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George Verwer emphasizes the urgent need for missions mobilization and language accessibility to effectively preach the gospel by A.D. 2000.

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Description

In this sermon, the speaker discusses the distribution of evangelistic materials, such as Jesus films and gospel tracks, in Canada and around the world. He mentions that in Canada, they distributed a Rolls Royce evangelistic book called 'Why Am I on This Planet' to almost every door in the nation. The speaker also talks about the concept of saturation evangelism and the use of free videos as a method of spreading the gospel. He emphasizes that while these methods are important, they are not the complete solution, and the ultimate goal is to ensure that every person has access to the gospel message.

Transcript

One of my old tape recorders that I left here at Westwatch, going to serve a good purpose here. Lord, we praise you for your mercy, your grace. You know our hearts.

We're here to learn, learn. We're here to grow. We're here to do some real thinking.

Yet we're all different. Even our minds sometimes process information differently. We need your help.

Just to be able to shift gears a little bit from the theme of the day to what I'm sharing this evening. Lord, I thank you for each brother and sister in this room. Thank you for the powerful ministries they've already had.

And Lord, if we can improve on those ministries even a tiny bit, we would be encouraged during these days here. We do find our hearts crushed by Rwanda at this time. It's no pretend.

We can't pretend that we can relate to that. We want to. We have to cast this enormous, enormous pain from this upon you.

Thank you that something seems to be happening a little bit in some positive realm. We pray for all these UN people who are going there. So we look to you now.

And somehow we just want to bloom where we are. We want to accomplish tonight what needs to be accomplished for tonight and leave for tomorrow that which we cannot possibly do tonight. Thank you, God, for this place.

Thank you that we are being now given two years more starting next May with really no strings attached. Just show us how we can continue to use this place for your glory. We're reminded, O God, of the network of relationships you've given us all over the world.

Thousands and now tens of thousands of people who are interlinked with us. We long to bless them. We long to serve them.

We also long to see the breakthroughs among the unreached people, whether it's in the 1040 window or an extension of that window. Help us now as we cast upon you. In Jesus' name, amen.

Okay, next thing, if we can get this out. This is closely aligned with the main thrust of my talk tonight. That looks like something I gave at an OM leadership conference.

Some of those tapes, I'm afraid, are quite a while ago and I can't remember. Let me just say this. You may not be a tapeworm yourself or someone who listens to tapes, but some people on your field might be very grateful for the opportunity to hear some of the tapes.

They don't all get to conferences like this with the selection of speakers that you are able to listen to here, but some of them may find it helpful to listen to some of those tapes. None of them are copyrighted. Can we preach the gospel to everyone? Turn to the inside, please.

Can we preach the gospel to everyone by the year A.D. 2000? That is the theme for tonight. We're going to get back to that. Let me just explain that this particular article is only a tiny part of what I want to try to communicate to you tonight.

This is largely about my burden and vision, which many other people have, to see a great surge of missions mobilization material going out to the church in many languages, because many, many languages are left out of missions literature. Operation World is only scheduled to go into a few languages. We are working on that as part of our literature special projects.

We desire to see Operation World in 25 major languages. If we can do that, it will be accessible to 80 to 90 percent of all the Christians on the planet. I can hear somebody immediately complaining about the other 10 or 20 percent, but just thinking of 25 languages for Operation World is basically impossible.

I haven't met anybody that's thinking about it except me, unless they picked it up and hadn't told me about it. I don't think Patrick Johnson is quite geared up to 25 languages, but he wouldn't be opposed to it. With a book like Operation World, you have to move fairly quickly.

I don't believe Operation World is the key piece of missions mobilization literature. I believe it varies from country to country, from church to church. I include what denominations are putting out, missions are putting out.

Probably 10 million pieces will go out this year, as it is. That's a guess, pure guess. But I would say if we're going to do the job that I believe God wants us to aim at, we need to see that multiplied tenfold.

It needs to include cassettes, videos. We have the Jesus video for the unsaved, but we have no equivalent video for mobilizing Christians. Generally, in the course of history, you've got to mobilize the Christians in order to reach the unsaved.

I certainly don't want to take money, because this project takes money, from distribution of Jesus films and New Testaments in the middle of the Muslim world to go to missions mobilization literature in Chicago. That's not the vision. But I believe we've got to do both.

Different people have different callings. And that if this takes off, we will have more money to buy New Testaments than we will know what to do with. But if it doesn't take off, then I don't think we're going to reach those goals.

Now, there is a set of questions and answers. The moment you read this, you've got questions if you've got a brain. And we'll be having questions at the end of this session.

But I have a set of questions and answers based on that. And if that's not around, I will try to send some down. Because we're limited in what we can do this evening.

This also has gone out to many, many thousands of people. It's bringing some interesting response. Okay, next item.

Pass this out. We're always introducing you to materials. The item I want to introduce to you is not actually the Christian Herald.

You don't have enough there? One for a family. I didn't bring enough of these. I'll give this one to... It's not that strategic anyway.

Not everybody needs this. The main reason I'm giving you this, and I'll give it to you. This one you can have.

I just wanted to point out, Tony Sargent's newest book. Tony is so linked with us in this work. His new book has been given a full page spread.

Here's a picture of Tony. We're on page 8. Position of the Soul. Sacred Anointing.

This is a... I guess it was Tony's thesis to get his doctor's degree. Now, Dr. Tony Sargent. This is about the preaching of Dr. Martin Lloyd-Jones.

That's really just a book review. But there's probably no church in the world linked with this as much as Worthing Tabernacle. Tony now is making five or six major OM trips a year.

And in some ways is sort of unofficially involved with ICT. He's also on the oversight group overseeing the work in India where he's just been again. And I hope you'll have contact with him.

We're told we live in the information society. I know that I'm an informationaholic and I also distribute information at an incredible rate. One of the reasons I do that is the amazing feedback.

The stories of people being linked, people being converted, just because they got this little paper or this address or this particular book. It's quite amazing. Okay.

Because, yeah, that's of course something you've all learned as leaders, how to get more on the airplane, shoulder bags, knapsacks, waist bags. Just a plea for your prayers for the international coordinating team, a team that is growing. And the strategic plan will force quite a lot of growth on our team.

And we need your prayers. We want to serve the body. And so this is our prayer letter with so many beautiful pictorial letters going out, at least for the present.

I'm just every other month doing this sort of old-fashioned letter. And it does bring results. Like the man who read about the matching fund, and I think Peter Maiden already told you, wrote me a check out for \$10,000 to match this \$20,000 from Singapore.

The man from Singapore just called me the other morning. He said, do you have the \$20,000? I said, yes. It's getting a little embarrassing because I have more than \$20,000.

And we chatted for a while. He upped it to \$40,000. So the matching fund is \$40,000 plus the \$40,000, which would be \$80,000.

