



Grace News Today

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“Faith Alone in Christ Alone”

“LET NOT YOUR HEART Be troubled!”

Greetings from your missionary co-laborers here at Grace Evangelistic Ministries! Please know that you are constantly in our thoughts and prayers.

Every morning we lift you up in prayer before the throne of His grace, praying for your spiritual progress and every blessing in Him. We pray that your heart not be troubled in times like these, when everything seems to be falling apart around us.

Beloved, read afresh this passage with me, Philippians 4:6: Literally it says, **“Do not, under any circumstances worry about anything!”** No reason is a good reason to worry, and thereby disobey God’s mandate. You ask, “Why shouldn’t I be worried when the stock market seems to be sinking right before my very eyes? You shouldn’t worry because the Lord, not the stock market, is in perfect control of your destiny. Our beloved, keep your eyes on the Lord! Hold onto His promise: **“I WILL NEVER DESERT YOU, NOR WILL I EVER FORSAKE YOU”** (Hebrews 13:5).

On the frontline, we couldn’t have asked God for a better time to fulfill the Great Commission: **“Go and make disciples....”** (Matthew 28:19). The timing is right! For this, we are immensely grateful to our awesome God for considering us worthy to represent Him as **“ambassadors for Christ”** (2 Corinthians 5:20). What can we say? We appreciate so much your joining us in taking the message of hope to the lost and destitute, both near and far. Indeed, your partnership is paying eternal dividends. Many souls are being impacted. Here’s a letter we received from a prisoner in a U.S. jail.

“Hi! My name is D. L. I am currently incarcerated. I have been in jail for 20 months. I recently came across one of your books, “Overview of God’s Grace” and I must say that book helped me a lot... My walk with Christ is still very young and fresh; but I am eager to learn more. I have read on the back of the book that you have other publications available, and I am wondering, if you are able to send them to me. I really appreciate your time and concern. God bless you.”

Hear our Lord: *“I was in prison, and you came to Me... Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me”* (Matthew 25:36, 40).

Beloved of God, keep standing with us as we strive daily to honor and glorify our Great God!

Please stand with us in prayer!

Wishing you every blessing in Him!

Moses C. Onwubiko & GEM Team

If you are reading this newsletter and you are without hope, without Christ, without eternal life, you can believe in Him for salvation now. The Bible tells us simply:

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

Will you trust Him now?

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WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

“He will never allow the righteous to be forsaken” (Psalm 55:22).

“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go” (Joshua 1:9).

Let’s be realistic. How many times does God have to tell us something before we can know how serious He is? Once should be enough. But in His kindness He is reminding you and me, *“Have I not commanded you [before]? Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”* Read it again. The Lord is with you wherever you go. My beloved, let’s not anger God by not taking His Word at its face-value. Let’s not allow Satan to trick us into doubting the veracity of God’s Word.

Satan does this in many ways: First, he magnifies our problems. Second, he fosters fear. Third, he instills doubt in our minds. I ask you, who will you trust, God or Satan? To the extent that you are concentrating on your problems, to the extent that you are growing fearful and to the extent that you are feeding on doubts, you are not trusting God.

Beloved of God, if your spiritual life is on course, you have absolutely no reason whatsoever to be concerned about anything! Yes, you may have lost your job. Yes, you may have lost your entire savings. And yes, you may have even been diagnosed with the most horrible disease, but *you have to remember who is in charge: God.* It’s that simple! Lean securely on His promises:

“Do not fear, for I am with you; Do not anxiously look about 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” (Isaiah 41:10)

“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are Mine! ‘When you pass through the waters [of suffering], I will be with you; And through the rivers [of austerity measures], they will not overflow you. When you walk through the fire [of economic disaster],

you will not be scorched, Nor will the flame burn you. For I am the LORD your God, The Holy One of Israel, your Savior.... ‘You are precious in My sight” (Isaiah 43:1-4).

Cast your burden upon the LORD and He will sustain you; He will never allow the righteous to be shaken (Psalm 55:22). So my beloved, keep on trusting that He will do exactly what He says He will do! Certainly **He will not fail you!**

DOCTRINE OF GRACE

KING DAVID, A SYMPHONY OF GOD’S GRACE

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*“Those who love Thy [Word] have **great peace, and nothing** causes them to stumble”* (Psalm 119:165).

MINISTRY OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Discouragement is the most subtle and potent missile Satan uses against believers of all ages. Nothing takes a believer out of his command post as quickly as discouragement. A believer in Christ can fall into any sin and may bounce back quickly (1 John 1:9); but once a believer is discouraged, his onward spirit stalls, his dominant will to fight on freezes. A discouraged believer often finds it difficult to read his Bible, let alone use prayer, the most powerful weapon. Even more frightening: if discouragement lingers on, it can lead to depression, the real poison of discouragement.

