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What is Most Important in Ministry?

“What’s the most important thing to you in ministry?” As Dr. John Mannion, author of our MOTMOT curriculum, began his remarks prior to offering the closing prayer at our recent banquet, he recounted how a student of his had once asked him this question. His response to the student was prompt and unequivocal—the **anointing!** Without the empowering and enabling of the Holy Spirit, whatever we try to do on our own is worth little. Dr. Mannion proceeded to pray for a continuation and increase of God’s anointing upon those who lead AABS.

I could not agree more! I believe AABS originated in the heart of God and it has been His blessing and enabling that has brought us to where we are. Our banquet program on October 5th featured a number of persons whom God has called and empowered to work with AABS. One would be our Southern Africa Region Director, Dr. Jeremiah Mothibi, whose story I recounted. Another is our Administrative Director, Tim Ingold, who told how, after much prayer about a place of ministry, he left a secure job in the postal service to serve with AABS.



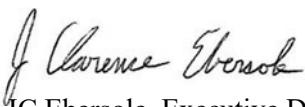
Dr. Mannion praying for God’s continued anointing upon JC

And still another is Ps. Mark Jayakumar, leader of Rays of Peace ministry in Bangalore, India, who spoke of their ministry to orphans, temple prostitutes, and others, and how AABS met a need they were experiencing—formal training for their pastors. Finally, our Board Treasurer, Roy Bender, contrasted those in the political realm who want to exploit Africa for what they can gain with those who were present at the banquet for what they can give: “I’m standing in a room tonight filled with people who want to give what Africa needs.”

I, too, believe that you who support AABS with your prayers and finances do so because God has put it in your heart to participate in this work. “For it is God who works in [all of us] to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.” (Phil. 2:13) We praise Him! And we thank you!

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