And you may want to give some thought to that because our experience is that matching funds are very interesting. Anyway, if you put this letter with the ICT photo brochure, have all of you had this? Anyway, there's extras over here. It will help you know who you're praying for.

And I especially appreciate prayer for Philip Morris. I just talked to Philip on a phone actually from the woods. He's made this very, very important decision today to go ahead with further chemotherapy, including this sort of special kind of transplant that's somewhat new, radical.

You have to eventually be isolated for, I think, almost a month. And that's it. When they give that to you, they can never, they can't apparently give any more.

Philip was leaning away from that for a while. But we had a special prayer on Monday, especially for wisdom. And he has decided to go that direction, of course, saturating it with prayer, which is what we've been doing.

And again, we'd also ask your prayers for Bill Drake, who's just having such a phenomenal ministry. He's just come back from concerts, tours in Northern Ireland, Belgium, Denmark, Southern Africa, and pray because it's a challenging life and musician in Operation Mobilization. So I wanted to give that to you.

Now, all these books that I brought are all free. I would like you to take them after the meeting tonight. In fact, if you look through the book and you don't want it, you can just stick it back on the bookstore.

All the books in here are also free. Again, you don't have to take a book if you don't want. But you actually help our ministry when you take a book.

Because we're trying to get books out around the world so that they're available and accessible. And the price of postage has just gone up, up, up. And so we're not just grabbing all the time big boxes of books and shipping them out because you don't have always the money to pay the postage.

But every book here, almost every one, has a purpose. Let me first start with a book on theology. Some of you are theologians.

You like to read about Christ. Is there anything greater to read about than Christ himself? Peter Lewis, in some ways, is another Tony Sargent. And through Tony, we got to know him.

He has a powerful church. And we're all being at two weeks' time and nodding him. An amazing man.

I hope we're going to see him more on our ships and other parts of the world. He's in great demand as a speaker. But he came out with this book, which I've been just getting my spiritual teeth into, *The Glory of Christ*, the whole theology of Christ.

If you don't have your theology, Christology, if you don't have that right, everything else is going to be wrong. Because he's the center, he's the roof, he's the walls, he's the foundation. So that might be a book to start with.

I think you know what you pay for these kinds of books these days. These are not books we're trying to get rid of. I do buy them at special prices.

And I also buy them to encourage the authors. But this book is just out. I think it's already reprinting.

It's selling very well. You're talking £9.99. That's \$15. So that's available.

I think you're aware of the snare and our burden to minister to people and help them avoid sexual entanglements. This woman's book is brilliant. She will be ministering at the conference this year, New Recruits Conference, hopefully on the day when there will still be a lot of people there from the previous conference, Lois Mowdy NAB Press Book.

We brought one golden only, just in case you didn't have it. Now this book may still be around, O.M., but the behavior that I have to hear about quite often indicates that it is not being read. So here's a brand new book on tent making, *Working Your Way to the Nations, A Guide to Effective Tent Making*.

And to me, books like this are diamonds. There's probably not that many of these in Britain. It comes from the William Carey Library.

I got it from Pasadena. But if you're looking for a serious study, there's things you have to do when you go through this, on this whole area of tent making. Boy, there it is.

This came out, I think, in connection with W.E.F., World Evangelical Fellowship. Brand new. Prayer.

XOMer Ian Newberry, working in France, has a great ministry of mobilizing people for prayer. And to me, missions mobilization and prayer mobilization must go together. A ministry of people like David Bryant and others has to go side-by-side with a ministry of recruiting, a ministry of mobilizing in other ways.

And if some of you are interested in this kind of very serious study of prayer, it's basically a study of prayer in the local church. Again, it's a workbook. Again, it's a book not in bookshops.

You won't find it in the average OM book table, but it's unusual. We used that at an OM conference some years ago where we used it as material. If there's material in there, would that be useful for OM prayer meetings? I think there's some in there.

Some material in there definitely could be used in an OM prayer meeting. And I hope, I appreciate you mention that because one of the things I would like all of you to do is help in declaring war against

boredom in an OM prayer meeting. It is completely ridiculous that a prayer meeting gets boring.

It should be one of the high events of the week. And it takes planning, it takes preparation. We know there'll be moments of intense spiritual warfare, which for some people may be boring because they're not in it struggling for the souls of men.

This is another book that has shot right to the top of the OM reading list. We needed this book three decades ago. The story of reentry, whether it's OM or YWAM or any other group, from mission service back to one's hometown and home church is frightening.

And the more material we can get to help people with reentry. We've got people raving about this book. We've had other materials.

Some people managed to get them in the past. Most people never got them. We had reentry conferences.

A few got to them, many never got to them. Now we have something simple, easy to distribute. And I'm sure you already have a copy.

Feel free to take an extra. Another book that is just going bonanzas right now is friend raising. Building a missionary support team that lasts.

When you take a book like this or you invest in a few dozen of these, I don't think you can go wrong. Most of our people in our movement are struggling with this. Leaders 25 years into work are struggling with this, living under false guilt.

Right now there's probably at least 100 people contemplating leaving OM on this issue alone, which is so ridiculous in a world where there's literally millions and millions and hundreds of millions in the hands of God's people. And some of it is just waiting to be asked for, not necessarily saying it's easy. But I do believe there are some basic principles.

God's been teaching us. I think of my own nephew. He had no support.

He comes from a little dinky church. George Cooper. He went to this seminar they have in Atlanta on how to raise support.

He decided to take it literally. That's a good way to take some of these things. Go back and do just what they taught him.

He had all the support in a couple of months. It's exciting. This is another golden oldie.

Went out of print in this country because it wasn't selling fast enough. I don't know how that happened. So we brought them in for Moody.

Their edition is better anyway. Oswald Saunders, a great New Zealander who only died a couple of years ago. Even in his senior citizen years he was writing a book a year.

But I don't think any of his books are better than that one. So if you missed that, I don't think any of you missed that. If you have, there's the opportunity.

Now, as I look around this room, it seems to me almost every single person is married except the leader of the group. But she is an incredibly mature person. So she will not find this a problem.

This is the book. Okay, take it easy. This is a book that every married couple should look at, read, anyway.

Let me just say this. My experience, and I've been counseling married people ever since I was a baby Christian, is that Christians often have more hang-ups than unmarried people. They bring spirituality in in a wrong way to the whole sexual issue.

It just breaks my heart. Even though one day in Dubai, no, three days in Dubai, I wasn't there to do any married counseling. I was just so brief.

These people that came to me, Indians, just married, one or two years, and we slipped into my Kay's office for a few minutes, and she began to share, constantly arguing. As we began to talk, we realized, though they had never shared this with anybody, there was, as far as sex in their marriage, zero. Absolute zero.

