

Special Projects & Verwer's Ministry Letter

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March 4th is a very big day in our lives as it represents 50 years since I walked the aisle in that Billy Graham meeting in Madison Square Garden, New York City and found salvation and new life in Christ. Praise God it has been a reality, every day, ever since!

DEAR FRIENDS

I am starting this letter here in Uganda where for three days I have been with about 140 people from all over the world in connection with the Gospel and HIV/AIDS. These are mainly frontline workers who really need our love, prayers and support. Different people from different countries presented me with key communication and literature projects. Projects and plans that I really believe will save lives and also bring many to a knowledge of the living Christ.

Many of these people and ministries have very little contact with churches or groups that can financially help them. I feel that I am standing in the gap between those of you who pray and give and those who have these needs. We need your help at this time and would ask you to pray about sending funds for the projects. If you want more details I would be happy to speak to you.

This is a huge strategic open door and we need you to stand with us in a specific way.

The world has responded in an overwhelming, wonderful and generous way to the Tsunami crisis and we must respond in a greater way to this much bigger problem of HIV/AIDS.

Wow, time goes so quickly. It is now January 31st, our 45th wedding anniversary. We want to thank all of you who have stood with us and prayed for us over these many years.

We are in Vancouver having just finished speaking six times at the great Missions-fest event, which has been going on every year for the past 20 years. It is a tremendous model of how to motivate and mobilise people for world missions. Way over 10,000 people have been involved the past three days.

The response that I had, especially at a youth meeting of 2000 young people, is quite overwhelming. Last weekend we had the joy of ministering at a similar event in Portland, Oregon.

Our family letter went out a little late this year and I hope you have received it. We certainly appreciated your Christmas cards, emails and letters and we try to use them in our prayer ministry, which we believe, together with worship, is the most important ministry God has given us. Thanks so much for taking the time.

Requests for prayer and finance for projects around the world, in and out of OM, continue to pour in and we try to pray over all of them to try to get God's mind on how we can help. Anything you can do to help us respond to these great needs is greatly appreciated. We've listed the top seven requests.

Top Seven Requests

1. Bibles, Scripture portions & New Testaments in many languages
2. Key books in various languages aimed at leadership training, development and encouragement
3. All kinds of materials in various languages in the battle against HIV/AIDS
4. Special requests in connection with the Tsunami in Asia
5. Requests for scholarships for OM training programs and also for Bible and Christian College training, especially OM children
6. Key publishing projects (ie, the Turkish Study Bible Project) for many countries and languages. I can send a list of the countries we are involved in, just request it
7. The ships always need more literature and we are very involved in this area. The whole ship ministry is one of the major focuses in our lives and Special Projects Ministries, especially with the new ship, **Logos Hope**. This is the largest single project in the history of OM!

JOIN US MARCH 4TH, IF YOU'RE IN THE AREA

If you are in the UK or have to come to the UK for other reasons, we would love to have you with us that night for the special celebration that we are having at OM's base at 39 Honor Oak Road, Forest Hill, London SE23. We are enclosing an official invitation. I will be sharing some very special burdens that are on my heart at this time.

Please do not bring any gifts! But, if you want, we would be thrilled to receive finance for Special Projects.

Drena also came to Christ in 1955 and both of us look back over these five decades with praise and thanksgiving. We are very aware of our own weaknesses, limitations and failures but even more aware of God's mercy, greatness and glory. We want to keep worshipping Him in the midst of the battle.

It will soon be two years since Peter Maiden and his team took over the leadership of the Movement. They are doing a tremendous job. Pray for the major leadership

event coming up in India soon, where important issues will be prayed over and discussed. I will be ministering in the USA at that time, but my heart and mind will be with them in India.

Drena and I remain 100% committed to OM and are involved, especially behind the scenes in many different ways....and we love it.

God bless you.

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