

Thank you Daniel for a life well lived

My friend and MEF Associate Evangelist Daniel Mahimbo died in a Dar es Salam, Tanzania hospital June 9 after a massive stroke the last week in May. Daniel was caretaker of at least 10 members of his family, and I'm sure they are wondering how they are going to survive as very poor Africans in a very impoverished country.

Daniel was special. Some people are impossible to replace; you just do without them—people like your mother, father, brother, sister and others like Harlan Harris, Ray Stedman, Jack Buckner, Ron Dunn and Daniel Mahimbo. Daniel could talk to anyone. He had personality, joyfulness and a desire to present Jesus to anyone he met. Daniel had a ministry to a prison in Lushoto close to where he lived. Many of those prisoners came to know Christ and are now preaching Christ in the bush and in cities all over Tanzania. It seems like every picture he sent since he came on MEF's staff was a picture of him baptizing an adult or young person.

Music Evangelism had the privilege of building Daniel's second home, which was next to the mud and straw house he and his family lived in for years. After visiting him last July with retired missionaries Will J. and Marie Roberts, I wished we had done more. And we should have done more. With the help of a few MEF friends, we were able to purchase an automobile for Daniel

so he wouldn't have to walk, ride buses or call on others to get from home to preaching points. A generator was purchased by Helen Spangler of Yukon, Okla. so Daniel could use a sound system.

As long as we are around, Music Evangelism will keep our commitment to the Mahimbo family financially. Without the amount we and the Roberts send, they would be hard pressed to have more than one

God's timing for Daniel to leave this old world. We didn't want the party to end—the phone calls, the laughs, baptism pictures and the pure happiness this poor African preacher shared with so many. I've fussed at God the last few days. "He's in a better place" statements just don't cut it with me, even though I know it is true.

The Bible says a thousand years on Earth is as a day in Heaven. Daniel will be just through the "pearly gates" and we'll be yelling for him to wait us for us. He will look back and say, "My friends," as he did to me many times.

Daniel was won to the Lord from his Islamic faith by James Hampton in Tanga in the early days of Baptist work in Tanzania. He graduated from seminary and moved back home to Lushoto to start work there. He played a major role in Baptist work in Tanzania since the very beginning of the convention. He served as the convention's first and only co-director for stewardship and evangelism until they retired him about two years ago.

Thank you Lord Jesus for letting us have a part in Daniel's life and ministry. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

P.S. The puritan giant, Thomas Watson, made this comment about death: "The world is but a great inn, where we are to stay a night or two and be gone; what madness is it to set our heart upon our inn, as to forget our eternal home."



Daniel Mahimbo



Daniel was all an evangelist should and could be, and was faithful to the end. He would not have been happy lying in a hospital bed or a bed at home unable to speak, have fun and especially preach about Jesus.

meal a day. If we could generate more funds, we could help other poor African pastors and evangelists—\$1,200 a year will support worthy African preachers like Daniel. Will you help?

Many of us are devastated at

'Far and away the finest conference I've attended'



The 'best ever' still a little short

Almost every year, people tell us, "This was the best one ever."

Certainly each Bible Conference service was "anointed." Many times, a "holy hush" came over the congregation, leaving us nothing to say—just sitting in silence. God is good.

However, we did come up a little short of our financial goal to pay for the Conference—\$16,000 short. The battle for your dollar goes on every day. Many who attend the Conference give out of sacrifice every time the offering is taken. No doubt they realize the value of the Bible Conference ministry continuing for many years to come.

We need your help. If every one reading this article would send a generous gift, the Conference would be paid for. Branson is just around the corner, Oct. 5-8, and we desire to begin the first song of "Down From His Glory" with no financial baggage.

More than usual, people have said to me this year, "Jamall, just trust God." We are, but we realize that from the very beginning, God has always and will continue to use people like you to accomplish His work. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

That which costs us nothing is probably worth nothing.

