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I was just reminiscing ...

Two Anniversaries

20/50



This is Omega's 20th Anniversary year. I made my first trip to the Philippines in January 1980, and Omega was incorporated on July 1, 1980.

I also mark my 50th anniversary in the ministry this year. I was ordained in August of 1950 in Montgomery, Alabama. Soon after my ordination, I was called to become pastor of the First Assembly of God in Floral, Alabama. After three years of ministry there, we moved to Pensacola, Florida where I founded Grace Church, Assemblies of God. After 13 years there, I was called to the Church of the Open Bible, also in Pensacola, after a brief period of full-time counseling with the American Red Cross.

It was from the Open Bible Church that I was called to California, where I served as executive vice president of Evangel Bible Translators, and as co-pastor of Evangel Bible Fellowship of Orange, California.

Following that, I founded Omega World Missions as a cooperating organization with the United States Center for World Mission in Pasadena, as a part of the Tribal Studies Division. After experiencing some health problems, we moved the Omega office to Victorville, California where we have remained since. After resigning as president of Omega, I was on staff at the First Assembly of God of Victorville for several years.

Recently, I have taken time to look at my personal files of news releases, newspaper articles, writings from other publications, and our various church publications. It has served to stimulate my memory, and to recall the many blessings and the few heartaches we've experienced along the way. Re-reading those reports of revivals, growth, and various ministries has been a rich source of blessing and inspiration to me.

Over those years of ministry, we have touched many lives — and they have touched mine in marvelous ways. I rejoice that I've kept in touch with so many, and hear from them from time to time. Some of them are faithful supporters of our ministry through Omega. They will never know this side of heaven what their love and prayers have meant to us.

As I look forward to the opportunity of this ministry trip to the Philippines, I cherish the opportunity to see again those who have called me "Dad Adkins" for these years. I thank God not only for my own "sons and daughters" in the faith, but for those "grandsons and granddaughters" who have come along.

You can see why this proposed ministry trip means so much to me. And, it is my fervent prayer that it will mean a great deal to those to whom we minister.



Believers from more than 30 countries in Asia, from Turkey all the way to the Philippines have been called to a 50-day period of prayer and fasting. Called "PrayerWave Asia." The period of concentrated prayer runs from July 1 to August 19. Participants are urged to fast as the Lord lays it upon their hearts.

According to a news release, "PrayerWave Asia seeks to unite the Church across Asia in humble, heartfelt intercession for Asia's healing and salvation." This year, priority number one is to pray for those in authority.

First launched on July 1, 1997, this is a joint effort by many evangelical movements, and is coordinated by PrayerWave Asia and Intercessors Network. Both organizations are linked throughout Asia, and indeed the entire world, by email on the world wide web. This is another example of how modern technology is used in spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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Asia has just 30% of the land area of the world, but has over 60% of the population. It is the fastest growing continent, and holds the largest number of unreached people in the world.

In recent years Asia has a growing number of Christians, ranging from churches planted for the first time in Outer Mongolia to a growing number of house churches in China. South Korea is emerging as a strong missionary sending base. While much remains to be done, once again the key seems to be the strengthening of the indigenous church, and equipping them to reach their own population.

Reaching the Unreached in the Philippines

Unreached people groups in the Philippines lie mostly in two areas: (1) the more primitive tribes of northern Luzon where the NPA (New People's Army communist rebels) is getting stronger, and (2) the predominantly Muslim peoples in Mindanao.

American missionaries cannot safely or effectively penetrate these two areas as church planters. There is always the danger of being kidnapped and held

for ransom, or worse. This is especially true now as Muslim separatists are intensifying their campaign of terror in Mindanao.

In these areas, Christianity is viewed as a foreign religion. Spanish conquerors first brought Roman Catholicism to the islands, and for 100 years Protestant missionaries from America have brought the gospel. Americans are appreciated by most Filipino Christians. The most effective strategy in non-Christian areas is to assist, equip and strengthen local workers in these areas.