It's not unusual. And marriages often come apart because this is neglected. Someone once said to me, if you've got this side of your marriage together, you can handle all kinds of pressure.

If this goes, those other things get magnified. And the enemy has a field day. And the story of difficulties in OIM in this area, no one has ever told.

They're too ugly. But this poor soul, who's been in it a long time, knows the story. So when you see me pushing this book, and we distribute it in a network, in a plain wrapper box, because he gets accused.

Just like anything else, that book could be used by certain people for a lust trip. There's a lot of things around us that can be misused. And that's true of that book.

It's true of other things. That's not going to stop me from distributing. I can assure you, people have misused the Bible.

Especially the cults. By the way, does that all... Oh, two other items. One is very linked with tonight.

This is the 82,000 handbook. I think most of you have this. Again, another very hard to get book.

But you can get one here. And you need at least one, because when you have only one, somebody else wants it. And then you have to part with your only copy.

And another unusual book on missions that's produced by Mark. The Changing Shape of the World. How many of you have seen this? We all saw it.

Peter made it and brought it. Okay. Did you all get a copy? No.

I got a copy. Anyway, there it is. There's one now.

Okay. Now people are reading it during his message. That's all right.

Please use it. Three other items that I'm not giving away because you have too much to carry. But there are some copies around.

Serving as senders. Don't give up using this. The New Edition, Chapter 8, is about OM.

This is just so significant. I mean, how... how we sometimes in OM can spend so much time on issues that if we really look carefully our periphery to what we're actually attempting to do and leave to one side in a

gold nugget like this is beyond me because the number of serious sending churches in the world today is not that great. Most people would say you're talking about less than 2%, 3% of the churches.

And to take meetings in those churches, to talk, to get started and not giving them some tools so they have something to carry on with is crazy. Even in famous churches like First Baptist, Atlanta Charles, Stanley's Church, when they discovered this book, maybe they didn't discover it, I think they sent it to them. That's the same thing.

They immediately made everybody in the missions committee read it. Many missions committees are not reading missions books. They have that job.

I would have thought everybody in the missions committee needs a course like this two weeks or more in which they could focus on what they're doing. Anyway, that's an old one. Here's a new one.

I'm hesitant to push this. I wish I had an hour to talk to you about territorial spirits because if you don't realize that's one of the hottest issues in the evangelical world today, you must be functioning under a log somewhere. I even had another strong letter from Dulos urging me and the movement to really get into real spiritual warfare.

Stop just fiddling around with whatever they're doing but let us not throw away the concept of spiritual warfare or territorial spirits or spiritual mapping just with one sweep that there's nothing in it simply because some people have gotten extreme. In any case, in OM we try to take a middle position. We don't want to just come down hard on some young Christian who's just come from a spiritual warfare conference in his home church and the first thing you do is try to blow him out of his socks.

Let's go sensitively. I talked to Steve Hawthorne on the phone about his book and the more I read this book the more excited I got. He's a salesman.

He wrote me and sent me a sample. I ended up buying 500. He said to me, you must have read How to Win Friends and Influence People.

He said to me, realize that you've been in this for years. Sales pitch. Well, thank you.

I don't know why I didn't write a book. So I phoned him up and just told him what a discerning person he was. That's right, Harold.

I was the one that when I got fished into, we're talking about fishing, fished into the 82,000 movement with a fever one night in Colorado Springs was wrestling with whether I had the courage to stand in front of the Peter Wagner and confront him about territorial spirits and some of the things that he said. To give you the background on this, my phone calls with Paul Cedars who wanted me to get involved in 82,000 and with Louise Bush and with others, I said the prayer track seems to be extreme and it seems to me it's going to shoot the movement in the foot. I thought that would maybe turn them off and say thank you very much.

We don't want you in 82,000. It swung around the opposite way. We need this side.

We need this viewpoint in 82,000. Please come. Then they gave me this chairmanship job of the track for the mobilization of two missionaries.

Here suddenly I am in Colorado Springs. Peter Wagner is giving his report. It's really spectacular.

Would I have this burden? Would I have the courage to confront him anyway? God gave grace and I did confront him. I very much like him. His answers to the questions were very poor.

Other people then really came into the ring and this whole area of territorial spirits and spiritual mapping is one of the hot discussion areas in 82,000. The thing you need to understand and I'm jumping ahead of myself now, but the thing you need to understand about 82,000 is it's not an organization. It has not one theological position though it is basically evangelical.

In some ways it's messy. I would encourage you to read this book and to keep your eyes open on the subject of territorial spirits. Perhaps you'd pray about taking this position with me on it that spiritual warfare is not just one thing and we must not confuse one aspect of spiritual warfare like for example moving in prayer against evil and demon forces in Afghanistan and call that spiritual warfare.

Spiritual warfare to me is everything that happens from the moment you're born again defending yourself against the attacks of the enemy, offensive efforts into Satan's straw holes even as a daily Christian. I have a fear of some of the language coming out these days from things like some of the spiritual warfare emphasis, some of the spiritual mapping emphasis, that's George Otis Jr., is that we create another level of language. Already as missionaries we're separate from the average person by language.

They don't know what we're talking about, 1040 window. We have to explain what that is. I think in Swiss country it's double glazing.

And so, we're already having enough problems in the area of language and we have churches like Willow Creek that have set the example in adjusting language to reach totally pagan people and I know there's dangers but I see a lot of validity in that. I think the same is true as we spread the vision of missions that we, especially as we stand among ordinary people in the average church, we must watch our language and some of the language can really get bizarre. Young Christians, grab it.

It's like running down the road with little sticks of dynamite that are already ignited. Lastly, a book that brings other books into balance. This came out of the tragedy in Cape Town when that church was attacked by terrorists and many, many people were killed.

Our ship was in the port at that time. I ministered in that church four weeks before. There's a few of these around the corner.

If you want some, I could get some more down here but we didn't bring extras today. Let's just take a moment to interact on what I've just said. I've presented a lot of materials.

You've got an equal to a seminary theological course here. Let's have some reaction. Anybody want to ask me about anything that I've just shared? Because one of the methods I use in communication is when I'm giving a book review, you're getting several messages if you're intelligent at the same time.

That's all I'm going to say tonight on territorial spirits if you want to ask me something on that hot issue. That's all I'm going to say tonight about prayer walking. I'm going to open for questions before I give part two.

What do you think is the key? Let's talk about one key issue. There's the definite teaching that on-site praying is where it's at. The church has spent literally millions to fly people all over the world for on-site praying and standing against the demon forces in that area.

I'm not going on record that I'm totally against this, but I think it just needs some discussion. The last thing we want to do is quench anybody who's interested in praying. Let's be careful.

There's not that many around. I'd rather see a guy on a tangent on a prayer walk in Istanbul than in a bar in Vancouver. You're agreeing with that, right? I agree.

