck violently: freak out like the disciples did or trust Him as the apostle Paul did.

Enter the Alexandrian ship on route to Italy with the apostle Paul and crew (Acts 27:6). Suddenly a raging storm hits the ship. The situation is dire. The apostle Paul even admits “ [I] perceive that the voyage will certainly be with damage and great loss, not only of the cargo and the ship, but also of our lives” (v. 10). As the days go by, “they were being violently tossed” (v. 18). He thought they were going to die. Luke recalled, “And since neither sun nor stars appeared for many days, and no small storm was assailing us, from then on all hope of our being saved was gradually abandoned” (v. 20).

Should you panic? Of course, everyone ought to panic in a situation like this. It's normal to fear *momentarily* when we face danger. I submit to you that everyone on board including, Paul was panic stricken. But it's abnormal to *live* in fear. King David said, "When I am afraid, I will put my trust in Thee" (Ps. 56:3). He never denied being afraid, but the Apostle never lingered in fear. What's the game changer for Paul? God's promise: "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, Paul; you must stand before Caesar; and behold, God has granted you all those who are sailing with you'" (Acts 27:23-24). That's good news!

Observe what's happening here. God orchestrated the storm (Isa. 45:7) as a platform for the apostle Paul to make God known to those who do not know Him. The Apostle cashes in on the opportunity, "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, Paul; you must stand before Caesar; and behold, God has granted you all those who are sailing with you.'" Often God permits a storm to strike us so that we can use it as a vehicle to either give the gospel or encourage others (2 Cor. 1:5). "Therefore, keep your courage, men, for I believe God, that it will turn out exactly as I have been told" (Acts 27:25). That's faith in action—trusting God in a storm.

Remember, you have been called to follow in the example of Jesus Christ (1 Peter 2:20-23). What example? The example of glorifying God to the maximum. How can we do that? By seeing every storm as an opportunity to glorify God. That's true of Job. He understood his storm to be God-orchestrated. Think of it; Job never mentioned the name Satan in the entire 42 chapters. It's always the Lord: "The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; may the name of the Lord be praised" (Job 1:21). "Though he [God] slay me, yet will I trust in him" (13:15 KJB). "He [God] knows the way I have taken; when He has tested me, I will emerge as pure gold" (23:10 HCSB). Job, even before there's a page of the Bible written, understood the primacy of God's sovereignty. You and I need to let the truth sink—God is in charge, not our current circumstances.

While you wait on Him to work out His perfect plan for your life, take courage that *your "help comes from the Lord, Who made heaven and earth. He will not allow your foot to slip. He who keeps you*

will not slumber" (Ps. 121:2-3). His plan for your life is on His desk: "... *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 works out His perfect plan, "*When you pass through the waters [of austere circumstances] I will be with you...they will not overflow you. When you walk through the fire [of economic depression, chronic illness], you will not be scorched, nor the flame burn you. For I am the Lord your God."* (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).



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The Blindness of Self-righteousness

Self-righteousness never sees its own faults. It sees and magnifies the faults in others. David, in his self-righteousness could not interpret Nathan's riddle objectively. He never looked inwardly to see if the riddle had any connection to his act of murdering Uriah. On the contrary, he looked outwardly and projected himself as a model of righteousness. He angrily condemned someone he thought had no compassion. Time had elapsed since David surprised himself by committing two heinous sins—adultery and murder. He thought he could cover them up and still worship God as usual.

Think of it; it's David, who wrote, "O Lord, You have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; You understand my thought from afar. You scrutinize my path and my lying down, and are intimately acquainted with all my ways. Even before there is a word on my tongue, behold, O Lord, You know it all" (Ps. 139:1-4); the same fellow who sang, "even the darkness is not dark to thee...Darkness and light are alike to thee" (v. 12), now hides in the thick cloud of his sins. He had forgotten that God knew him before the foundation of the world. God knew every thought, every word, every action of every man before He created each of us. Either David failed to recall this amazing truth, or he knew it and chose to suppress it. Guilt had eaten him up so that he could no longer think rationally.