No one, great or small is immune to the missile of discouragement. Everyone is vulnerable. It can hit one anywhere, anytime. Think of Job; he had everything going for him, super abundant blessing on every side, an amazing family, and a lifestyle of spiritual integrity. *Zaam!* Just like that, everything he had was gone. Consequently he became a victim of the missile of discouragement: *“For the arrows of the Almighty are within me, Their poison my spirit drinks...! ‘**Would that God were willing to crush me, that He would loose His hand and cut me off [literally that God would let me die]!”*** (Job 6:4, 8-9).

Job was not alone; consider Moses of the Old Testament. Discouragement hit him so hard that he pointedly asked the Lord, *“**Why hast Thou been so hard on Thy servant [Moses]? ... Please kill me at once**”* (Numbers 11:11-15). Think of another giant,

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the Prophet Elijah. He had a parallel reaction when the missile of discouragement hit him right between the eyes. He cried out, **“O Lord, take my life, for I am not better than my fathers”** (I Kings 19:4)! You read it correctly. He, like Job and Moses wanted to die. Can you now begin to see the depth of discouragement? Here is a question for you: Have you ever experienced a low point in your life, so low that you wished you were dead? Take heart, you are not alone. Spiritual giants of the Bible came to the same threshold long before you!

Beloved, herein is the amazing news: God, in eternity past, designed a missile defense system to knock down Satan’s missiles of discouragement. Jesus Christ is God’s prototype defense system. God, in time, equipped and deployed Him as a missile defense system, so to say, to destroy and neutralize the power of missiles of discouragement. God uses prepared vessels; and so He prepared His Son!

God the Father registered Jesus Christ in the institute of affliction, where *“He learned obedience from the things which He suffered”* (Hebrews 5:8). Step-by-step, God took Him through every experience of suffering so that He could have personal knowledge of what suffering is all about. This was God’s plan for His Son. Think of it; the Lord experienced every suffering that exists, *“to the point of death, even death on a cross”* (Philippians 2:8). Consequently, by means of suffering, He was *“made perfect [matured/prepared beyond measure]”* (Hebrews 5:9). Having been perfected, He became *“the source of eternal salvation to all those who trust Him”* (v. 9).

We ask, “Why did God take His Son through this awful route?” So that Jesus Christ might be **“a merciful and faithful high priest”** (Hebrews 2:17); be able to **“sympathize with our weaknesses”** (4:15); and **“come to the aid of those who are”** quickly discouraged (2:18). In light of this, the author of the book of Hebrews tells us, *“we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted [like no other] in all things as we are, yet without sin”* (4:15). Because of His familiarity with every suffering, He is ever-ready to take down the missile of discouragement for us when we are its target. Count on Him! The apostle Paul testified,

*At my first defense no one supported, but all deserted me.... **But the Lord stood with me and strengthened [encouraged] me...and I was rescued out of the lion’s mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed, and will bring me safely to His heavenly kingdom; to***

Him be the glory forever and ever. Amen
(2 Timothy 4:16-18).

It wasn’t the end of God’s plan. In His infinite wisdom, He prepares every believer as a missile defense system for one another against Satan’s missiles of discouragement. Taking us on a similar route that He took His Son, He enlists us in the college of affliction (Isaiah 48:10), and takes us through the rugged road of suffering. There He acquaints us with His matchless grace, His love, and His providential care (2 Corinthians 1:2, 4). When we graduate, He equips us to engage in the ministry of encouragement: **“encourage one another, and build up one another”**, *“day after day, as long as it is still called ‘Today’”* (1 Thessalonians 5:11; Hebrews 3:13).

Beloved of God, we have been called to encourage one another. This is a ministry for every believer! No exceptions! Because we have experienced God’s providential care in our times of trial we can boldly encourage others, *“with the [same] comfort [encouragement] with which we ourselves are [comforted] by God”* (2 Corinthians 1:4). Remember,

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one cannot give what one does not have. One cannot **effectively** engage in the ministry of encouragement unless one has experienced disaster and, through God’s infinite grace, come out on top. Because we have experienced the awesome power of God’s Word in our times of trial we can tell one another, with a clear conscience, that God’s Word works! Elijah couldn’t have courageously ministered to others, had God not ministered to his own needs. These are the facts of Scripture (I Kings 17:4-6; 19:5-8; cf. 17:10-16)!

We concede: The building of God’s defense system against missiles of discouragement is a bit of a round-about way by human standards. But it WORKS!

Recapping: First, He builds us through the intense fire of affliction, *“Behold, I have refined you, but not as silver; I have tested you in the furnace of affliction”* (Isaiah 48:10). We can’t get around it (2 Corinthians 1:5)!

