

Lukewarm No More - Part 12

by George Verwer

George Verwer emphasizes the importance of sacrificial giving, mentoring, and discipling young people to complete the mission and spread the gospel to those who have never heard it.

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Scripture: Acts 2:44, James 1:22

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Description

In this video, David shares his experience of joining Operation Mobilization (OM) and how it transformed his life. He attended a conference in Canada where he heard a powerful speaker that changed his perspective. One of the key aspects of his time with OM was the emphasis on prayer, which revolutionized his prayer life. David also highlights the impact of sharing the gospel in different countries and witnessing many people turning to Christ. The video ends with a call for support and involvement in OM's mission.

Transcript

30% of my work is finding the finance to keep 2,500 missionaries and 800 children on the move and to supply them with tens of millions of pieces of Bibles, spiritual literature, Gospels, and videos and everything else we need to get the job done. It was Roosevelt who said on the phone to Churchill during the war, give us, no, the reverse, Churchill said to Roosevelt, give us the tools and we'll complete the job. And I would encourage you to take seriously this faith promise, giving program that you're involved in and to seek the Lord today.

What can I give? Maybe there's something I could sell. Wow, that would be wild. You know, we don't understand English people here in this country.

We think English are all laid-back, quiet people. You're crazy. English people are all kinds of English people.

And you, this church, is very subdued, very subdued. And that's the English churches that I preach at, including Anglican churches. It would probably frighten you, so, you know, I'm not telling you to go there.

But don't make generalizations about my beloved English people in my adopted country. Because when they love Jesus and they get filled with the Spirit, they go. In Cambridge alone, there are 1,000 believers.

In Oxford, there are 1,000 believers. And they're more on the cutting edge than the average evangelical in the American universities who claims to know Jesus as his Savior. There's a little group in Britain that said, let's sell things.

Can you imagine? Let's sell antiques and give the money to World Mission. People laugh. What, are you crazy? Of course, the Americans are flocking to Britain to buy antiques.

There's so many Americans going to Britain these days just buying antiques. Big money. They are not able to manufacture them fast enough.

It's a crisis. But this little group called Wallington's Missionary Auctions, they challenge God's people to sell their possessions for World Mission. They have just gone over the equivalent of \$5 million for World Mission.

You say, hey, that's over the top. I say, no. That's Acts chapter 2. When the Holy Spirit moves in our life, in our lives, things begin to happen.

And the things of this world, and you've been singing this song for years, grow, grow, fame needs Him in the light of His glory and grace. Brothers and sisters, we missionaries, we may look strong. We may be a little loud.

We need your help. We need your prayers. We need your men and women.

We need your enthusiasm. We need you to spread the vision to others. There's a tape about that, how to be a mission mobilizer.

And we need your finance, sacrificial giving, led of the Spirit of God, so that we can complete the task that Jesus has given to us. Let us pray. Lord, I just thank you for this wonderful morning and these three different opportunities I've had to share, just a few of the little drops that are there in my heart.

And I pray, Lord, that we'll not be just hearers of the word, but doers. I pray that we'll not let some little piece of George Burwer's straw hinder us from a pure message that you want to go to our minds and to our hearts, and that we may hear this modern Macedonian call from India, from Central Asia, from the Muslim world, from the 1040 window, where hundreds of millions have never heard the gospel, that we may hear this call and that we may respond, even as Paul and his team, to go where you want us to go, to do what you want us to do, to give what you want us to give. For we pray in the powerful, awesome, forgiving name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen. Amen. Thank you.

Sunday night's always a little more casual. I've got my 1040 window T-shirt on. I've got my global... Well, no, I do have global underpants, but my wife doesn't like me to wear those because she's always afraid I'm going to suddenly strip off in the meeting, which I did at a big Christian youth festival, and a lot of pictures were taken, and she was really offended by that.

But I very much believe in Second Timothy, that we need to be mentoring, we need to be taking young people with us, discipling them, encouraging them, whatever term you want to use. And some of you have met my friend David Bile. He's supposed to be helping me.