He was quick to pass judgement on a man who killed the poor man's lamb. He never could put one and one together to know that he was the object of Nathan's puzzle. In his self-righteousness, he condemned the man to death, "As surely as the Lord lives, the man who did this deserves to die!" (2 Sam. 12:5 BSB). He may have convinced himself, "Ha-ha, no one knows what I did, not even the prophet." He is in for a surprise.

Nathan Indicts David

Nathan spun around like a wheel and said to David, "You are the man! This is what the Lord, the God of Israel says: 'I anointed you king and you became

king over Israel. I delivered you from Saul's control. I gave you your former master's household. I placed your former master's wives right into your arms. I gave you Israel and Judah. And if this had been too little, I would have added much more to you. Why did you despise what the Lord has promised by doing what is detestable in his sight? You struck down Uriah the Hittite with a battle sword. You took his wife to be your own. You killed him with the sword of the Ammonite army" (2 Sam. 12:7-9 ISV).

Be a fly on the wall and watch David's demeanor when he heard God's indictment. One can only imagine the throbbing of his heart. He must have been shocked beyond belief and perhaps breathless for a moment as Nathan read out his indictment. There's something worth noting about David: he breaks easily whenever God touches him. The same trait cannot be said of many kings in the Hebrew Bible. For instance, when Micaiah, the prophet prophesied calamity against king Ahab (2 Chr. 18:22-24), the king ordered, "Put this man in prison and feed him sparingly with bread and water until I return safely" (v. 26). When Jeremiah, the prophet gave a word of prophesy to king Zedekiah, "the king commanded that they should commit Jeremiah into the court of the prison" (Jer. 37:21 KJB). But watch how different David's reaction is: "Then David said to Nathan, 'I have sinned against the Lord'" (2 Sam. 12:13).

God Forgives David

David hopes for compassion. He knew that he had crossed the redline of the Mosaic Law, "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" (Lev. 20:10). Later David noted, "For You do not delight in sacrifice, otherwise I would give it; You are not pleased with burnt offering" (Ps. 51:16). He's aware that there's no sacrifice nor a second chance for an adulterous man. Whoever is found guilty is taken outside the gate and stoned to death. In panic and uncertainty of his fate, he waits for a reply from the God of mercy.

"Nathan said to David, 'The Lord has taken away your sin; you shall not die'" (2 Sam. 12:13). Did you read what Nathan said? "The Lord has taken away your sin; you shall not die." What a huge sigh of

relief. There's no sin or failure on our part that's too great for God's grace. Remember that. David never expected to hear this good news—you shall not die. Wait. Read the whole story before you use this incident as a reference point for a lifestyle of sin. Some believers use 1 John 1:9 "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" as a license to sin willfully and habitually. One rationalizes: "God is a gracious God, He will forgive me anything so I will sin and confess as David did." The truth is that He will always forgive us, whenever we sin and confess our sins. But forgiveness is often accompanied with discipline. We need to fully understand God's Justice and not lose sight of it.

God's Grace Overwhelms David

Man's definition of grace is always shallow and deficient. The best definition is still wanting. Grace is an inexhaustible subject. When we think we have a grip on it, we're wowed all over again with another facet of God's immense grace. Keep in mind, in all David's saga he has not lost his salvation nor the endowment of the Holy Spirit. Let that knowledge sink in. We think we know so much about God's grace. What he lost was the joy of his salvation as we learned from his prayer, "Do not take Thy Holy Spirit from me.... Restore to me the joy of Thy salvation" (Ps. 51:11-12). He offered the prayer after grace hit him right between the eyes.

God's Forgiveness Mixed with Justice

God does forgive our sins, no matter how heinous. Often when He forgives, He follows it up with discipline as a corrective measure to help us stay on track and keep us from repeating the sin. We know this truth from the Psalmist, "I used to wander off until you disciplined me; but now I closely follow your word. My suffering was good for me, for it taught me to pay attention to your decrees" (Ps. 119:67, 71 NLT). The cross is a reference point in dealing with our pre and post salvation sins. Justice demands that He looks at the cross and deal with our sins accordingly. Some sins are forgiven without drawing discipline while others attract it. We don't know which sin attracts divine correction. God knows, for He has all the facts.