Second, He sees us through (2 Timothy 4:17-18; cf. Isaiah 43:2-3). That’s His promise (Hebrews 13:5).

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Third, He empowers us to encourage others, "with the [same] comfort [encouragement] with which we ourselves are [comforted] by God" (2 Corinthians 1:4). This is amazing! So my beloved, God has given us the awesome privilege to "encourage one another".

Moving on, the ministry of encouragement is two-sided: words and actions.

WORDS

Words are very powerful! Every situation varies so we are to be sensitive to the mentorship of the Holy Spirit. Often, words of encouragement may be in the form of sharing good news, as in the case of the apostle Paul and Timothy:

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“But now that Timothy has come to us from you, and has brought us good news of your faith and love... for this reason, brethren, in all our distress and affliction we were

comforted... For what thanks can we render to God for you in return for all the joy with which we rejoice before our God on your account” (1 Thessalonians 3:6-9). Or, it could be by way of rejuvenating one’s spirit in the midst of a dilemma, as in the case of Nehemiah and the people of Israel (Nehemiah 2:17-18). Or, simply by pointing one to God’s Word: *“For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, that through perseverance and **encouragement of Scriptures** we might have hope”* (Romans 15:4).

Likewise, in the spirit of meekness, we are to minister to the discouraged soul and guide him to the Living Water for refreshment. We are to let the dispirited soldier of the cross know that there’s hope, and that God is at work on his behalf, *“For I know the plans I have you’, declares the Lord, ‘plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope’”* (Jeremiah 29:11). We are to share our own experiences if applicable! This brings us to the other component of the ministry of encouragement, action.

ACTIONS

Action is the most potent weapon against discouragement, *“But whoever has the world’s goods, and sees his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in*

*him? Little children, **let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed [action] and truth**”* (1 John 3:17-18). A good gesture, no matter how small, even *“a cup of cold water”* (Matthew 10:42) goes a long way in restoring a believer with a fainted heart. *“And do not neglect doing good and sharing, for with such sacrifices God is pleased”* (Hebrews 13:16). Remember, we are God’s defense system against Satan’s missiles of discouragement. So let’s **“encourage one another”** (1 Thessalonians 5:11). With this brief exposition, we return to Jonathan’s encouragement to David.

JONATHAN ENCOURAGES DAVID

*“And Jonathan, Saul’s son, arose and went to David at Horesh, and **encouraged him in the Lord**”*

(1 Samuel 23:16). What a remarkable child of God! And what an incredible ministry of encouragement Jonathan gave to David in his affliction! Think of what such words of encouragement could have done to David’s fainted heart! Refreshing to say the least! To resolve any future issue regarding Jonathan, the Bible says, *“Jonathan, Saul’s son.”* Jonathan was the next heir to the throne! Often we are guilty of reading Scripture hastily. Chew on the thought that David was advancing to take Jonathan’s rightful place as Israel’s next king, and Jonathan vividly knew it. Despite this knowledge, he was not jealous, not envious, and yes; he didn’t even retreat to self-pity, *why me syndrome*. He simply acknowledged God’s plan for what it was—the Plan of God!

In the context of accepting God’s plan, Jonathan *“said to him [David], ‘**Do not be afraid, because the hand of Saul, my father shall not find you, and you will be king over Israel and I will be next to you; and Saul my father knows that also**”* (v. 17). Read it again: *“the hand of Saul, my father shall not find you, and you will be king over Israel and I will be next to you.”* This is the epitome of spiritual maturity. Jonathan is going with the flow of God’s plan, no matter the cost. This is the ministry of encouragement at its peak! Can we truly be happy for the progress of others? That’s the acid test of spiritual maturity—*“rejoice with them that do rejoice”* (Romans 12:15). Sadly, Saul continues his frantic search for David.

SAUL CONTINUES TO PURSUE DAVID

*“And David stayed in the wilderness in the strongholds, and remained in the hill country in the wilderness of Ziph. And **Saul sought him every day, but the Lord did not deliver him into his hand**”* (I Samuel 23:14).

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Apparently Saul, at this time in his spiritual life, had reached the point of no return. This is a scary point to reach in the spiritual race. “*A man who hardens his neck after much reproof will suddenly be broken beyond remedy*” (Proverbs 29:1; cf. 1 John 5:16).

While God continues to pursue Saul with long-suffering, Saul continues to ignore God’s grace. More than 3,000 years later, we need to ask ourselves: Are we different or are we like Saul—ignoring God’s grace?

