

Singapore 87 Update

Spiritual Warfare in World Evangelization

We must realize that there is a war going on and stop living as civilians, declared Clive Calver, general secretary of the Evangelical Alliance of Great Britain. Calver explained that our civilian mindset leads us to spiritual pacifism as expressed in the status quo, ghetto mentality where we see only the joys of our Christian fellowship and neglect a world perishing without Christ.

The benefits of living on the front line of the spiritual fight include growth, integrity, and fearlessness revealed in our participation in righting the injustices of the world, according to Calver.

"Satan is not God," he declared, "and we should not assign divine attributes to him, making him equal to God in our eyes. We need to recognize that Christ far surpasses Satan and has totally conquered him.

A primary tool of Satan is accusation. Calver illustrated how Satan puts accusing thoughts into our minds which can paralyze us. We must stand fast in the victory of the cross.

When we concede to Satan, we risk diluting our evangelical theology, he warned. Satan will try to dilute the truth either by accretion or reduction. He urged that we cling to the whole truth of God.

Calver closed his practical message with a challenge to move forward using spiritual gifts. He gave several spiritual tactics for confronting Satan. Calver explained that there is great power in prayer and God will enable you to recognize where Satan is attacking so that you can stand against him in the name of Jesus.

Calver asked three other participants to recount their experiences on spiritual battle. Susan Perlman of the United States, Ceasar Molebatsi of South Africa, and Reuben Ezemadu of Nigeria described various dimensions of warfare faced by leaders committed to world evangelization.



The Leader and Family

A message on balancing ministry with a solid family, life delivered by Colleen Townsend-Evans Wednesday, night highlighted four principles to make marriage "evangelistic and revolutionary."

But Townsend-Evans, a writer and speaker whose husband Louis Evans is the pastor of a large church in



Washington, D.C., stressed that marriage is not a prerequisite for ministry. "It is not the answer to life," she said: "Fulfillment is found in Jesus Christ."

Townsend-Evans used many examples from her own marriage

of 37 years to illustrate her four points.

Calling procreation one of the main purposes of marriage, she described a time early in her own marriage when she and her husband were busy with a new church in the Los Angeles area. "We began to lose sight of the four children we had brought into the world," she said. When their oldest son began getting into trouble at school and Sunday school, his dad

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took him aside for a talk. He learned that the reason for the boy's rebellion was that his father was too busy to pay attention to him. When putting spiritual gifts into practice, "the most important place to begin is right at home," said Townsend-Evans.

She also emphasized the need for deep companionship between husband and wife. She recalled a time when church work was so demanding she and her husband went for months without spending an evening alone together. The pressures grew until finally she declared to her husband, "If God has called you to be a priest, fine, but I don't want to be a nun!" From that time on the two have set aside a regular weekly time to spend to-

gether. She explained that without the establishment of deep communication "it is impossible to continue ministry to a broken and a hurting world."

Submission to one another was given as the third principle. Townsend-Evans cautioned that neither partner should "lord it over" the other, but that both should be a servant to each other.

Fourthly, Townsend-Evans called for partnership in ministry. Again drawing on her own situation, she told how she is able to work among her city's large poor population with the encouragement of her husband.

Townsend-Evans concluded saying that marriages can be evangelistic and revolutionary as couples follow the principles set out in the Bible.

Regional Feedback Groups

This afternoon participants will join in regional groups to discuss concerns from their own geographical areas.

The eight regional areas include Oceania, South Asia, East Asia, Africa, Europe, Middle East, Latin America and North America.

During this time participants will have the opportunity to meet one another if they haven't already done so, and take time to share their prayer concerns and pray for the needs of their regions.

The session will also include feedback on the conference, as well as a time to air concerns that have not been addressed in the general sessions or workshops.

Some groups may wish to share regional concerns with the larger group. In this case they may want to draft concerns for inclusion in the "Update."

How Has Singapore 87 Helped Your Vision?



Singapore 87 has given encouragement to Joshua Bodibe of Sowete, South Africa. He no longer feels alone.

Joshua, who works with Youth Life Ministries, says the challenge of reaching black urban young people in South Africa is so big that he often feels all by himself.

"But my eyes have been opened here at Singapore 87," he says. "There are so many other young men and women who share this same vision of world evangelization. We have more on our side than I ever dreamed. We are a part of something big, and God is at work through it all."



Singapore 87 is the first international conference for Oscar Hernandez of Mexico City.