"But because you have shown such contempt for the Lord in doing this, your child will die" (2 Sam. 12:14). This is an integral part of the four-fold divine discipline, which God in His infinite wisdom, mercy,

love and justice packaged for David. "Thus says the Lord, 'Behold, I will raise up evil against you from your own household; I will even take your wives before your eyes and give them to your companion, and he will lie with your wives in broad daylight 'Indeed you did it secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel, and under the sun'" (vv. 11-12). God puts a bow of discipline on the box of "you are forgiven." God forgave David, but He did not let him off the hook; he must pay four-fold. Divine justice never looks the other way.

Is it Worth it?

We fail miserably, because we don't stop to ask, "Is the pleasure of sin worth the severe pain of divine discipline?" I know of a believer, who said for decades, he would always stop at every crossroad of sin of cognizance and asks himself, "Is the pleasure worth it?" This habit of stop and ask before you act, has helped him avoid the pain of self-induced misery from deliberate sin against God. We should consider such a habit. To put it plainly, before we engage in the sin of financial embezzlement, for instance, we

should stop and reflect on the apostle Paul's warning: "But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For

the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs" (1 Tim 6:9-10 ESV).

The apostle Paul carefully selects the ugly words that fit the bill—*snare*, *plunge*, *many pangs*, *ruin* and *destruction*. A believer who disregards God's Word in disobedience can bank on the cumulation of these many negative results. Many who have disregarded God's warning regarding money can testify that their painful experience was not worth it. Some pastors are suffering painfully in prison today, because they did not ask, "Is it worth it?" Or before we lure that woman to bed, let's consider Proverbs 6:27-29, 32-33 and ask, "Is the pleasure worth the pain?" "Can a man scoop a flame into his lap and not have his clothes catch on fire? Can he walk on hot coals and not blister his feet? So it is with the man who sleeps with another man's wife. He who embraces her will not go unpunished. But *the man who commits adultery is an utter fool, for he destroys himself. He will be wounded and disgraced. His shame will never be erased*" (NLT emphasis added).

Is it worth it?

Let me bring this home. Often, we sin willfully against God because of our ignorance of the price Jesus Christ paid for it. God abhors sin. He used His Son to demonstrate His displeasure. Isaiah the prophet was graphic in describing what God did to Him on the cross. “He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows...stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. ...he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was... chastisement. It was the will of the Lord to crush him; he...put him to grief” (Isa. 53:4-5, 10 ISV). Consider the awful blows Jesus Christ received for our sins. He’s stricken, smitten, afflicted and pierced. If that were not enough, God crushed Him. Tell me how can a thoughtful believer, who feeds his mind on Christ’s humiliation take sin lightly? How can anyone’s offense against a Holy God be pleasurable? What’s fun about it?

David did not stop to think about the consequences of his action. His son, Solomon later wrote this heart wrenching passage in Proverbs 6:27-33. He may have had his father in mind, when he penned those words. David may have been an utter fool for committing adultery and murder, for he did destroy his reputation, disgrace himself and his shame was never erased. David’s sin is the most famous in the Bible. Everyone knows about it. Had he counted the cost would he still have done it? Only God can say.

“The evil man will not go unpunished”

The Day of Reckoning

In wisdom, God chooses the time as well as the manner of administering justice. The Scripture is apt: “Assuredly, the evil man will not go unpunished” (Pr. 11:21). The passage only says “the evil man will not go unpunished” but falls short of telling us when and how? Man lives in a world of self-deception; he assures himself that God no longer cares about man’s sinful behavior. That’s the attitude of many saints in the time of Malachi: “Look at them—the wicked! They are always at ease” (Ps. 73:12 CSB). The day of reckoning is a biblical principle (Mal. 3:14-18). We deceive ourselves when we think that just because God doesn’t punish us instantly for the sin we committed yesterday, that He will no longer punish us. David must have thought that. He wasn’t immediately disciplined when he committed adultery and murder. At least a year went by before his sin germinated, for “Whatever a man sows, that shall he also reap” (Gal. 6:7).