Now that I'm back home in Oak Park, I am still basking in the warm glow of last week's conference. I have never been to any conference anywhere that comes close to MEF for excellence, warmth, attention to detail, planning, teamwork and spiritual depth. The MEF conference stands alone in my book. It was far and away the finest conference I've ever attended. In fact, I can't think of anything remotely like it. I am so grateful you gave me the opportunity to be there, and I gladly accept your invitation to speak at the conference June 25-29, 2007. I thank God that you obeyed His call many years ago to start this conference and to keep it going year after year. Your faithfulness has strengthened God's Kingdom immeasurably.

Ray Pritchard

Thank you most sincerely for your love and generosity I enjoyed when we were together. I was spiritually enriched with the Word of God through

sermons and hymns. The fellowship with the Christians during our stay will remain a good memory in my heart for many days. I can't forget the cowboys' concerns at Texas and Colorado. Our journey home was very safe and challenging. In Chicago, it was very interesting because of the population of the people and distance of gates, but we got there, and we traveled to London and Nairobi. Thank you for many gifts. Pass my love to all brothers and sisters in Christ.

Daniel Thiuri

Thank you for what you did to us. You handled us the best. Thank you so much. We arrived safely in NBO and I had to spend the night at Sharimoyo. The next day, I arrived home. Since we are planning graduation, I went to work. I am happy to be home. Pray for me as I will be going for evangelism. Again thank you for your care.

Talian



Jamall with Penny and Charles Lowery after evening Bible Conference session.



Soprano vocalist Carolyn Reed cuddles her 3-year-old son Joshua.

What you do truly makes a difference. Best conference ever. Thanks for following God's lead.

Through the MEF Newsletters, I've been following how God continues to use and bless you. I always knew God set you aside for a divine purpose. I will continue my life-long prayer of God's best for you.

We wanted to say thank you so much for including us in this year's Evangelism Bible Conference. It was a highlight of our time in the USA. We thank God that He had prepared a high note experience before we leave this great country of yours. We will continue to pray that God will continue to bless your ministry and all those who are involved with MEF in one way or another.

\$15,000 given to international missions during Bible Conference

Christian and Grace Matthews, Baroda, India; Daniel Thiuri, Nyrie, Kenya, and Talian Banda, Moses and Tunosye Mboya, Tanzania, our guests at this year's Bible Conference, have returned to their places of ministry with generous honorariums to further the work they have been called to do.

To those of you who gave, and will give, to these deserving individuals, rest assured your gift will be spent wisely by these men and women. Part of what was given will go to the Daniel Mahimbo family in Tanzania. The Lord providing, MEF will continue its monthly gift of \$100 to help sustain Daniel's family.

As an African associate of Daniel said: "Though Daniel be dead, yet he speaketh." And so it is.

Somewhere down the road

Aug. 25-28	Willow Church, Oklahoma
September	Open for revivals or concerts
Oct. 5-8	"Down From His Glory," Branson, MO
Oct. 27-Nov. 10	Baroda, India
November	Gene Autry Church, Oklahoma
Dec. 3	Men's Breakfast, Radiant Church, Colorado Springs, CO
Dec. 17	Food Project for 1,500 families, Colorado Springs, CO



MEF GUESTS FROM TANZANIA. Moses and Tunosye Mboya hold baby Abby who delighted everyone at the Conference.

When you leave God out of education, you have a system that produces intellectual giants and moral pygmies. When you leave God out of government, you get leaders without character. When you leave God out of public debate, you get a moral crisis in the White House and condoms in the high schools. When you leave God out of families, you get broken homes and latchkey kids. When you leave God out of science, you get naturalistic evolution.—Ray Pritchard

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Project India

In conjunction with Alpha Ministries, Music Evangelism will share the Gospel through teaching, testimonies and song along side the Matthews family in Baroda, India Oct. 28-Nov. 8.

It will be our third time to minister in India, and we look forward to the challenge of presenting Christ in a land dominated by Hindus and Muslims.