We want to make sure that people understand that effective prayer can take place from their own house. A lot of people don't have the money to go on these trips anyway, so we don't want people to think they cannot be in a major prayer assault for Cairo or Alexandria or wherever without going on a journey. What about the church prayer meeting which needs to be revived, restated, restructured? Another thing, of course, that's important, and they love the word balance.

George Otis, who I talked to, Peter Wagner, they do want balance. Balance means different things to different people, but I think they're open. One of the most important papers on this subject is actually written by Mike Wakely.

Peter Wagner got that paper. I got his letter back. It was very gracious.

It was just two sentences, but it was very gracious. Seriously, he said, we want to look into this and hear what you have to say. In some ways, Cindy Jacobs, one of the women in this whole thing, is more over the top than even others.

I understand recently in one of their meetings in California, somebody really jumped up after her message. It was heavy, heavy confrontation. One of the things that was distressing that we confronted our brother on was that he gave the idea that all prayer up until these books was more pietistic, confessional type of prayer.

When he answered one of the questions, that's what he said. Oh, he brought, really. Patrick Johnson moved into the ring.

Other people moved into the ring because that is not true. To say that the people that came before this type of prayer didn't understand intercessory prayer, which is the different name for intercessory prayer, would be a great mistake. Tied into that also is to make sure we don't give the impression that in one tape that I listened to, I've listened to a lot of material on this, it gave the impression that the people who were there before were really sort of wasting their time.

The missionaries who were there without these tools, without the maps, were really sort of wasting their time. I think that's a great mistake. I think they would pull back from that now.

But we need to honor those who have been out on the field. Maybe they didn't understand spiritual mappings and didn't have diagrams of all the demonic strongholds. I'm sure some of you are quite new on this.

Probably have made a decision already now not to go into it. But different temperaments react different ways. Others can't wait to get Peter Wagner's books and George Otis's journals on spiritual mapping in Chicago.

My last comment on this is that it does seem to over-focus on evil. And one of the things that helped this become popular was Peretti's book, which in some ways was a great novel, but it was a novel. But it laid

the groundwork in some of these films.

It is a tough area. We can't run away from it. Most people in OM are reading.

We do hear different styles praying sometimes in OM meetings. We don't want to hit people on the head for that. Sometimes we may want to have a chat with them privately, especially I'm nervous if the ships, all the range of people on the ships, start moving into this.

I can just imagine people on the bow moving the demons away as they move through the water. Because one of the greatest stories of some of these guys is that they've broken the power of the Bermuda Triangle through this kind of praying. The Bermuda Triangle power has been broken.

You should see some of the letters I have as to why the Lagos sunk. I'm not going to publish them. To not think that some of God's people get into superstition, across basic simple faith, into superstition, is to be naive.

Someone else? Chuck Colson. How much... I mean this stuff is really good. I would really like to see that.

We've got so much that's good that's being pushed. I think we should move more into being a little more relevant politically. Chuck Colson's stuff is great.

I'm just reading another one of his books now. The complexity is that Chuck Colson has, even in the last few weeks, become a major pusher in the Catholic, Unite with the Catholic movement. That's just happened in the States recently.

He's always moved in that direction. If you read his book *The Body*, 82,000 tried originally to work in evangelism with the Roman Catholic Church. The meeting in Singapore, the Latin Americans walked out, and a lot of people did a lot of thinking, a lot of praying, and a specific stand of 82,000 was that Roman Catholics were targets.

Not to cooperate in evangelism, but to be evangelized. I understand, I may be wrong on this, that David Barrett, the man who produces the big books in statistics, that's when he said, I think he sort of distanced himself from 82,000. There's quite a strong feeling that this 82,000 is too narrow.

I think one of the reasons that Chuck Colson and others, I think Bill Bright is tied into it, are moving into more collaboration with Catholics is, of course, because of the abortion issue in which we would find ourselves quite close to Catholics. Some of those other issues, and of course, that is tied into the fact that there is this phenomenal pressure on the church to be holistic. I don't think the church has the spiritual reality to be able to respond positively or properly to the holistic challenge.

And so, we're finding Christians just running into trying to do all different kinds of things instead of finding out their giftedness, where they fit in, what does God want them to do. There's a rushing in, and people are experiencing burnout, getting glued. Of course, we've seen what's happened in the abortion issue with so many in jail and just so many complexities.

I'm not saying they shouldn't have done that. To me, it's just a complex issue that my heart just aches. But I personally think OM's position is probably not going to move, and not just because of me.

I think it's a consensus that the doctrinal issues connected with Roman Catholicism are too big. They cannot be put in the area of peripheral issues that we don't really have to worry about and just unite on

more basic things. We do have a lot in common, doctrinally, with Roman Catholics, but the other areas are huge.

So that's the latest thing with Colson. I've been trying to get together with Chuck Colson, and he's indicated he wants that to happen. And he, regardless of this, what I've just said, will continue to be one of my heroes without any question, and I will continue to read his books and follow his material.

And thank God for such a man in the Church in our day, really. But we can see some interesting things down the road. Sometimes, when we're talking about a particular thing, we don't think it's relevant.

But if you're involved, like some of you from the ship, if you're involved in counseling, with a lot of OM people, you'll discover that a lot of these things that these books are talking about and that you're going to hear during these days are more relevant than you think because the Church is so pluralistic. You've got people, imagine, we have people at OM coming from fairly tight brethren assemblies, where the guy who just came from a vineyard church, if you don't know what vineyard is, you know, I realize you've probably been out seeing Muslims converted and not worrying about vineyard. Praise God.

But you might want to think about it in the future because John Wimber, the founder of Vineyard, has moved from his emphasis on signs, wonders, and miracles, he even said he doesn't really want to talk about that much anymore. He's already talked about it. If you're interested in that, go read his book.

His thing is world evangelism and planting churches. And we have Ed Retta who's in a vineyard church in Dallas. I just ministered in a great vineyard church in Canada about a year or so ago.

So how do we keep this together, these people coming together? It's not going to be easy. And I think that's one of the reasons we see the need for this kind of advanced leadership training to sometimes get into issues that maybe normally we haven't gotten into before. And I think it's also the reason, one of the reasons why I believe we need to more widely read.

Reading Christianity today to me is just basic. To know what is going on in the body of Christ. To get a few Christian magazines, to get also secular periodicals and magazines and read.

I know we all have our limits. To me, it's very important. Someone else? Anything else before I move on? I guess I've opened the door to many, many things, too many things maybe.

Okay, let's pray and then I'll share this final thoughts. Lord, I just thank you now that I can move on from these different areas, all of which have some degree of relevance into the heart of what I want to share tonight. I don't like that terminology because some of those other things are just as important.

But you know what I'm trying to pray. Help us now. In Jesus' name.