First Installment: David’s Child Dies

David has begun to reap the first payment of his four-fold divine discipline. Admittedly, in all my public writings, this section is the hardest to write. I approach it with fear, trepidation and trembling. Imagine sitting with David and hearing him retell his agonizing experience because of his sinfulness. It must have been heart wrenching. He went through hell. “The Lord struck the child...so that he was very sick” (2 Sam. 12:15). You may ask, “Why not take the child out in a twinkling of an eye?” God knows how to administer pain. Taking the child out instantly will not prolong David’s sorrow. God wanted him to experience maximum pain. “He fasted and wept”, “and lay all night on the ground” (vv. 21, 16), but all to no avail; “and it happened on the seventh day that the child died” (v.18)—the pang of the first installment went straight to his heart.

David Worships

“David arose from the ground, washed, anointed himself, and changed his clothes; and he came into the house of the Lord and worshiped” (2 Sam. 12:20). Being in fellowship does not negate discipline. Fellowship allows the believer complete access to divine assets, which enables the believer to engage in worship. I know some Christians, who think that confession of our sins cancels divine discipline. Remember, David confessed his sins as noted, and was forgiven and restored to fellowship with his Father-God and yet was disciplined. Some sins are forgiven without any divine discipline as earlier delineated; others carry punitive punishment. God weighs every sin we commit. He knows how to best help us stay on track.

Solomon Comes in the Picture

In grace God gave David another son. The birth of Solomon is a reminder that man’s spiritual failure, no matter the magnitude, is not the end of his journey. 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).



Letters

Dear Sir,

My name is C.....M..... and my life is out of control. I have had more trouble since I've turned from God so that I don't know what to do any more.

I use to get and read the books you sent me years ago, but I have lost them on my way. So I am hoping you can send me the ones I remember because they really help to easy my mind.

Thank you and may God always bless you.

Prison Manchester, TN

Greetings, how are you?

I went through the YouTube video's of the conference again and again. And I came to better understand that anything which comes to me as a born again believer, God allows for His purpose.

I went back to God in prayers concerning what I have been passing through in my life. He spoke to me through different passages of scripture that are specific to my problems. I am grateful. I am no longer disturbed for I now understand that God is qualified to handle it all. My regards to GEM's Team. More grace to you.

Nigeria

Dear Pastor Onwubiko,

Thank you for writing these books. They have helped me to know more about God and the truth. I am a Christian, but I need to get closer to God.

I believe in all He has done for me. Right now, I am in congestive heart failure, and have been told it is worse than before. I would ask you for prayers.

It has been hard on me, but God has been faithful to me. I am asking you, could I get the following books from you to read and study—Paul, a Trophy of God's Grace, Joseph, a Pillar of Grace and Comfort in Suffering. Thank you, my prayers go to God for you and your ministries.

Martinez, Georgia

Dear Grace Evangelistic Ministries,

I am currently serving time, I came across four of your books through a fellow believer. and was very pleased to find the excellent way Mr. Onwubiko puts the Bible in layman's terms. Very good for all who need to know about our Savior.

There are six in our Bible Study; we have four of your books. I'll wrote down the ones we have, and by the grace of God you could send the rest. We would deeply appreciate the rest of your books; they will be put to good use. Thank you and God bless your staff.

Prison
Lake Tomahawk, Wisconsin

Missionary Reports

KUWAIT: May, 2018

Moses taught in two different congregations one Indian and one Nigerian! Before the first service he got so caught up in conversation with the kitchen manager that his ride arrived before he finished his dinner! And before the trip was done Moses was in the home of the kitchen manager to answer more questions!

People in the hotel and in the churches are starving for truth! Hotel staff who received RTDT quickly came requesting additional copies for friends who had seen theirs.

Moses taught "The Missing Link in the Great Commission" emphasizing that the integrity of the messenger is key. In a trial a shrewd lawyer will try to attack the character of the witness and Satan is quick to do the same! Bottom line—Your life and lifestyle matter!

At the second venue Moses taught about Righteousness. We receive God's Righteousness instantaneously at Salvation—Integrity Righteousness is cultivated over time and is a life long pursuit. The Bible tells us that "Righteousness [integrity] exalts a nation" (Prov. 14:34).