I wonder if someone can find out if he's out there. Does this sound system go out to the book tables? But if David Bile is out there, I want him to come up. David, I want to interview you.

One of the things in the training, David's commitment when he comes to work for me, it's a great privilege, you realize, is he basically takes a commitment anything, anywhere, any cost, any time. So we always pull surprises on him. Let me turn my sound.

You can use that, Mike, and I'll turn this on. This is on. David, first of all, how did you first get involved with OM? I almost forgot how that happened.

Oh, it's quite funny, actually, the application bit. Yeah, give him the application bit. Yeah, it was a very spiritual decision.

I was considering two missions, and it was right in the middle of a busy term at university, and OM was only two pages long. The other one was 14 pages, so I didn't fill out the other one. Amen.

So this was your first summer on Operation Mobilization. How did you find it? Be gut level honest. How was that first summer? New people, new country, new organization? Well, the first thing I did when I went is I went to this conference in Canada and heard this crazy guy, and that was a life changer right there.

But then it was one of the big things right off was prayer. I mean, we prayed hours and hours and hours on end, which is something I'd never done before, and it wasn't even boring. It was incredible, in fact, and that revolutionized my prayer life.

And then, of course, going to all these countries and sharing the gospel with hundreds of people and seeing many turn to Christ was amazing. That first summer, which country did you go to? Hungary, and this was before the Iron Curtain came down. Amazing.

Did you have a team of, like, all fellow Americans? What kind of team did you work on? I know it's all teamwork. Yeah, it was teamwork, and it was wonderful to see us all working together, but, in fact, it wasn't an American team, which is the thing I like the most about it. In fact, no offense to all you Americans, but our team was made up of people from all over the planet, Germans, English people, Finnish people, South Africans, all sorts, and it's wonderful to work together because when you're from different countries like that, all the other cultural things you have in common with people from your own countries fade away, and the common denominators of Jesus Christ come to the fore, and that's wonderful.

David, you've now, as far as I understand, made a decision to career missions and preferably the Muslim world. How did you come about that conclusion? Don't you think that's a little presumptuous? You know, I'm going to the Muslim world. Well, it could be presumptuous, but it also is, for me, it seems very logical.

I mean, how can I, who have been raised in this country, been given the gospel and all the other things we have in this country, not be concerned about the things around the world? And I've heard from George and from many others of the needs around the world in places like Central Asia where people, many of them don't even know who Jesus is, and to me it just seems the obvious thing to do. If God has worked in my life, God loves the whole world, I want to go. David, you've really got baptized into books this year, right? Carrying thousands of books and setting up book tables, sometimes a couple of minutes notice, all kinds of situations.

What do you feel? Do you feel that God is using these books? Is this just to make a buck, a fast buck for your next milkshake? What are your thoughts about this book thing? Well, of course, the one thing is I don't always know how many of them actually get read, and I don't even want to think that other people like me, having gone through seven years of higher education, where I've read about a third of the books I have, maybe not even that. But some of the ones from this book table that I read even before I joined George were life-changing, and I'm sure he's been pushing some of them. He's probably too modest to mention his own books, but we have got three of his titles back there.

He's not even telling me to do this, I'm just saying it. We've got some of his books back there. We're going to give you a raise for that, yes.

Thank you very much. Good. Thanks, David.

Please meet David. David is definitely the new generation. I count it such a privilege to work with young people.

Every year I have a new young person. Many different countries. David is the new generation.

He comes with a top notebook computer modem. Every morning he plugs in and pulls out all my email, some of which I like to push back down his throat. And he's just an amazing, amazing person.

He's available for the next two days for anybody that would like to talk about getting involved in OM. I don't get so involved in interviewing new people only because I have 13 hours of work cut out for me every day. But I do squeeze some of that in.

But that's David's specialty as he travels with me. And if some of you are interested, you can make a booking to see him. We're staying not very far from the church.

He could always come and meet you early or after breakfast tomorrow. Six o'clock breakfast. Probably the most spiritual crowd or crazy crowd in town will be at this breakfast tomorrow, including me.

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