"I'm growing like never before. I'm trying to assimilate everything, and I'm learning so much. It's given me a new vision for world evangelization."

Oscar uses clowns, mimes, puppets, sports, and other creative ways to evangelize young people in Mexico City. While he feels that the methods that work in Mexico City might not work in Singapore or Canada, Oscar believes the opportunities for sharing with others at Singapore 87 have given him and other participants new ideas for evangelism.



Singapore 87 is challenging Jorge Atiencia to pass on the torch of leadership, rather than to receive it. Atiencia, general secretary of the Colombia Student Movement who has been involved in student work for twenty years, is praying about new directions for his ministry in the next decade.

"God is dealing with me and is giving me a new burden for developing and training preachers for world evangelization," he says. Atiencia is deeply concerned about leading young ministers to develop a world view of missions and evangelization. "And that, really, is the heart of this conference," he says.

Wang Urges Strategy Approach to World Evangelization

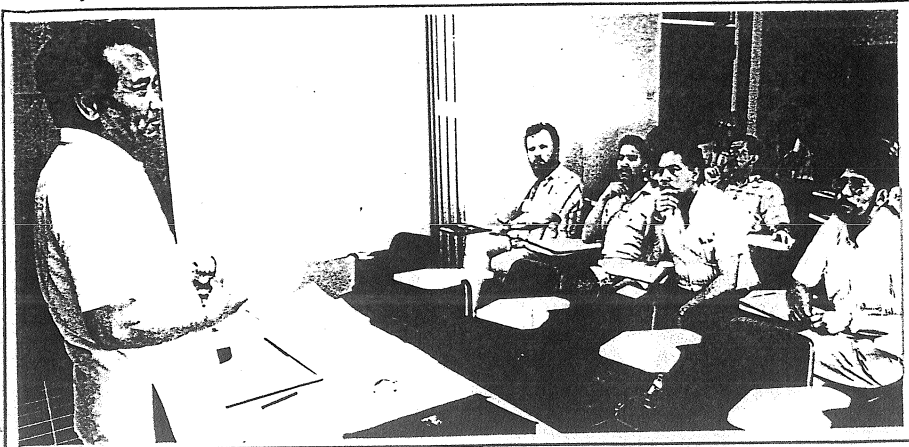
In order to complete the evangelization of the world, a realistic understanding of a lost world and a passion for its redemption are needed, said the Reverend Thomas Wang, International Director of the Lausanne Committee for World Evangelization since January 1987.

Wang emphasized the need for strategized world evangelization at a workshop earlier this week. The Great Commission, described as the "overriding, undergirding reason" for evangelization, is to be applied to a world of 2.5 billion people in thousands of people groups.

Evangelization takes spiritual renewal and sanctification on the level of lifestyle and mindset, as well as a soul-saving mentality, said Wang. It also requires a strategy that includes a viable evangelizing church for every people group, regional and global networking, and co-operation among para-church organizations, which Wang described as servants of the church.

Completion of world evangelization means "the whole church takes the whole gospel to the whole world."

Wang also stressed the importance of structures such as Lausanne keeping sight of their goal of winning people to Christ. "If ever Lausanne becomes a self-serving movement, I would be the first one to say we should not exist anymore."



Pentecost Sunday, 7 June, 1987

Our morning service will be a special time of worshipping together on this wonderful day. The first morning plenary will be a rich time in worship and in the word of God. The Lausanne Committee for World Evangelization has often designated Pentecost Sunday as a day of united prayer for world evangelization. During our second morning session we will turn to God in intercession. Sunday's schedule will be slightly different than printed on the program. We will begin at the same time (08:30) and plan on finishing our morning at the usual time (12:45).

Participants need not make plans to visit or attend other churches in the city of Singapore. The planning committee would ask that participants join in fully in the activities planned on campus for 7 June.



Singapore 87 has given Robert Aboagye Mensah of Accra, Ghana, an opportunity to grow spiritually by receiving new insights into the Gospel and the task of world evangelization.

Robert, who teaches at Trinity College in Ghana, has at times felt that he is giving constantly to his students. "Now I have an opportunity to be refreshed and to receive spiritual insights through the conference.

He also feels another major benefit is the opportunity to network with other younger leaders. "The fellowship with other Christians from around the world is one of the greatest things about this conference."