The host and faithful in Kuwait did not want to let Moses go. All day the last day was full of greetings and well wishes both on the phone and in person—almost nonstop—with one group arriving after midnight. In addition to friends, hotel employees were coming to see him in his room!

Love for Moses' message of truth is a great magnet to them all—inside and outside the conference hall. We thank God for all this positive volition toward the One True God and His Holy Word.

DUBAI: June, 2018

The people were so starved for the truth and they wanted to squeeze every bit out of Moses they could. People kept asking for more teaching and extra meetings. They just could not get enough.

Our host persevered even though he had suffered a heart attack just a few months ago. He and the faithful in Dubai were so grateful for the truth they were learning. Many kept coming to the hotel lobby with gifts and well wishes, since during Ramadan no guests are allowed in hotel rooms.

The final teaching lasted until well after midnight which meant arriving back at the hotel after 2:00 a.m. Moses was also able to meet the pastor of the Arabic Church in Dubai. Arrangements are already being made for next year, planning for the best schedule and how to reach the most people.

We thank God for all those in Dubai so eager to hear and study God's Holy Word and for those of you supporting the mission in prayer. God is answering your prayers.

GEM SUMMER CONFERENCE: June, 2018

"God Speaks Through Storms" was the topic of the GEM summer conference held in Nashville, TN. This addressed global warming and the Sovereignty of God as well as storms of life: Where do they come from, why do Christians have them, how are we to handle them. Rev Moses and Pastor Bruce Bumgardner of Pine Valley Bible Church, Houston, Texas were the featured speakers.

Audio lessons of the conference are posted on the GEM website at www.GEMworldwide.org. Video is posted on the GEM YouTube site. Our channel is GraceFreedom (case sensitive). It is also linked on all GEM Road Reports.

KENYA: July, 2018

Pastors traveled from across Kenya to attend the conference. Rev. Maurice invited 100 pastors - 175 came! Pastors Naboth and Kitui cohosted and participated in the conference.

Rev. Moses and Pastor Bruce explained how storms of life come for two reasons - for correction or for blessing. Developing spiritual maturity will prepare the believer to be able to weather the storms of life and to "count it all joy" as James tells us.

Many are being set free and learning correctly of the Integrity of God and His Sovereignty, Omnipotence and Omniscience. We often give Satan credit for what God has orchestrated or permitted.

The last day of the conference was highlighted with Question and Answer and book distribution. Everyone was excited to get a copy of Moses latest publication *God Speaks through Storms* and also a copy of Pastor Bruce's book *God's Forgiveness*. The Kenya team even prepared Moses favorite - corn!

Pastor Maurice gave a brief history of GEM in Kenya that began 13 years ago when Pastor Naboth invited Moses to Kenya - since then truth has been spreading far and wide through Kenya. Moses and Bruce both taught a full house!

Children were taught by Gloria, Sophia, Lonnie and Debby in Sunday School and Monday in a public school in Nairobi! We were amazed that we were allowed to go from classroom to classroom visiting the children. A grand time was had by all coloring Bible verses and receiving lollipops to mark this special day! We were not allowed to take photos but we could sing *Jesus Loves Me* and talk freely about Jesus Christ and the love of God!

We praise God for all we see him doing in Kenya. Please join us in prayer, as this truth is beginning to take hold, that this area will develop into a hub from which the grace gospel can fan out across Kenya and Eastern Africa.

NIGERIA: July/August, 2018

This was GEM's third visit to Port Harcourt which has been impacted by the grace message. Pastors came from all parts of Nigeria - some traveled as much as 14 hours.

Storms - God has purpose and meaning in all He does. We need to know how to handle storms when we have no sin in our life and how to handle storms when they result from our sinful behavior. God is Sovereign and He is responsible for or gives permission for external storms - wind, rain, flood, hail etc. as well as internal storms - storms of life, loss of job, cancer, and so on.