Amen. Why has George Verroer become the chair of the 82,000 track for the mobilization of new missionaries? What in fact is 82,000? Is it relevant? Where does OM fit into 82,000? I think this is an important issue since it looks like there will be more OMers at Jiko-A in Korea in May of 1995 than almost any other organization in the world apart from perhaps Youth with a Mission and maybe one or two others. Even without my involvement other people around the world were getting involved.

I got the list of national coordinators of 82,000. Suddenly discovered this person is responsible for this area for this country for that country. We are in this.

Now we're not in it sort of in a total official sense where we've all taken a vote and we're all sort of running down the road. We're in it in the sense that different people have gotten involved at different levels. I guess Dave Hicks was one of the first to get officially involved.

I around that time also went to one of their conferences in the Baltic states with all these Russian pastors from all over mainly through the invitation of Thomas Wang who's been a friend for 25 years was really the spearhead leader. He's now the chairman and the spearhead leader is Louise Bush another person that I can link with. David Hicks came to us some time ago at area level talking about all this.

He's on the USA board and said he felt we should have the area leaders meeting in May of 95 in Korea. We usually meet here. We have been thinking of meeting in other countries because of some of our globalization concepts.

We're meeting on the ship in November in Italy. That will be nice. Two ships together.

We meet in a lifeboat between the two. We somehow agreed that we'd all go to Korea as area leaders. I guess one thing led to another.

These conversations with different people. Then I was challenged first by Dave Hicks to consider being a chairman of this particular track. I have never hardly been the chairman of anything all through these years.

It was a very hard decision. I discussed it with a lot of people, especially Peter Maiden, and decided to go for it. I then went to Denver to get my basic orientation, meet some of the people.

I've been working at President ever since. I would say at President it's certainly not taking more than three to four percent of my time. I try to mix things.

I might write a letter sending this manual, but the same letter will offer them a free OM news video, which I send out by the hundreds all over the world. We'll have some other enclosures about OM. We send hundreds of these things out every week.

It's usually carrying a double thrust. I think the ultimate decision in this came because I really believe that this is something that's on the heart of God. The church now is so big.

There are so many Christians. There are so many churches. We know many of them are struggling.

We know there are two sides. There are ten sides to every story. At the same time, if you read some of the materials, you realize closure is more possible than ever before.

Did you ever think you'd hear George Furrer using the word closure? Probably not, right? You old timers, you're not old teeny poppers in here. I like the word closure. Ralph and I think I would take up the theory of Ralph Poynter, this is not a big thing if you don't agree with this, that there is a difference between evangelism and, I would add, and all that involves building the kingdom and pioneer missions.

Building the kingdom, there's no closure until Jesus comes. Evangelism, there's no closure until Jesus comes. Multiplication of churches, no closure until Jesus comes.

But pioneer evangelism, if we use Ralph's definition, there's possible closure because it means the establishing of the church. We're not in pioneer evangelism in Kent. Now, it gets more confusing because

if there's a whole load of Gujaratis living in Kent, you have a pioneer evangelistic situation.

And as we look at people's groups, I don't know if you understand the whole thing of people's groups and how complex it is and how different, you know, even Ralph has a whole different number than the adopted people movement. Franz Caleb, a guy from Norway, I've talked to him one minute. I got Ralph on the phone about this.

He actually wrote about it in Frontiers Magazine. By the way, Frontiers is taking this article. I'm hoping they're taking the question and answers as well, but maybe not.

They're going to 120,000 people across the world. That's an example of what can happen when you get in a network. 82,000 is a network.

It's not an organization. It's obvious that in many countries not that many people are going to really get with it, though it may change after Jokowi, but it's a network. And the fact that I can take a tape like how to be a missions mobilizer, which normally would maybe distribute a few thousand at the most and get them around maybe OM, somehow can get into this network and go out to 500 major leaders across the world.

Somehow an article that I write in my attic over Christmas gets in this paper which doesn't have a very wide circulation. Next thing I know it's in Spanish. Next thing I know it's in Ralph Winter's Frontier Missions magazine, supposedly read by 120,000 people.

This is what can happen through networking. And now that 82,000 is very much into email, it's just incredible the information that you can get a hold of, the names, the addresses, and the contacts. And of course one of my greatest burdens in all this to try to keep things simple, we want to be an encouragement to the body of Christ.

The people are there, the churches are there, to some degree the money is there, but without massive love and encouragement a lot of things are never there. Whether you're talking recruits, you're talking pastors, do you know how many pastors in the United States right now are trying to get out of the ministry? You're talking thousands. They want out.

The Southern Baptist went through an earthquake a couple of years ago that has never settled. Never settled. I don't know if you follow that, Colson talks about it quite openly in his book, The Body.

And as we go out with our teams, as we go out in our own ministries, as we go out with the ships, literature, with whatever, to me one of the bottom lines is we want to be an encouragement. Often when I'm speaking, as I was Sunday morning, even on a missions conference, my first thrust isn't missions. That's there.

My first thrust is to try to, by the grace of God, encourage the people. People are sitting in that audience. They're hurting.

They're contemplating divorce. They're unemployed. You just come along and hit them in the head with a 1040 window.

They don't know what is this about. And if we come in, still one of my top ten books is Grace Awakening, with a grace awakened message sharing our own struggles, sharing God's grace for weak people, I believe it will go much, much further. It's much, much more relevant.

And then, tying the knot. Tying the knot. Missions tied together with basic spiritual growth.

I told Louise Bush that I wouldn't come in to this movement unless I could bring with me certain other emphases. And I mentioned this one. I guess it was on my mind at that time.

I feel to not have a major thrust toward purity among God's workers and missionaries, while at the same time trying to multiply everything by ten, is counterproductive. We've got to have both. There has to be the quality with the quantity.

In our forward plan, probably you've noticed that the quality thrust of the forward plan is 80%. 20% is probably quantity. Still plenty of quantity, especially when you consider that in OM, a lot of the quantity is on a national basis.

You never understand OM's forward plan unless you understand the plans that are taking place in all these different countries all over the world. When you put the international forward plan, many aspects of it, some in print, some not, with the different national plans that are coming out as a mile a minute, you might understand a little bit of what's happening. So I'm convinced that the movement should align ourselves with it and take ownership.

What does that mean? Let's take ownership of these goals. Two major goals. The first is the gospel for every person.

That's not such a problem for OM because it's been our thrust from day one. We want everybody in the world to have the gospel. That means by literature, by radio, personally, by personal evangelism.

There's no limit. If you want to read about a bizarre plan, read about saturation track and Paul Eshelman. And through 82,000, this man who I was always quite distant from, who's really one of Bill Bright's number two people, who's in charge of the whole Jesus film ministry and raises all the money, seven, eight million a year just for Jesus films.