Dean Skaret, MEF board member Phil Marsh and Joan Carlos Strong have indicated a serious interest in making the trip. Want to go? Let us know. Cost will be about \$3,000-3,500.

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Project Tanzania

Music Evangelism will host a mission trip to various parts of Tanzania, East Africa in 2006. We plan to be there for 10 days in August. Will J. and Marie Roberts, former missionaries to Tanzania and Kenya, and MEF Executive Director Jamall Badry will lead the trip. Jamall has ministered in different African countries 14 of the last 15 years.

The Messengers, gospel quartet from Oklahoma, and Colorado keyboard artist Wally Mark have indicated their interest in presenting music for schools, colleges and crusades. The cost of the trip will be forthcoming this fall. If you are interested, please call or write the MEF office.

The Mayonnaise jar . . . and the coffee

When things in your life seem almost too much to handle; when 24 hours in a day are not enough, remember the mayonnaise jar . . . and the coffee . . .

A professor stood before his philosophy class with some items in front of him. When the class began, wordlessly, he picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls. He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed it was.

So the professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls. He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed it was.

The professor next picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. He asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded with a unanimous "yes."

The professor then produced two cups of coffee from under the table and poured the entire contents into the jar, effectively filling the empty spaces between the sand.

The students laughed. "Now," said the professor, as the laughter subsided, "I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life. The golf balls are the important things—your God, family, your children, your health, your friends and your favorite passions—things that if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life still would be full.

Quote worthy . . .

When asked what had prompted him to tell the story of Christ through the film "The Passion of Christ," director Mel Gibson responded, "Couple of years back, I was looking out of a window wondering why I shouldn't jump. Life had no meaning for me. It was boring, purposeless. That's when I turned to Him. That's where my relationship with Christ really started growing. You see, I was a bad guy . . . a really horrible guy. My sins were the first to nail Him to the cross. I wanted to tell His story."

"I did bet on baseball . . . four or five times a week. I'm sure that I'm supposed to act all sorry or sad or guilty now that I've accepted that I've done something wrong. But you see, I'm just not built that way . . . Let's move on." Disgraced baseball star Pete Rose, after denying his guilt for 14 years, arguing that he should be placed in the Baseball Hall of Fame.

"Rose is a product of our culture. We teach our business moguls, our movie stars and Pete Roses that the rules of conduct, and even our laws, do not apply to them as they do to the rest of us . . . For most of us, the premise of forgiveness is contrition. So, as Rose put it himself, 'Let's move on.'" Former baseball commissioner Fay Vincent.

God is love

The following was written by a converted Muslim from Bangkok, Thailand.

The relationship with God is about mercy, forgiveness, humbleness and love for the Lord Jesus Christ who came down from His throne to live among us, to save us and to lift us up to His kingdom in the eternal life.

The wonderful characteristic of His call was love, humanity, nobleness and mercy, but I focus on the word "love" because all other characteristics mentioned were born from love. When I study about the life of Jesus, I find all His days were peaceful. He never held a sword, never led armed men, never gave a command to kill or hate anyone—even those who seized Him.

When I was born, I didn't have the chance to choose my parents. They were Muslim. I lived like any

Arabic man in my country in a Muslim environment where questioning the Koran or Allah is forbidden. The life of Mohammed was not like that of the Lord Jesus. Why?

I saw a lot of things happening in the world because of the teachings of Islam. For example, during the regime of Taliban in Afghanistan, many were killed, and human rights were abused. They said they were ruling the country according to the teachings of God.

This can't be God. They claimed the only way to fix the error in their country was by sharing hate. I believe if they just use love, everything would be fine, but they said they were doing things according to the Koran.

Such matters make me stop and ask "Where is the way?"

God loves the Earth and His

"The pebbles are the other things that matter, like your job, your house, your car.

"The sand is everything else—the small stuff. If you put the sand into the jar first," he continued, "there's no room for the pebbles or the golf balls.