The night before day two of the conference a pastor was killed and another was kidnapped. Moses had warned that "God does not fool around" and this event underscored that! He now had their full attention! We thank God for journey mercies and for keeping us safe and healthy in this land of armed robbers and kidnappers.

On day three after final messages, we held Q & A and books were distributed to all. Participants were encouraged to look at their own life to see where they might need to change. Righteousness exalts a nation! (Prov. 14:34).

On Sunday Rev. Moses and Pastor Bruce both spoke at the church of our host, Pastor Seye, and children were evangelized and taught with lessons to color and treats. Training aids were also passed on to leaders and Sunday School teachers.

We held an after Conference Pastor's Training. The estimate for attendees was 50 pastors. About 200 showed up! Rev. Darlington and Pastor Tayo traveled to join us and together they conducted the two day training. They challenged pastors to consider the context when interpreting a passage of scripture - to let the text inform the message rather than deciding on a topic and looking for verses to support the message.

Pastors wrote a brief sermon outline for select verses making sure to consider the context and give application. When the mini sermons were presented everyone learned. Excitement and camaraderie filled the air. God is moving in this stronghold of false teaching and unscrupulous tactics! Truth is being taught and accepted.

One participant wrote:

- I am blessed intensely by the conference. It has really changed my mindset on believing and following Jesus no matter the storms. I also have been given a right concept for studying the Word of God. GEM is really a life changing ministry. More Grace to GEM.

We are so grateful to you for your prayers and to God for all He alone is doing!

TEXAS CHURCH VISITS: October, 2018

Houston - Pastor Richard Rose of Holy Trinity Missionary Baptist Church hosted Moses for a three day Institute teaching “The Missing Link in the Great Commission.

A Missionary report and a message of encouragement was given at these venues

Houston - Pastor David Dunn, Grace Bible Church of Houston

Brenham - Pastor Mike Smith, Country Bible Church

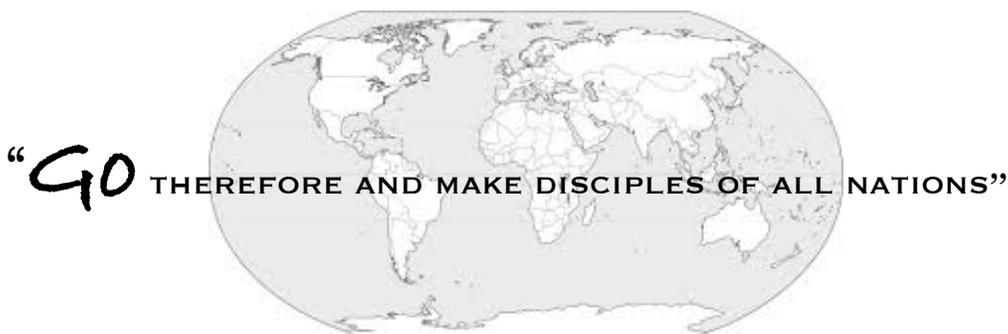
Houston - Ladies Prayer Meeting, Marsha Eckerman

Sweeney - Pastor Rick King, Gulf Coast Bible Church

Brookshire - Pastor Orlando Salas, Iglesia Christiana

Houston - Pastor Bruce Bumgardner, Pine Valley Bible Church

We were blessed and encouraged to link with these points of light in these tumultuous and evil times.



BULGARIA: September, 2018

A three day conference was held in Sliven, Bulgaria. Communists ruled Bulgaria from 1943 to 1989. Today many are responding to the Word of God. Evangelicals represent about 2% of the population.

Most of the Christians in Bulgaria belong to the Eastern Orthodox church—and attend church on Easter and Christmas - the Evangelical church is growing as people are discovering a real relationship with God through Jesus Christ! As of this writing there is threat of a law that will only allow Islam or Greek Orthodox—outlawing Evangelical Christianity. Please pray.

The first session was attended by pastors and faithful Christians who drove many kilometers to hear the teaching of the Word of God. Pastor Bruce gave a solid gospel presentation to lay the foundation for a study on what it means to be a real disciple of Christ.

Moses taught on the Great Commission. It's a command. GO! Moses taught the importance of going and the blessings and rewards for fulfilling this command as well as the discipline for failing to do so.