Having been informed of David’s whereabouts, Saul told his informant, “*May you be blessed of the LORD*” (23:21). Do you see who is invoking God’s blessing? King Saul, the carnal believer! Sound familiar? Just because one invokes God’s name doesn’t necessarily mean one is spiritual. For sure; Saul wasn’t spiritual. Armed with the information of David’s whereabouts, “*Saul and his men went to seek him*” (v.25). His aim, as always, was to kill David at all cost. “*But the Lord did not deliver him into his hand.*” Why? Job tells us why: “*I know that Thou canst do all things, And that no purpose of Thine can be thwarted*” (Job 42:2). Soothe your soul with this: God will not let go of you until His plan for your life comes to fruition! That’s true of David. God kept him shielded from Saul and his men. Nonetheless, Saul continued his effort to kill David. Even though Jonathon knew that one day, David would be on the throne as Saul’s son, Jonathan had acknowledged: “*you will be king over Israel and I will be next to you; and Saul my father knows that also* [cf. 1 Samuel 18:28-29].” Saul’s desperation to get rid of David brought him to Engedi.

SAUL IN ENGEDI

It is heartbreaking that Saul degenerated spiritually to the point that he was totally detached from reality. The idea that God is Sovereign and that His plan must be fulfilled wasn’t an issue to Saul anymore. Having been told, “*David is in the wilderness of Engedi*” (1 Samuel 24:1), “*Saul took three thousand chosen men [the elite soldiers] from all Israel, and went to seek David and his men in front of the Rocks of the Wild Goats*” (v. 2). You read it correctly, “*he took three thousand chosen men*” his army’s best, to hunt down David.

Notice, a believer at the lowest rung of his spiritual life is capable of committing any sin imaginable, even worse than an unbeliever. King Saul had hit the bottom of his spiritual life! No peace of mind, no joy, only frustration and fragmentation of life marked him.

Again, think of it; Saul takes 3,000 soldiers to go after one man. He was so desperate to kill David who exhibited peace of mind when he composed this beautiful song:

*My soul waits in silence for God only.... He only is my rock and my salvation, My stronghold; I shall not be greatly shaken. How long will you assail a man, That you may murder him.... They delight in falsehood; They bless with their mouth, But inwardly they curse. **My soul, wait in silence for God only**, For my hope is from Him. He only is my rock and my salvation, My stronghold; I shall not be shaken. On God my salvation and my glory rest; The rock of my strength, my refuge is in God. Trust in Him at all times, O people; Pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us (Psalm 62:1-8).*

Having come to Engedi, Saul and his men surrounded “*David and his men to seize them*” (1 Samuel 23:26), but God made a way of escape for David, which prompted a new song, “*[Praised] be the Lord, who daily bears our burden, The God who is our salvation. God is to us a God of deliverances; And to God the Lord belong escapes from death*” (Psalm 68:19-20).

Let’s sing again with David until the truth therein sinks deep: “*[Praised] be the Lord, who daily bears our burden, The God who is our salvation. God is to us a God of deliverances; And to God the Lord belong escapes from death.*” This prepares us to tap into the mental attitude of David.

DAVID SPARES SAUL’S LIFE

Talk is cheap; action is costly. My beloved, listen, we are rewarded in God’s sight, not for the accumulation of His Word in our souls, but for the application thereof. In other words, what carries the most weight with God is not how much of His Word we know, but **what we do with what we know**. On the mission field we have seen those in third world countries who have had access to little truth apply all that they do know. The magnificent exhibition of the love of Christ from these precious souls is humbling. They completely absorb and apply the little truth they are fed.

Not too long ago we dissected David’s two failures, his untruthfulness to Ahimelech, the priest, and his deception before king Achish. His failure awakened us to the reality of the power of the Old Sin Nature, which indwells us (Romans 7:14-20). No one is immune to spiritual failure, not even David.

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We all fail, no matter the level of our spiritual growth, *“Indeed, there is not a righteous man on earth who continually does good and who never sins”* (Ecclesiastes 7:20; cf. Psalm 130:3). A maturing believer is one who always strives to please God, but occasionally falters. What’s more, a mature believer has a mental attitude of grace and humility. David had both! Having affirmed this, let’s enter the chamber of his soul and uncover the real David, *“a man after [God’s] own heart”* (1 Samuel 13:14).

Now when Saul returned from pursuing the Philistines, he was told, saying, ‘Behold, David is in the wilderness of Engedi.’ Then Saul took three thousand chosen men from all Israel and went to seek David and his men in front of the Rocks of the Wild Goats. He came to the sheepfolds on the way, where there was a cave; and Saul went in to relieve himself. Now David and his men were sitting in the inner recesses of the cave’ (1 Samuel 24:1-3).

Forget about euphemism, Saul simply used the cave as a restroom. We experience a similar situation all the time in our missionary trips. We simply go into the bush “a missionary restroom”.