"The same goes for life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff, you will never have room for the things that are important to you. Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Play with your children. Take time to get medical check-ups. Take your partner out to dinner. Play another 18.

"There will always be time to clean the house and fix the disposal.

Take care of the golf balls first, the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand."

One of the students raised her hand and inquired what the coffee represented. The professor smiled. "I'm glad you asked. It just goes to show you that no matter how full your life may seem, there's always room for a couple of cups of coffee with a friend."

The Pope and Moses

Robert D. Foster, in his newsletter "The Challenge," makes a fantastic statement: "When you come to the end of life, have you left a mark or a blur? Have you been an asset or a liability?"

The Pope recently left his earthly tent at age 84; Moses at age 120.

The Pope's death in Rome was with much "pomp and circumstance" and seen around the world on TV. Moses' death in Moab was alone, and no one knows where he is buried.

The Pope died in weakness and disease. Moses died with "his eyes not dim nor his natural force abated."

The Pope seemingly was the ideal leader for his church. How about Moses?

With the goal of Canaan in sight, Moses was turned away into solitude of the mountains to die, never to reach his goal. It reminds me of the movie "Patton" who was relegated to pomp and circumstance instead of victory in the battle because of politics and cowards.

Amid all the wickedness of Israel, Moses kept them true to their choice of the desert as against Egypt with the fleshpots of slavery.

The Pope left a legacy. What did Moses leave? He left us a book, Deuteronomy 13:24-26; he left us a song, Deuteronomy 31:19; he left us a man, Joshua, Deuteronomy 31:23.

When it's time for us to climb our Mt. Nebo, may we be able to say: "I have fought a good fight; I have finished my course; I have kept the faith."

teachings can't be for killing and destruction.

They claim all this destruction is happening because they wish people to believe in God and worship Him only, but faith can't be by force of the sword.

In 2003, I decided to follow Jesus, to live in peace and share love to others. I turned myself to Jesus because He was, He is and will remain the symbol of real, unconditional love, humanity, nobleness, forgiveness and mercy.

Man cannot choose his parents, but can choose his way in this life. I thank God for this grace and for all those who stood beside me and led me from the world of darkness to the world of love.

My prayer is that God Almighty will bless us all and use us to save the lost.

A pastor's final words to his church

I've come to this point in my life and never been more convinced of the power of the Gospel. God is providing His all-sufficient grace I knew He would. I would not have chosen another journey—another calling. To tell people about Jesus is the most glorious task to which one could be called. Along this journey, God has given me the truest wife and helpmate for whom any preacher could ever ask. She has never once faltered. He has given me four loving children, eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Even though many times I've disappointed them, they have always supported and loved me.

A few days—a few hours—of life the doctors say I have left; a few days at the most—it could happen any time. God says our lives are in His hands. I have never traveled this way before, and I won't travel this way again. God has given you dear ones to Dolores and me. We couldn't ask for truer friends. Tell all the others these things. You have been our beloved church family. There's no need for me to offer my words of blessing and encouragement. I've tried to do that from time to time.

Preachers sometimes tell stories of death-bed experiences. The great preacher Dwight L. Moody is said to have come to the end of his life. As others leaned near to his bed, he was heard to say, "Life is receding, Heaven is beckoning me, and I must be away." It will be wonderful when I see Jesus. He's coming for me. I will have rewards waiting for me, but most of all, I will soon see Jesus. There will be tears, but there's also joy. I can't explain why God does as He does—that's not my business. How wonderful is His salvation! So my prayer, "God in Heaven, I pray for my dear wife, my children and grandchildren. No promise did you ever make that you failed to keep, and I don't expect you to fail me now." The Lord Jesus will be my Savior, and He will be my judge. He's so loving. There will be a resurrection. It is He who gives us hope. Because this is happening, the way it's happened is the best way. I know the children will take care of Dolores, and I know you will do the same. "So dear God, I commit these blessed children to You. Keep them safe. Now, Lord, for that glorious hope of resurrection, I give you praise and glory forever and ever. Amen and Amen."