The GEM Team visited the surrounding villages where Gypsy pastors live among the Gypsy population. Few families have running water, education is low and work is seasonal. These same pastors came in nightly for the conference and took the teaching back to their people—the Great Commission in action.

The final messages in Bulgaria were received with great excitement—we also had special music provided by the Gypsies who came in especially for this! What a strong bond we had with our brothers and sisters there! Please pray that their evangelical faith does not come under persecution.

ROMANIA: October, 2018

In traveling from Bulgaria to Romania we drove 9 hours, crossing the Danube on our way there! We were blessed to have Mark and Florina Darvell, missionaries in Romania, join the GEM Team. Florina translated for us during the three day conference which was hosted by a Plymouth Brethren Church.

Please pray for the grace gospel to spread in Eastern Europe as we encourage the faithful there.

ENGLAND: October, 2018

GEM was hosted by London City Mission (LCM). Prior to our conference with them, Ben, a devout Christian and a gifted thespian, took us on a Christian History Tour of the City of London.

Ben reminded us that Wesley, Whitfield, Wilberforce and Newton never set out to change the world. They just followed Christ! People came to the Lord in twos and threes and in small local churches. Newton's church, where he taught for 28 years, only holds 120 people!

The evening we arrived we had dinner with Pastor Larry and his family from Brazil. Larry's son works with Tayo and Larry happened to be in town for the birth of his grandson. For years, Moses had been praying for an open door to Brazil. Moses plans to visit Pastor Larry and his congregation this November.

Rev. Tayo, LCM's Director of Ministries, invited Pastor Bruce and Rev. Moses to address all the LCM missionaries (about 200) as well as their leadership and staff, to encourage them and challenge them, knowing that a strong spiritual life makes for an energized and effective missionary.

LCM was founded 183 years ago and is the oldest city missionary organization in the world. Their missionaries faithfully take the gospel of Jesus Christ to the far corners of London, one of the most ethnically diverse cities in the world. We are blessed to be working with them.

On Sunday Moses had the wonderful opportunity to speak to a British, multicultural, evangelical church. He encouraged them with a message on "Finding Rest in a Restless World." We were treated to lunch at the home of the assistant pastor who had spent time in Nigeria. He is also graciously provided us with a contact in Russia! We plan to visit next year.

We were blessed to see pockets of evangelical Christians with the gospel light still burning. Our prayer is to be able to work with them in hopes of rekindling the fire that burned so brightly in the days of Wesley, Whitfield, Wilberforce, Newton, and Spurgeon. Please pray for the grace gospel to spread in Europe as we encourage the faithful there.

BRAZIL: November, 2018

As of the writing of this newsletter Moses is preparing to travel to Brazil for our initial visit to this country. We praise God for this opportunity.

To receive email of real time reports like these from the mission field visit our website GEMworldwide.org and click on "SIGN UP for Road Reports."
Many are already "traveling with us"—please join us as we travel.



*“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 & OUTREACH: 2018

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.” Pastor Naboth in Kenya has opened a school with the goal of evangelizing children.
- Pastor Gumbo in Zimbabwe is evangelizing children through his school which grew from a handful of children to over 400. God has brought the hearers.
- Pastor Emmanuel in India has begun ministry in a dark and dangerous area of India that badly needs the Lord and the Gospel. After years of prayer the Lord has opened a door.
- Pastor Philippe in Brussels holds a group Bible study for two hours Sunday and Wednesday evenings. These are pastors, evangelists and elders who are learning of grace for the first time. He has also traveled to Antwerp, about 50 miles, which is 45 minutes by train or two hours by bus. People there heard for the first time that they are forever secure in Jesus and will not lose their salvation! God is changing lives through His Word.
- Rev. Tayo in the UK has visited Manchester for outreach and the GEM Europe Board and friends of GEM Europe have opened a school in the most heavily Islamic area of The Gambia, providing education as a bridge to the gospel.
- Pastor Dennis Rokser and his team from Duluth Bible Church continue to work with Pastor Maurice and Grace Covenant Church in Nairobi.
- Pastor Asa is growing a Bible Study group in Kampala, Uganda to teach them the new concept of grace. This is a radical new idea in this area.
- Rick Broadhead traveled to Malawi to visit Pastor Francis, teaching the doctrine of grace. He is a member of Doctrinal Studies Bible Church, in Birmingham, Alabama, pastored by Ron Adema. We are so grateful for Rick’s heart to serve. He is also looking forward to facilitating a large followup focusing on the doctrine of grace in Uganda, December 2018.