By the way, we just had a go-ahead through this link, something I've been working on for a couple of years, that's going to put tens of thousands of Jesus films on our ships. Tens of thousands. You'll be able to give them out like books or sell them for a donation.

I don't know what the strategy is. Not for me to decide that, but Bernd Kolker just told me a couple of days ago, it's going to happen. Why not? In Canada, they're going to give out Jesus films door to door.

The rest of the world, you get a gospel tract and it may be on newsprint. In Canada, they just gave out this Rolls Royce evangelistic book, Why Am I on This Planet by that guy Dirksen. Almost every door in the nation, the thing is worth about ten dollars.

At full color. In this country, they just spent seven million to give out booklets to everybody's house, even though the more I talk to different people, it seems a lot of them never got delivered. That was the seven million price tag, minus the plus.

And now, what's coming behind it is free video. At your door. And this is tied in with what is called saturation evangelism.

The problem is, when you get to the masses up there in North India, I think you're still mainly dealing with tracts and gospels, and so we'd like to see that change. And there's no reason why in North India in the

future, if you felt it was an acceptable strategy, that you couldn't have four or five thousand Jesus films available in your little warehouse to just distribute openly. None of these things is the total answer.

It's all part of the equation. But the first goal of the 82,000 movement is the gospel for every person. All the different tracts, and you can read about the tracts in this manual, are directly and indirectly tied into that.

The emphasis on the cities, with Viv Gregg, the emphasis on saturation evangelism, I'm trying to get tied in also quite a bit with the mobilization of pastors, and it looks like this is going to open the door, if we can see the finance, to getting powerful material into the hands of pastors all over the world. And the number of men in ministry in India is quite phenomenal. It's interesting that in our prayer meeting last night, Marjorie Murphy gets up, XO Emmer, now the secretary to a man from Africa who's in charge of the whole worldwide Anglican decade of evangelism.

Little Marjorie's right in the middle. She went to this key meeting, I think she was the only woman in the meeting. She wasn't even an Anglican actually when she was down in Atlanta.

I guess maybe she's done some summersaults since then. They in September are having, of 95, a major gathering of their people from all over the world. Saral will be leading that meeting.

Saral has his retreats right here in West Orange. He's the African. I just referred to in charge of the whole Anglican decade of evangelism.

Forgive me for talking too fast. The amazing thing is what God is doing in so many different groups and churches and denominations. There is a sense that some of it, well, we don't particularly need to know about it.

On the other hand, shouldn't we be worried about working more together? Shouldn't YWAM and OM be working more together? We know in some cases it's not practical. They will agree to that. Other cases it will be practical.

I know that since taking on this role with the YWAM or Perry Rickards as my coordinator, it's drawn me closer to YWAM. I've been over there to their headquarters in Harpington. YWAM is a lot bigger in this country now.

A lot of Amsterdam has moved to Harpington. They have this phenomenal facility there and it's exciting. I went over there and had some time also with Lynn Green who is one of the main leaders of youth with a mission.

Let's move on to the second goal because the second goal is tough and the second goal I'm really struggling with. At present it seems to me really impossible especially if we're thinking of the year 2000. That's why they have put the word beyond.

They don't want to get hung up on a date. The second goal is the church for every people's group. That means a church within walking distance, reasonable walking distance, different people explain it in different ways, and every people's group in the world.

One thing that may help you in talking about thinking about unreached people, sometime we're talking about peoples and we would put all Wolof people, all Baluch people, all Uyghur people in one group. We're not thinking at that moment geographically. We're just thinking of this people, all Welsh people.

They're all over the world but we're thinking just Welsh people. Now when you get this big book of unreached people's group that's not the way they listed in the book. Because in the book, we have some copies of that book put out by the adopted people movement.

They list linguistic, ethnic, as well as geographic. What does it mean? It means that wherever there's a group of Tunisians there's an unreached people's group. Tunisians in Paris, unreached people's group.

And as I went through the book it was very interesting because it's so difficult doing this. The book has to be revised every week. Try to just grasp what's happening in the world today.

How many cities have little pockets of Bosnians right now who weren't there two years ago? Every one of those groups of Bosnians is an unreached people's group and they need to be reached. Bosnians coming to Jesus in Vienna won't necessarily mean there'll be a church among Bosnians in Toronto. Problem? So when you think of establishing a church in every unreached people, especially when you think geographic, it begins to blow your mind.

I might say another one of the reasons I wanted to align myself with this movement is because I find that I have such a great negative streak, a great cynical streak, that I can find problems almost anywhere and get myself really discouraged within seconds and I decided also that I'm fellowshiping with a fair number of people who seem to have a similar problem and get memos written by people who seem to have a similar problem. I decided that I'd like to fellowship a little more with some of the optimists. Amen.

Thank you. Even if they're naive and foolish. No problem.

Rub up on you. So whenever I speak in public I try to make it clear and I think I did in my article that when it comes to the second part, the first part of course is impossible as well because we have 6,000 million people in the world and just reaching them all with a gospel is perhaps bigger than some people might, bigger problem than some people may think. By the way, another thing that throws difficulty in this, no one seems to get an agreement or it seems to be very hard to get an agreement on what it means to be reached.

Even Patrick Johnson is finding this problem in his amazing book Operation World and anyone who doesn't have two copies of this as you've already heard me say is a backslider so I hope you're contributing. You can come forward and commit your life. Please do pray that it will soon be in French.

German edition is just out in a minute. Good, we might match you and give you another 500 free but don't write that down right now. It's on the page now.

It's on the page. But when we come back to the whole thing of the church and every people's group and for every people, it is big. It's a struggle for me.

I'm trying to not say things that are foolish or that are over the top but I want to say this. Isn't it worth aiming for that? Since we're not saying it's going to be done January 31st, the year 1999, it's worth aiming for that and mobilizing the church in that direction. What if by the year 2000 we've only got half the people's groups in the world? That would be phenomenal.

And if we don't aim at that, it seems to me it is definitely less likely it's ever going to happen. To get, for example, more workers in the 1040 window, more workers among the unreached people which we know the largest single block group are Muslims, it is going to take a lot of shifting. Even among the young

people.

I'm in this church on Sunday. They're talking about young people going to Argentina. We don't need more British missionaries in Argentina.

We could use a few Argentinians, red hot Argentinians in Britain and they're going to come by the way. The Brazilians are going to come here. Because when they're told about Britain and Brazil, you know how we oversell things as missionaries.

When they're told about Britain and Brazil, this place sounds really bad. So the Brazilians are targeting Britain as a pagan nation. They say they're going to come here by the thousands and they're going to then, when they finish this off, use this as a launching pad into the 1040 window.

I only heard that recently. I haven't done my homework on it. But it sounds exciting.

