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Dear Pastor and Church Family,

The first two months of this year have reminded me again that Gospel ministry flows from relationships—both the ones we treasure from years past and the new ones God is forming today. I am grateful for the sacred trust you place in me through your faithful prayers and financial support. You are enabling a ministry that strengthens missionaries, trains churches, and brings Christ to the nations.

Returning to Grenada: A Ministry Root Remembered

January began with a deeply meaningful trip to Grenada—the island where much of my own missionary story began. I had the privilege of honoring the life and legacy of Missionary Robert Mathena, a faithful servant who labored for decades to plant and strengthen churches across Grenada. I traveled with his sending pastor to attend and speak at his funeral. It was a time of remembering God's faithfulness through Robert's life and encouraging the churches he helped establish. The conversations I had with pastors and believers on the island reminded me that missions work leaves lasting fruit long after the laborer is gone.

Strengthening Churches at Home

Upon returning stateside, I participated in several Missions Sundays throughout the Southeast. Each one was a fresh reminder that the Great Commission is alive in local churches. I saw churches sacrifice, give, and commit to sending laborers into the harvest. One such investment included a church launching support for a new missionary appointee—Jedidiah Bickmore—who will be going to Bulgaria. I had the joy of participating in Jedidiah's missionary interview as he begins the deputation journey.

Gospel Partnerships and New Missionaries

February included another funeral—this one marking the homegoing of a dear friend. Even in that sorrow, the Gospel's power to comfort and call others to eternal hope was evident. In the same month, I met with a new missionary applicant and his pastor as they prepare to join our mission family later this year. These meetings are a significant part of my role—helping pastors and missionaries navigate the call, the process, and the partnership of missions.

Training and Mobilizing the Next Generation

I also spoke at a missionary prayer band at Ambassador Baptist College—a key opportunity to shape the hearts of young people for missions. Being with students reminds me that missions will not move forward unless we train and mobilize the next generation. These are not just moments on a calendar; they are investments in eternity.

Faith Commitments and Local Encouragement

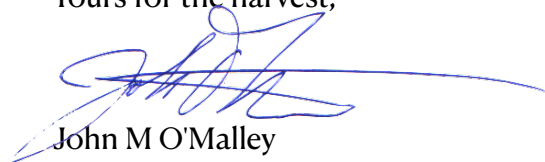
Late February took me to a powerful missions conference where God moved in remarkable ways. Nearly \$400,000 was committed in Faith Promise giving—evidence of God's work in the hearts of His people. I closed out the month by preaching the missions conference at our home church. Being with our sending church was both humbling and refreshing.

Preparing for Family Fellowship Week

During these two months, I also worked behind the scenes with our staff to prepare for our Annual Family Fellowship Week—a time where our missionaries gather for preaching, fellowship, and encouragement. Your support allows us to continue strengthening the hearts of those serving on the field.

Thank you for praying and giving. The work of missions is advancing, and your part in it matters more than you know. Please continue to pray for strength, wisdom, and gospel fruit as I represent you and our Lord in this work.

Yours for the harvest,



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