Saturday, 6 June, "Day Off"

Saturday, 6 June will be a "day off" from the normal conference schedule. Participants are free to explore the city, go shopping or sightseeing, or simply stay on campus. For many it will be a good time to prayerfully reflect on lessons learned during the first part of the conference.

Please be sensitive to other participants who have come without great resources to spend on tourism. You may want to sensitively share the cost of transport and eating out. You may want to consider enjoying simple, low-cost experiences. The steward desk at Sheares Hall has information about bus schedules and maps for your use. Participants were each

given a map of Singapore in the conference materials.

Taxis: Some participants are interested in using taxis for transport on Saturday. Taxis can be called by telephone to arrange a pick-up of participants on the campus. There is an additional charge of S\$1.00 for this radio calling service. Some participants have used the companies found at the following numbers: 533-9009, 452-5555, 762-4040, 256-1234.

Saturday is intended to be a "day off." A busy conference program can be overwhelming with new ideas and new people. Often, it takes time to let it all "soak in." Be careful of overdoing activities on Saturday. It would be

wise to be sure that you are rested well for a rigorous schedule during the closing days of the conference.

Saturday is a great time to arrange to meet Singaporean friends without interrupting your conference schedule.

Meals will be served on Saturday on campus according to the normal schedule.

Saturday evening will be an informal time of relaxing and enjoying each other by singing, storytelling, and expression from our different cultures. Come to LT 27 at 19:00 for a time of fun and joyous sharing. Come ready to tell a story or share something musical.

News You Can Use

Evening Snacks: Please return your cups and utensils from the evening snack times as quickly as you find comfortable when you are finished with them so that the people serving us may complete their tasks.

Tapes of the Plenary Sessions: Tapes can be ordered outside LT 27. Fill out one of the forms making clear your order and pick up your tapes the next day during the morning break time or 15 minutes prior to the evening celebration. The cost of the tapes is S\$3.00 or S\$4.00 depending on the length of the session. Sets of tapes can be ordered. Pay for the tapes in Singapore currency when you pick up the tapes.

Name Badge: Wear your name badge please. It does help other participants remember your name and country. Your name badge is your pass to enter the plenary sessions. It is also your meal ticket. Participants may find themselves hungry without a name badge. If yours is lost, explain your problem to one of the stewards in Sheares Hall.

Collect Calls Home: Make an appointment with your dorm steward if you desire to make a collect call at a time when the Post Office is closed.

Special Meetings: Interested in meeting with others sharing a common concern? Or doing a similar work as yours? Or those connected with a particular church or ministry? Feel free to call meetings with other participants during the conference. For an announcement to be printed in the "Update" daily bulletin, write down your announcement and have it placed in the "Media" box in the Sheares Hall office no later than 14:00 on the day before you would like the announcement to appear. Be sure to include details of an appropriate open time in the program and a convenient place.

OM'ers: Welcome to Operation Mobilisation and former OM'ers. You are invited to an OM reunion on Monday, the 8th of June at 14:00 at Sheares Hall. (Not the 8th of May, as erroneously reported in yesterday's "Update.")

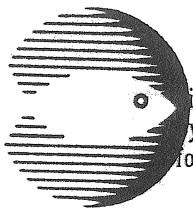
IFES: All participants related to IFES are invited to meet on Saturday, 6 June at 10:00 at Sheares Hall Lounge to visit some friends from FES Singapore for lunch (10:00 to 14:00); and then on to town.

African Ladies: All the African ladies participating are asked to meet on Sunday the 7th at

14:30 in Kent Ridge Hall. Please avail yourself and be on time. Thank you
Calling all Anglicans! There will be a meeting of participants at Singapore 87 on Tuesday, 9 June at 13:30 to 14:45 at the Faculty Club (near Kent Ridge Residence). We want to meet each other and encourage each other to be more bold and active in evangelism in our churches. We will also welcome Canon James Wong who is Asia Regional Secretary of the Evangelical Fellowship in the Anglican Community (EFAC) of which John Stott is President. Canon Wong will bring with him two or three other Anglican Singaporeans.

Media: Are you working in any aspect of media? Part time or full time? Would you like to hear about some of what God is doing in the world? And what about sharing how the Lord is using you? Let's encourage one another and learn from each other! Meet Tuesday, 9 June, at 14:15 in Sheares Hall, television corner.

Sports Evangelism: Those interested in discussing how sports can be used for evangelism please meet at the back of the auditorium at 11:00 (AM) on Friday, 5 June.



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