But if we're going to reach this great block of people in the 1040 window, which is one of the main focuses of the AD2000 movement, there has to be some real painful shifting of the thinking, of the praying. I might say for the sake of my brother Kurian that in most of these meetings I talk about the Muslims of India because if there's any block of people in the world where I feel this movement has not counted the course, has not realized how far we have to go, it is the Muslims of India because we can say 140 million Muslims more or less and yet the church is only being born. Now I always try to bring that into balance.

Say we know many of these people have received the word of God. So the first part of the vision we could say is moving. They've had the word of God.

They've seen Jesus films. They've heard messages. Many of them have because they're all mixed in India, they're all mixed together to some degree.

But planting churches takes more than that level of exposure. And right now that particular block of people, and it's somewhat true in Pakistan and moving right on westward, we just don't have that. It's very sobering to some of these people.

I guess this is one of the reasons they want to embrace OM because they know that this is our passion, that we could reach this great block of people. So though it seems impossible, though we see the enemy on every side, we're reminded of the challenge of Caleb and Joshua who somehow were set free from grasshoppers, I'm sure you've all preached on that chapter, those of you who preach. It's a great sermon place, Caleb and Joshua.

You always get response from that message. I call it sometimes grasshopper mentality. Remember the people didn't want to go into the promised land because they said, we are as grasshoppers.

But Caleb and Joshua, they decided to aim high and they went and we know the story. So I would encourage you to take ownership of your own 82,000 vision, to consider how you can get involved in more missions mobilization. Surely we should be seeing more recruits.

I find people are defending the numbers at Love Europe. They compare it with last year, but what happened to the numbers we had in 1989? Why don't we compare it with 1989? In 1989, we had many, many, many hundreds of Americans in Love Europe. Many hundreds of Americans.

The main group to go to Love Europe, we mainly want Europeans. This summer so far we have 40 Americans. Now we know there are a lot of other love events.

I know all the different sales talk. Of course, I am in the middle of it. But I believe we could with some changes, with some steps forward, we could be seeing a lot more people coming on our Love Europe and other events.

But we've got to start in the beginning. The beginning is missions mobilization, recruiting. Of course, we can go back before that.

We've got to have a forward plan. We've got to have a strategy. We've got to have an organization.

We've got to have a structure. We actually do have some of those things, by the way. In fact, I feel that OM has phenomenal railway tracks.

We have phenomenal structure. It all means improving, but to have this phenomenal structure, two ships, XOMers, 80,000 XOMers, 80,000. They've all got married.

That's 160,000. Most of them are married. 160,000.

They've all had kids. There's a quarter of a million just in the family. A quarter of a million.

Some of them are only one years old, and we need to be patient, you know, before we get them into the 82,000 movement. But a lot of these XOMers, they never hear from us. They never hear from us.

And I see this bigger vision, which isn't just OM. It's bigger than OM, and a movement always needs something that's bigger than itself. It's something we can feel free to challenge our XOMers.

Get into it. Be a mobilizer. Get the tapes.

Get the materials. Get to the local meeting. Get to the conference.

All kinds of events just beginning to mushroom all over the world. And for us, a movement of our ethos, to sort of sit back because some things there we don't like. Sit back because somebody's got some rhetoric or vocabulary or reading a book that we don't think that's not where OM is.

OM is visionary. OM is, we're risk-takers. We're ready to fellowship with Peter Wagner.

We'll fellowship with his grandmother. We'll fellowship with Louise Bush. And I think we've got to somehow agree to disagree and lock hands and lock hearts with our brothers and sisters in this movement.

It is evangelical. It is focused. It is also broke.

Which, of course, that's the OM ethos. I'm excited about it. Well, thank you very much for listening to all that.

Now we need to open for some questions. It's a network and everybody has to find their own money. I am, at present, trying to find money for my particular track.

The way I do it at present is I give Perry Rickards hundreds and hundreds of copies of Operation World. He sells them and keeps the money. Sold five hundred to the ship at a discount.

Not paid for one of the first major mailings and our particular track, I think, is at least one or two years behind some of the other tracks. For Jikoe, they have a strategy to raise money. In other words, for the Korean Congress, where they're expecting five thousand people, they have a definite strategy for raising money.

They realize that is their responsibility. Korean Church is probably the number one pay setting church in the 82,000. In fact, they have, instead of 10 or 15 tracks, 10 tracks is 82,000 approximately, I think they have 50 tracks.

They will run simultaneously next to this international Congress. By the way, they're paying all the room and board for all people from the two thirds world. Not people like us, but people from, say, Argentina, from the Congo.

We got to find our own money. That's another major mountain, but we're going to be taking meetings on Sunday morning in Korean churches some of us. Some of you probably heard that for network, the Koreans were the first group to just put some money in the network.

They brought 4,000 with them and another 1,000 for Momentus. Everybody went to network because it was a little Korean momentum that was given to us at the dinner. Pastor Oak was there as the chairman of our board.

Pastor, one of the largest churches in Korea, he's just knit with us. I'll be speaking probably in his church Sunday morning when I'm there. Korea, it's exciting and they have a definite financial strategy for Korea, but everybody else is sort of on their own.

Every time I get a chance to get on my feet and I'm going to be one of the speakers at the pre-Chikohe event. I'll be speaking at Chikohe at our track. This is something we need prayer for because a large segment of time in Chikohe we're meeting in our tracks and I'm the chairman of that.

You've got to get a program. You probably also know Frank Fortunato is in charge of music for Chikohe. Bill Drake is probably going to be there, but we have to put a very powerful program together for our different tracks and there will be meetings also according to nationality.

It's around the 27th of May 1995. I don't have those exact dates memorized, but I can get them easy enough. They may be in here.

As I was saying, whenever I get a chance to get on my feet, I really speak to them about development. Again, it's amazing how people can be so visionary and have terrific philosophy and often lack the nuts and bolts side. The thing of fundraising, somehow the Lord has taught us a lot in these past years through the many different methods we've used over the years.

I am convinced God wants to bring in big money for the community. I really believe for this mission mobilization, God wants to give \$100 million equivalent. I'm not talking OM at this point, but if we're going to think and pray big as AD2000 does, we have to think big money.

Otherwise, it's ridiculous. Again, I find myself getting so discouraged because it all seems so impossible, but at other moments I just get so filled with faith. I believe it's going to happen, but I go forward in much weakness and much inadequacy.

After you read this and you read some of the other materials available, I think you'll have far more of the heartbeat of what God is doing. Phenomenal things in Africa. You cannot forget Africa.

Africa is just exploding, yet we can be such a blessing with materials, with catalysts, with some degree of mentoring. They also can mentor us. Latin America is exploding.

Many parts of Asia are exploding. What can we say about China? To me, I'm sort of pioneering to put Operation World into Mandarin Chinese. People think it's a bit crazy.