As you gather for my home going, sing happy songs. Let Jesus be praised and exalted! So my dear friends, my dear wife, I love you. Even the love He gives is His gift to us. So let that love I have be my gift to you. I call you friends—truest Christian friends. I leave with you the words of Jesus, "I am the Truth and the Resurrection."

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Merry Christmas from MEF

"A Glorious Christmas Vol. II" CD will be released this August.
Artists on the CD will include:

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Wally Mark, MEF Board member and CEO of Heavenly Sound, is producing the CD for Music Evangelism. Cost will be \$10, plus \$3 shipping and handling for 1-3 CDs and \$5 for four or more.

Reserve your copy now! Vol. No. I was said to be as good a Christmas CD as any produced. You may order it as well, along with Vol. II. Merry Christmas!!



IT'S A PARTY! MEF is grateful to those folks in Oklahoma City who put the Newsletter together for mailing. With so many new people added to the mailing list, it has become a two-day job. Pictured above during a break in the action are, from left, Peggy Hayes, Dick and Carolyn Honeycutt, Buck Alsup, Ruth Evans, Helen Spangler, George and Molene Lee, Helen Kirk, Nan Williams, Harold Spangler and Dana Williamson. A surprise helper for the May Newsletter was the Old Singer himself, who is trying to remember what to do next. Before the two-days were up, he had learned to fold, stuff, tape, label, and he even helped carry the 30 trays to the Post Office. **More help is always needed, so if you live in the Oklahoma City area and would like to join in the fun, call Peggy Hayes at 405/942-0490 for details.**



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God uses broken things. It takes broken soil to produce a crop, broken clouds to give rain, broken grain to give bread, broken bread to give strength. It is the broken alabaster box that gives forth perfume. It is Peter, weeping bitterly, who returns to greater power than ever. — Vance Havner (1901-86)

From Erwin Lutzer's book: S.M. Lockridge poem reflects God's faithfulness

Erwin Lutzer concludes his book, *10 Lies About God*, by quoting S.M. Lockridge:

He does not have to call for help,
and you can't confuse Him.
He doesn't need you, and He doesn't
need me.
He stands alone in the solitude
of Himself.
He's august and He's unique.
He's unparalleled; He's unprecedented;
He's supreme and pre-eminent.
... He's the superlative of everything
good
that you can call Him.
I'm trying to tell you—you can trust
Him!
He can satisfy all of our needs
and He can do it simultaneously.
He supplies strength for the weak.
He's available for the tempted
and tried.
He sympathizes, and He sees.
He guards, and He guides.

He heals the sick.
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He forgives sinners.
He discharges debtors.
He delivers captives.
He defends the feeble.
He blesses the young.
He regards the aged.
He rewards the diligent.
He beautifies the meek.
I'm trying to tell you—you can trust
Him.
He's the Master of the mighty.
He's the Captain of the conquerors.
He's the Head of the heroes.
He's the Leader of the legislators.
He's the Overseer of the overcomers.
He's the Governor of the governors.
He's the Prince of princes.
He's the King of kings.
He's the Lord of lords.
You can trust Him.
... His yoke is easy,
His burden is light.
I wish I could describe Him to you!

He's indescribable because
He's incomprehensible.
He's irresistible, and He's invincible.
You can't get Him off your hands.
You can't get Him out of your mind.
You can't outlive Him,
and you can't live without Him.
Death couldn't handle Him.
And thank God,
the grave couldn't hold Him.
There was nobody before Him.
There will be nobody after Him.
He had no predecessor,
and He'll have no successor.
You can't impeach Him,
and He's not going to resign.
YOU CAN TRUST HIM!
"Hallelujah!" sang the multitude in
Heaven in John's vision on Patmos.
"Salvation and glory and power belong to
our God, for true and just are his judgments." Rev. 19:1-2
Yes, we can trust Him.