Now imagine Saul doing the same thing inside a cave, where unbeknownst to him, *“David and his men were sitting in the inner recesses of the cave”* (v. 3). He didn’t see them, but they saw him. In case you miss the picture, Saul was by himself. His elite soldiers had given him privacy. What an opportunity for David and his men to capture Saul! But did they? This we will find out when we pick up in the next issue, God willing! Until then, may God richly bless you my beloved!

“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.”

More to come, in Vol. 58 of Grace News Today!

MISSIONARY REPORTS

FIJI

Pastor Hemraj

Pastor Hemraj and his wife Lata from Fiji were in the U.S. visiting their daughter and came by G.E.M. to spend a day with us. We all had a wonderful time of prayer and fellowship. It is amazing to see how God links like-minded people from across the globe. Moses’ name passed through many hands to reach Pastor Hemraj. (A testimony to the faithfulness of God and fruit of your prayers!)

Pastor Hemraj said many pastors visit Fiji but hold conferences about leadership, prosperity or motivation & self improvement. G.E.M. was so different because the focus was on truth and doctrine. *“Back to the Bible”* was a theme that caught their attention, and now they are taking this truth not only back to Fiji but to other churches they visit during their trip to the U.S. It was a great blessing and encouragement to everyone in the G.E.M. office to have them with us. Both Pastor Hemraj and Lata were practicing Hindu's before they came to Christ. Now they are both in full time ministry in their church and to their community. We thank God for them and look forward to a long and prosperous association to the glory of the Lord.

INDIA

Dr. Rao reports

India represents 1/6 of the world’s population, 1.21 billion people and only 2% are Christian. On July 25, I returned from two towns where I taught and preached in 3 churches on “Grace” and “Repentance”. And on August 1 returned safely home after all my assignments where for 3 days I preached on the “Grace Gospel.” Praise God! I have scheduled every month one Pastors meeting and 2 church preaching’s locally and RTDT is being widely distributed by our students and believers in the villages.

On August 15, I returned after 3 days, where we conducted the Pastors seminar on Grace. This area was 400 miles from our home and infested with Naxal terrorists, but God sustained us. Nearly 80 pastors gathered from faraway places. The local host Rev. Enoch helped us to gather all these tribal pastors, fed all of us, and also arranged accommodation for 2 days. My son Gospel helped me in driving me in the mountain region which is almost 4,000 feet above

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sea level and in running the powerpoint about the Attributes of God. My associate, Pastor Bhushan helped me in conducting the seminar to the full satisfaction of all the participating pastors. Thanks for all your prayers. We reached safely back home after preaching in a church this morning on the way.

In the 200,000 hectares (500,000 acres) of forest lands are 322 tribal villages situated in the scenic hills and valleys. They represent nine ethnic groups who speak 11 different dialects with varied cultural differences. We are planning for another Pastors' seminar there soon inviting almost another 100 pastors in order that the Lord of Harvest brings in all the 285,000 population into the salvation experience by "Faith in Christ Alone". Our endeavor is to inspire and encourage, edify the local pastors to plant as many churches as possible among the UPGs (unreached people groups). Our next seminar is on August 26th and 27th in another tribal area. Please pray for us.

Editors Note: Dr. Rao (*like so many of our international pastors*) forges ahead to take the saving message of Jesus Christ even though his life is filled with extreme personal pressures. Please remember them all in your prayers.

PHILIPPINES

Rev. Salvador reports

We are excited to inform your good office that the fruit of the recent conference with Pastor Dennis Ejila and the seminar you conducted in the past with Rev. Moses are producing good results. We now have many students responding to the grace message and entering into the call of mission and ministry.

We are beginning our DVD seminary. Let us continue to pray that the seminary will be able to sustain the demand of the community. We have already started our class and people are coming for enrollment. God bless you!

BURUNDI

Pastor Philippe reports

We continually thank our heavenly father for His mercy and Grace upon us.... We continue receiving testimonies from people who were saved through the booklets *Riding the Death Train* and *Eternal Security of the Believer*. Yesterday, a father of five came in the office after looking for me by phone and asked to meet me. He told me how he was saved after reading RTDT one month ago, at his place four miles from my city.

He said: " *I was a great drunker, and toxicoman (drugs) for long time. One of my friends gave me this booklet. I read it, but first it seems that nothing happened because I said to myself that this is the Protestant people method to remove me from my Catholic Church where I am free. However I felt that I must read it again and again so after one week I read it five times and something that I can't explain happen in me. I came to know that I am in the death train and condemned and that Jesus paid for me. I cried before my wife and next morning I went to meet a pastor - now I am a child of God.... so please tell the author many thanks for this book...and if possible come with many people in my place where I live with many copies...*"

We prayed together and I gave him some copies and DVDs of Rev. Moses Teaching at the 2008 Pastor's Conference here. Again, thank God for His grace.