We have seen recent examples where well-meaning white missionaries have created problems simply by their presence at a mission work.

This is especially problematic in heavily Muslim areas, as many Filipinos, especially those who follow cultural Islam, perceive Islam as the indigenous religion and Christianity as the foreign element.

Even though Filipinos must do the actual outreach, there is

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much that we can do, such as supporting them financially, providing resources, and training workers at a remote location. This is what Omega World Missions is doing. By establishing a sister-ministry, staffed and run by native Filipinos, we have been used of God to establish ministries in both the north and the south.

Our latest thrust is a threefold plan: 1) providing training materials by electronic means, 2) providing printed study material in “training center” libraries, and 3) on-site training seminars to equip national workers for the task of ministry.

A vital aspect of this on-site training is to prepare these workers to face the influx of various cults into that country. These cults take advantage of the spiritual hunger and lack of Bible training, and subvert many from the faith. The Christians there are in urgent need of a firm Biblical foundation to withstand these errors. Pastors need stronger Biblical education to be able to detect these errors, and respond to them.

If we are not diligent in providing sound Bible training, we could well lose a good part of the harvest to these cults. I urgently appeal for your help to make it possible to conduct these training seminars, and to increase their frequency.

Day by Day

*I will draw aside
making within my heart
a quiet place for prayer;
Widening my concern
for others
through the ministry of intercession,
I will pray
for people
bound by fear, hunger, sin;
for missionaries
winning
amid unrest and confusion;
for the indifferent
around me. . .
Day by day
I give myself to prayer!*

King James Version Bible Text, American Standard Version, Bible in Basic English , J. N. Darby Version , Douay Rheims Version , Jerome’s Septuagint An English Translation, Jewish Publication Society Old Testament, 1995 Revised Webster Bible, 1912 Weymouth New Testament, 1833 Webster Bible, Young’s Literal Translation, The Treasury of Scripture Knowledge cross references and commentary, The Online Bible Hebrew and Greek Lexicons, Strong’s Original Lexicons, Easton’s revised Bible Dictionary, Matthew Henry Concise Commentary. 2.2 meg. Treasury of David, Geneva Bible Footnotes, People’s New Testament Notes, 1917 Scofield Notes., The Fourfold Gospel, Family New Testament Notes, Eclectic Notes, Robertson’s N.T. Word Pictures, New Testament Notes, Newell on Romans Notes Set, Ben Asher Morphological tex, Ben Asher Hebrew text, 1881 Westcott-Hort Greek Text updated 1997, Textus Receptus with Strong’s numbers 1997, Interlinear Greek New Testament 1894 Scrivener T.R. ttn Textual Notes on the Gospels (Jay Green), New American Standard Cross Reference Notes , Online Bible Primary Topic Set, Spurgeon’s Morning & Evening Readings, Thompson Chain Topics, Torrey’s New Topical Textbook, The ABCs of Archeology (Dr. Clifford Wilson) Augustines Confessions, Evolution at the Bar (Philip Mauro), Body of Divinity (John Gill), Saving Faith (A. W. Pink), The Evolution Quote Book , Evolution, The Lie (Ken Ham) , Pilgrim’s Progress (John Bunyan), The Holy War (John Bunyan), The Temple (Alfred Edersheim), The 70 Weeks of the Great Tribulation, A Token for Children Dying Children’s Testimonies, Grace Abounding to the Chief of Sinners (John Bunyan), A Chronology by Barnes of Judea Before Christ, I Want the Earth Finances and Banking,commenting on commentaries (CH Spurgeon) Definition of Doctrine (CD Cole), Hebrew vowels (John Gill), documentation Greek and Hebrew Lexicon, Greek to English Lexicon linked to Strong’s, Hebrew to English Lexicon linked to Strong’s, Hope of Israel, Peoples New Testament Preface Catechisms and confessions of Faith, answers to questions about the christian faith by Ken Ham answers to 155 questions accuracy of the bible, etc, Henry Morris. creation and evolution by Gary Parker, humorous treatement of Genesis, evolution, creation by Ken Ham quotes from expert non-believers about evolution errors Philippines Cebuano Bible, Indonesian Alkitab Terjemahan Baru. 1.6 meg. Indonesian Bahasa Sehari-hari. File size 1.6 meg. French Program Ver, French Louis Segond with Strong’s, French Darby Version, Vietnamese Bible, Chinese Glory Union Bible, Josephus complete works of the Jewish historian, Naves Topical Bible, Torrey’s Topical Textbook, Theology by Finney Systematic Theology by Charles Finney , Into the Holiest by FB Meyer, The Life and Times of Jesus the Messiah, John Bunyan Fear, John Bunyan the Pharisee, RA Torrey How to Pray, AW Pink Biblical Inspiration, AW Pink The Law and the Saint, AW Pink Justification, AW Pink the Return of Christ, AW Pink Why 4 Gospels, FF Bruce The Training of the Twelve, EM Bounds Power of Prayer, EM Bounds Necessity of Prayer, EM Bounds Possibilities of Prayer, Watchman Nee The Normal Christian Life, Thomas A Kempis Imitation of Christ, J. HUDSON TAYLOR Union-Communio, .Martin Luther Commentary on Galatians, Henry Drummond the Ascent of Man, Henry Drummond Stones Rolled Away, Alfred Edersheim The Temple–Its Ministry and Services, FB Meyer The Secret to Guidance, Andrew Murray With Christ in the School of Prayer, Hannah Whitall Smith The Christian’s secret to a happy life, Thomas Watson The Ten Commandments, Leo Tolstoy 23 Russian Fables (greed, war, etc) ,