Why should we leave millions of believers out of the picture? Because they supposedly can't pay for it, or we can't get the capital to finance it. I'm praying for the money to finance the Chinese edition of Operation World. Now, we may end up compromising and only produce children's Operation World.

That's a lot easier, though. It's going very slowly right now. It's amazing how the enemy is constantly there.

All of you know this in your work. The enemy is just constantly there. That's one thing for me to talk here.

It's another thing to go out tomorrow and do it, and deal with the problems, and get on the phone, and sort things out. It's not an easy road. Someone else? Yeah.

I got a couple of invitations to go to Chicoy, and I got two questions, two problems. One, all those tracks, there's naturally cities, and I don't remember which city. And the question that goes with it, is it really worth it to go there for that, or all the thing that I'm doing for AD2000 and Vision 2000 Canada that I worked before and worked after.

I'm really questioning if I should go there for those few days to be involved in this international thing of talking about cities, or should I be in another track? I think it's a good question, and it brings to the surface a very important issue. Of what value are these big events? This is where I was Congress question, 25 or more years ago, and I was struggling personally. This is OM just being born.

I said, look, we got to have somebody there. I think I have somebody, Greg Livingston, to go to Berlin. Then, Lausanne, and I was still struggling with all the money.

We have different ideas of how money should be used. I was asked to take a little seminar in Lausanne on literature, and I went, and I remember Dr. Schaefer, he was playing a vital role, John Stott. I got bucksing to meet with Dr. Schaefer.

We had a little night of prayer. We got kicked out of the room, but I came away from Lausanne studying these big events, absolutely convinced the Evangelical Church needs these events. Lausanne is specifically stepping into the backseat to some degree.

I just talked to one of the head men to let AD2000 take the lead in terms of evangelism. They're still in evangelism, but for now they see AD2000 as they seem to be the shakers and the movers. WEF, World Evangelical Fellowship, it sounds great, they've got lots of strong points and weak points.

They also are sort of rolling with the punches. Though there is some complexity in these different movements on a national level, definitely there is the sense that Chikohe is the event for this decade. There will be no Lausanne.

This is it. If this were to happen in every year I'd say no. But it's once in a decade.

This is going to be a mid-decade event. Also, if we think it's a lot of money to do this conference, then I think we ought to quit trying to evangelize the world because this congress is a drop in the ocean next to the money we need. Now, that's hard for some people to swallow, especially the small-minded types.

Brothers and sisters, we have got to see the releasing of hundreds of millions to evangelize the world so Chikohe can come there to get our act together. It's going to be a working congress, not just a pet paw. Be with our Korean brothers and sisters.

They just had the world parliament on religion, a total cocktail, demon worshippers gathered together with the liberal Anglicans. A wild thing if you read about that. The National and World Council of Churches, they have their big bonanzas.

Is the evangelical church somehow going to turn inward and not be willing to have any international events where God can weld us together more? Also, one of the things I noticed about Lassonde is that people on the periphery of the evangelical movement, by going to Lassonde, getting in touch with people like David Schaefer, then there was the Manila Lassonde too, it changes their lives. Now, there are certain people, they don't need these big events. It probably wouldn't hurt them to go.

There are other people that these kind of events are crucial for them. Personally, I think, Andre, if you possibly can, that you should be at this event, especially since your area leader is really the pioneer of 82,000 into OM. But it means you're going to have to cut some other things out.

It means also you've got to have people that you can delegate, faithfully delegate to in Quebec so you don't feel that another two weeks away, you're going to come back to the disintegrated work. It's all a battle. Don't misunderstand what I'm saying as I share these things.

What's our timing here? We have zero minutes left. No problem for me, but I don't know. Let's have time for a few more questions.

Yes? Yes? The letter that was sent out to Australia and myself about this and asking if we would get involved in these replies by the end of February, we actually received it in the beginning of May. I think it went to CMAIL. Did that come from Parry Records? Yeah.

I wouldn't worry about the dating on it. I'm sorry about that, why they sent it to CMAIL. I'm just beginning to try to figure out how they're doing some of these things.

I know that they have their ideals as to when the people are going to be applying, but it is certainly not too late to apply. The whole process is very complex. Good.

Well, you don't have so far to go. Any other questions? Any other questions? I see at least two of you here from the ship ministry. This is another interesting thing.

With our two ships we have a range of friends and contacts across the world that are phenomenal. Do you know how little we do with these people that we leave behind when we sail away? In many of these countries, I mean, let's face it, if they get a letter, if they get a thank you letter, they will be mighty happy. The very momentum of the ship ministry and the intensity of it means we need follow-up.

I see the 82,000 movement as something that is going to help follow up on when the ship is down. Some of these people get to Jokowi and they meet us there and might even be able to have some kind of

reunion for people that have been linked with the ship. There's not many things apart from Billy Graham, I can name a few other things, that have the international friendship as our two ships, where people have been on the ship.

There's some sense of bonding. Other things are very much on a national level. In California it would be Charles Lindahl and somewhere other place it would be someone else.

There are people in most countries that have a more in-depth input than we do, but on a wide sweep international OM just has an amazing range of contacts, friends, converts, and 82,000 Jokowi and all that comes after that. This thing moves national and moves regional. I just think it has a lot of possibilities.

OM is not getting any less wilder. It is getting wilder. I have more work than ever, more relationships than ever, more paper than ever, more memos than ever, more responsibilities than ever, more team members than ever, but God's grace is sufficient.

My wife has just come through a major time and taken care of my father for two months who flew off yesterday, so we're encouraged about that. Let's pray. Lord, we thank you for this movement that you've raised up.

We thank you for Louise Bush. We thank you for Paul Cedars. We thank you for John Richards of India, another one of the major leaders, Thomas Wang of Chinese background.

We thank you for all the Koreans shaking and moving in this thing. We thank you for people from different nations. We pray for Europe that seems to be the most behind when it comes to this particular movement, except perhaps here in Britain.

We think, Lord, of the tie-in with the Dawn movement, the tie-in with Lausanne and WEF, the tie-in with the Jesusville movement, the tie-in with Patrick Johnson and the adoptive people movement. We thank you for thousands and thousands of network tie-ins all over Africa and Latin America, Comey, Baum, and many other things. Lord, we do believe in many ways we're living in the most exciting time in history.

As, Lord, the race increases, the gamble also increases, the problems, Lord, as we know, many, many enemies, from raw paganism to fundamentalistic Islam to lukewarmness among your people. We're not unaware of the enemies. We haven't focused on that tonight, 45 enemies of AD 2000.

But, Lord, we try to somehow think positively and believe that we could see everybody in the world being given the gospel by the year 2000 and at least a long way forward in planting a church among every peoples. Give us wisdom and balance as we go forward together. In the name of Jesus, amen.

Amen.

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