BANGLADESH

Pastor Nir reports

The little booklet, *Riding The Death Train* is not a little one - it is great. The power of this Gospel book is very great. In Bangladesh, we have distributed RTDT in two village markets. After distribution many people contacted our volunteers. Now we have started two follow-up meetings (Bible study group) with them. More than 50 people have joined the Bible class. Please pray for them. We have a small number of RTDT in hand. We display them in our Gospel Centers (Library). We pray to God for more RTDT. Thank you.

NIGERIA

Rev. Darlington Reports

The situation in Jos has been very scary; like living in a war zone, not sure tomorrow will come. But to the glory of God, He kept us through the crisis that nearly engulfed all Nigeria. Unfortunately, North-Eastern Nigeria is now the boiling point and Al-Qaeda has taken over, bombing, killing and maiming innocent citizens and even the Police!

Many Christians there have since fled, some taking refuge in Jos. Please pray for peace and join us to return thanks and praise to the Almighty God and pray that He may continue to grant us the courage and confidence required to push on. The tape ministry of G.E.M. is making steady progress since the halt during the crisis days. Many Pastors and members of the body of Christ from every denomination are returning to Jos and are

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registering for messages on audio tapes, DVD’s and Mp3’s.

Our weekly Bible study and prayer meetings were also badly affected, but we are gradually regrouping and we are shuffling our time to suit the prevailing security situation. Many here in Jos take Bible study very seriously and don’t want to miss any session no matter what. This attitude is very encouraging as is the visible effects of the Word in many lives.

We are looking forward to doing outreach and hope to soon having *Riding The Death Train* in the local languages. We have surveyed the surrounding areas and have discovered a city where many are very hungry for the sound Word of God. Please keep praying for us that God may help us achieve our many projects to His glory alone. The ripe field of the Gospel is very vast and ready to accommodate as many as are willing to honestly make themselves available.

Editors note: As this newsletter goes to press there has been a car bomb at the U.N. in Abuja, the capital of Nigeria. The perpetrator has been reported to be Boko Haram, a group fighting for the establishment of Sharia law in Nigeria.

UNITED KINGDOM

Tayo Arikawe reports

I’m in full swing planning our Conference for September 23-24, 2011. Yesterday, I met with an evangelist who drove over five hours to come see me at the G.E.M. office in Bristol. He is thinking of partnering with GEM Europe for the purpose of evangelizing the U.K. Hopefully, he will attend the conference with other delegates from his area. I gave him the “*Biblical Doctrine of Salvation*” and “*Riding the Death Train*” and other G.E.M. books. He thanked God for yesterday’s meeting, that for the first time in over ten years, he met someone who shares the same passion.

I have met with several different prayer networks and they all share the same passion about our conference; they think it is timely and they look forward to attending. It is amazing how God is working at this moment. People are spreading the word, on their own, to other people and pastors and that I do not know, so there is no doubt that God is answering our prayers.

I will ask that we do not relent in our prayers, God is doing something that we may not know the magnitude for now. I expect a cross-section of pastors that God has strategically positioned for an avalanche of gospel

harvest in Britain. Let us pray that these men catch fire and take the message out.

UPCOMING TRIPS

Rev. Moses Onwubiko

September 2011: United Kingdom

Follow up by G.E.M. Team Members

October 2011: Tanzania, Kenya

December 2011: Kenya



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LETTERS TO G.E.M.

Dear G.E.M.

I am an inmate. I came to find myself jailed for the first time in my life. I've been arrested many times, but never jailed. I have just lost my worldly belongings. My girlfriend of five years ran off with most of it when I got locked up. After sitting in here thinking back on my life, I found myself thanking GOD. He found a way to open my eyes to all that I was blind to in my life. He gave me many times to change my ways, but I refused to do so. So He did it for me!

Anyway to the point. While in here I found a booklet on the shelf where they assigned me to sleep. I do not have my BIBLE so I picked it up and read it. The name of it was *Comfort in Suffering*. It really opened my eyes to a lot. I was just wondering if someone might be able to send me a Bible and some more of these booklets?

Thank You.
Jail, US

Dear Director of Donations:

Our Chaplaincy Department would like to thank you for your unceasing partnership. We deeply appreciate your extended arms of support to help be a reminder to the women that they are not alone.

We sincerely thank you for your generous donation of Christian faith based books which is an added blessing to our library and the women. We are eternally grateful for all your donations in the past and your faithful support is always welcomed.

May God reward you abundantly for your kindness and spirit of giving.

Sr. Chaplain
Florida Prison

Hi Rev. Moses C. Onwubiko,

I do appreciate your great effort to send me those books in 2009. It was a great blessing to my life and the life of others. It had been my prayer since I read about your ministry mission statement for you to come in my country, Liberia, with one of your outreach crusades. I am an evangelist by God's grace in the Christian Church.