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

Mission Trips 2019

February: MIDDLE EAST

Egypt
Dubai
Puerto Rico

May: EUROPE

Russia
Belarus

June: USA - GEM Summer Conference

June 21-23

July: AFRICA

Kenya
Nigeria
Zimbabwe

Sept: EUROPE

Kosovo
Macedonia
United Kingdom

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SAVE THE DATE

GEM Summer Conference 2019

“The Missing Link of the Great Commission”

June 21-23, 2019

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 2019
- 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)

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.

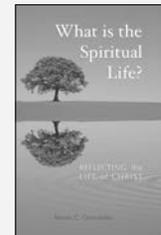
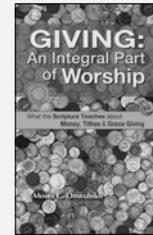
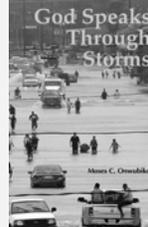
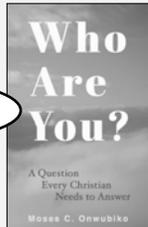
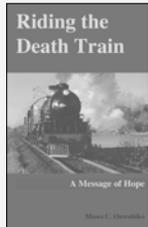
No. 6 – Assist the Needy

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.

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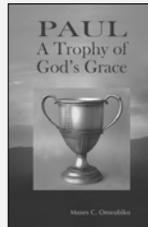
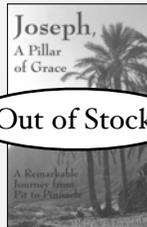
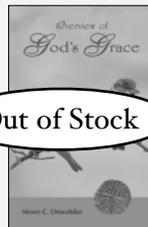
Pocket size booklets



Out of Stock Spanish

Riding the Death Train is a clear presentation of the gospel. (*English & Spanish*) Shower of Christian Love should identify the Christian to the world. Who Are You? Assets the believer has in Christ Eternal Security of the Believer is a concise study of this important topic. (*English & Spanish*). God speaks through Storms - What do storms and life storms tell us? Do they come from God?

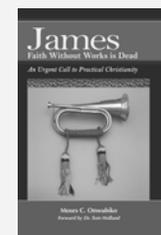
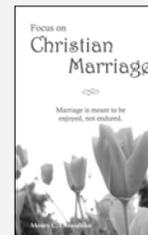
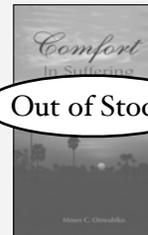
Giving: An Integral Part of Worship examines the Biblical view of Giving. What is the Spiritual Life? (Reflecting the Life of Christ) Asks questions Every Christian needs to answer.



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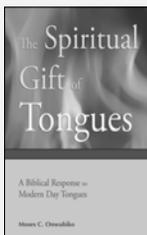
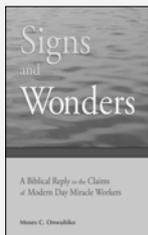
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God's grace is often talked about but seldom understood. Our series on Grace begins with Overview of God's Grace and continues with Joseph, A Pillar of Grace, and Paul, A Trophy of God's Grace.



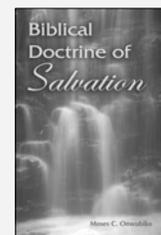
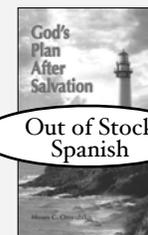
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Comfort in Suffering and Focus on Christian Marriage give biblical viewpoint and divine solutions for common problems. James, Faith Without Works is Dead is an in depth guide for practical Christianity.



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.



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Out of Stock Spanish

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.