A listing of the over 100 individual books and sets of books on the recently produced Bible Study CD.

Bible Study CD Produced by “e-quipping” Ministries

Our ministry of “equipping the equippers” by electronic means has produced a Bible study CD for free distribution to national pastors. Based upon the popular OnLine Bible program, we have selected the most effective study tools available in the public domain. The CD includes 8 English translations plus French, Vietnamese, Chinese,Cebuano (Philippines) and 2 Indonesian translations. The entire Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance, Bible dictionaries, word studies, commentaries, Bible study notes, and sermons by various preachers such as John Wesley, Charles Spurgeon, etc. This is a library of over 100 books, most of them major works by well-known Biblical scholars.

Not yet available, but planned, are some of these same works on 3.5 inch diskettes for those who may not have a CD drive as yet. The diskettes will cost more to produce and ship, but many pastors do not have a CD rom drive yet.

These will be made available without charge to national ministers, Christian workers, missionaries, Bible schools and interested Bible students worldwide by request from Omega at no charge. Production and shipping (by Global Priority Mail) will be only \$10.00 each. As the diskettes have not yet been produced, we are not sure about the shipping costs on those.

This will give the local pastor access to a veritable library of information. Also included on the CD is a program forviewing “ PDF” files available online. While online time is relatively expensive, it does give the pastor the option of obtaining yet other study materials via the world wide web. Our own web site will include study material in this format, as well as links to other sites with Biblical study and research material.

Friends and family have asked how the travel funds are coming in for my August Philippine trip. With just about three weeks to go, we’re just under 1/4 of the way there. That seems like quite a way to go to me, but then, we’ve just begun a “campaign” (OR JUST BEGUN SHARING) this need recently. Offerings have been coming in very well in the last several days. Frank and Faith (who are my “travel agent” and “publicist”) are confident that the funds will come in and Frank went ahead and purchased my round trip ticket. He was able to nail down an excellent fare and didn’t want to lose that.

We praise the Lord for this provision, and anticipate a continued good response as friends of the ministry are made aware of the need. Will you look over the enclosed “Trip Budget” and consider a gift towards this trip?

Remember, we covet your prayers above all, for wisdom, protection, strength, good health and provision.

God is leading, and He will provide. We have many, many friends whom our ministry has touched over the years, and we expect a faithful response to this urgent appeal. I look forward to hearing from you.

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