Remain blessed,
Liberia

Sir:

Calvary greetings to you in Jesus name. Grace be unto you, and peace from our Father through our Lord Jesus Christ. With much joy in my heart, I have to thank you for the books *Comfort in Suffering*, *Overview of God's Grace*, and *God's Plan After Salvation* that you sent to me. I had a different spirit of love when I saw the books, not to talk of when I opened and read them. They were encouraging, motivating and captivating. I read them with much enthusiasm.

Sir, your books are spirit filled and as a life changer they penetrated into the inner suburb of my heart. I can't thank you enough.

I humbly apply for more copies of these wonderful books of yours. I will be happy if my application receives your kind approval.

Yours, in the Body of Christ,
Seminary student, Nigeria

Hello:

I read your publication *God's Plan After Salvation* and I really enjoyed it. I work on a farm two days a week and while I am planting I pray to God. I feel like that is my quality time with the Lord. The lady I work for gave me this book to read and told me it would help me a lot with what I'm going through right now.

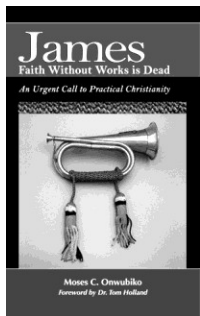
I have been a missionary all my life and love doing the Lord's work. I am 53 years old and have been taking care of my parents for the last five years. I feel like I am looking for more meaning to my life; my friend said your books would help me. I would love to receive them all, if possible. I am on disability, so I spend my time helping others.

I also have a brother in prison. The Lord is working on him. Could you send him your books please. And I have a dear friend who is a preacher and a missionary in Africa. She is 86 years old. She would love to receive the books also. Here are their addresses. I want to thank you so much and God bless you all.

Sincerely,
Missouri, USA

WHAT'S NEW!

PUBLICATIONS



JAMES – Faith Without Works is Dead
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This is a book every Christian must read! The Epistle of James has for centuries been the subject of theological debate.

Scholars have died without untangling its content. Was James' epistle addressed to believers and unbelievers alike?

Discover for yourself the simple and all-important lessons James conveyed to his first century Christian audience which are just as applicable to us today.

Understanding this book will bring confidence and strength to your spiritual walk empowering your life to be a testimony to those around you. It will equip you to press on toward the goal, to finish the race and win the prize for which God has called you. We hope this book will reach every believer.

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In 2000 we never dreamed we could use e-mail to overseas missions. Then came cyber cafes and then cell phones. Next thing we knew people in 3rd world countries began to favor CD's over cassettes. We saw that technology was being met with favor, so we developed our first web presence. In fact, our initial trip to India resulted from Pastor Emmanuel surfing into our website. In 2007, we launched the first version of our current website. As the ministry continues to grow, and take in continents we never even dreamed of, so does our web presence and its content to serve any who God sends our way. Lately, we have been visited by 121 countries.

We hope you will explore some of these new features and join us in giving thanks to God for open doors and ministry opportunities.

NEW WEBSITE FEATURES

- 1) Under OUTREACH, Biblical Studies
- 2) Under MISSIONS, Past Trips
- 3) Under PUBLICATIONS, Translations

OTHER G.E.M. Websites

- www.RidingTheDeathTrain.org
- www.EternalSecurityoftheBeliever.org
- www.ComfortInSuffering.org
- www.GodsPlanAfterSalvation.org
- www.DisasterGodsWarningBell.org
- www.FocusOnChristianMarriage.org
- www.OverviewofGodsGrace.org
- www.PaulATrophyofGodsGrace.org
- www.JosephAPillarofGrace.org
- www.SignsandWondersBook.org
- www.SpiritualGiftofTongues.org
- www.JamesFaithWithoutWorksIsDead.org
- www.GraceNewsToday.org
- www.GEMEurope.org
- www.GEMAfrica.org
- www.GEM-Asia.org

G.E.M. AUDIO BOOKS

All of the books written by Moses C. Onwubiko, will be produced as audio books in English, on CD and available as downloadable mp3's.

By God's grace, we have reached so many people and we anticipate that this audio ministry will reach even more. Audio books will help those of all ages who listen on an MP3 player or CD and those around the world who are unable to read?

We also anticipate that these same audio books will also be available in many languages for those that we serve. Please pray for us as we embark upon these new and exciting projects.



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PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYER

THANKSGIVING:

- For many open doors around the world.
- For protection and welcoming hospitality for the team as they travel.
- For desire for truth in Europe, Asia, Africa.
- For the knowledge that Jesus Christ controls history.
- For the hunger for *Riding The Death Train* (gospel tract) in Asia.

PETITIONS TO OUR FATHER:

G.E.M.

- Open doors and travel logistics for 2011 and 2012.
- Protection of staff and International Representatives.
- Divine provision and support for missionaries desiring full time work in the field.
- Additional qualified laborers for the mission field and mission work.
- Energy, wisdom, and discernment for G.E.M.'s God assembled team.
- Office staff, volunteers, supporters and their families.
- G.E.M. publications: writing, editing, publishing, distribution.
- G.E.M. website: development and content.
- Partners and supporters:
 - For the sick or terminally ill and their care givers.
 - Comfort for those who have lost loved ones.
 - Protection and growth for their businesses.
 - That God would continue to sustain and bless them.
- Land in Abuja, Nigeria, for G.E.M. Africa Headquarters.

United States

- President Obama for wisdom and guidance.
- Protection of U.S. military.
- The U.S. for a great revival, peace and freedom from terrorism.
- Bible teaching pastors and their ministries.
- Awakening of churches and their return to the Bible.
- Prison and youth ministries: for open doors and changed hearts.

World

- World leaders. (Daniel 2:21, 1 Timothy 2:1-2)
- Protection of Israel, God's chosen people and peace in Jerusalem. (Genesis 12:3)
- Peace in D.R. Congo, Kenya, Liberia, Nigeria, Pakistan, Sudan, Zimbabwe & the Middle East.
- Indigenous pastors: that God will equip them in every way.
- Salvation of unbelievers.
- The spiritual growth of new believers.
- Protection and deliverance 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, non-denominational, 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:

OBJECTIVE #1 - EVANGELISM

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

OBJECTIVE #2 – NEW CONVERT FOLLOW-UP

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

OBJECTIVE #3 – PREPARATION OF INDIGENOUS PASTORS

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

- a) Hold pastors conferences in conjunction with every crusade.
- b) Introduce pastors and prospective pastors to doctrinally sound resources.
- c) Provide opportunities for churches to send missionaries.

OBJECTIVE #4 – SATELLITE CENTERS

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

OBJECTIVE #5 – PUBLICATIONS

- a) Prepare periodic newsletters, which include Bible exposition, and missionary reports.
- b) Convert the missionary teachings of Rev. Moses C. Onwubiko into books.
- c) Reprint overseas when possible to save costs.

OBJECTIVE #6 – ASSIST THE NEEDY

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

OBJECTIVE #7 – ESTABLISH A THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY ABROAD

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

CONTACT G.E.M.

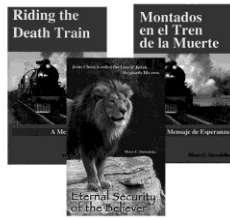
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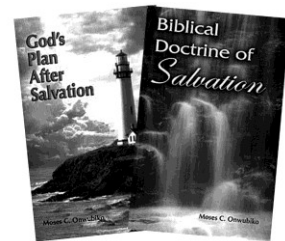
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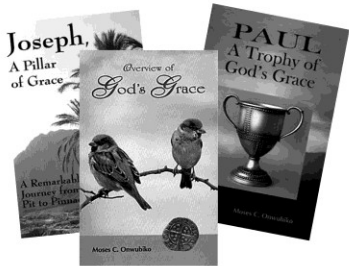
POCKET SIZED PUBLICATIONS!

Riding The Death Train is a clear presentation of the Gospel message. (Also available in Spanish. Fifteen other translations available online only.)

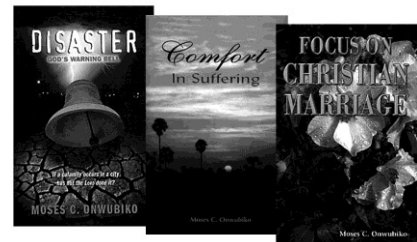
Eternal Security of the Believer provides a concise study on this important topic.



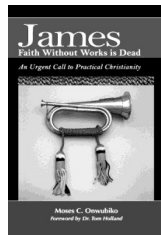
God's Plan After Salvation offers instructions for maturing in the faith. *Biblical Doctrine of Salvation* is an in-depth theological study of this doctrine.



God's grace is often talked about but seldom understood. Our series on Grace begins with *Overview of God's Grace* and then looks at the lives of two heroes of faith in *Joseph, A Pillar of Grace*, and *Paul, A Trophy of God's Grace*.



Divorce, Suffering and Disaster are 3 of the greatest issues of our time. Biblical viewpoint and divine solutions for them are examined in our books: *Comfort in Suffering*, *Focus on Christian Marriage*, and *Disaster: God's Warning Bell*.



The Epistle of *James* has for centuries been the subject of theological debate. It will equip you to press on toward the goal, to finish the race and win the prize for which God has called you.



The Spiritual Gift of Tongues, with its companion book *Signs & Wonders*, provide a clear refutation to the myths of tongues and miracles as signs of spirituality.