

Plea for Ict Kathmandu 1985

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George Verwer's sermon emphasizes the misunderstood role of ICT in supporting evangelism and the importance of communication, recruitment, and financial health in ministry work.

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Description

In this sermon, the speaker reflects on the limitations of conferences and the need to prioritize tasks in order to fulfill God's will. He acknowledges that there are always things left uncovered or unfinished. The speaker also discusses the importance of various aspects of ministry, such as literature, vehicles, and equipment. He emphasizes the need for support and understanding from the audience, especially when things go wrong or when individuals return from the field.

Transcript

This is part of my final sharing with you for this particular conference. And then just spend a little time in prayer. We never can cover in a conference like this all the things that we would like to.

Just like life. I'm sure most of you on any one day there's five, ten different things you'd like to do. You have to decide which ones you're going to do.

Do it and somehow try to go to bed at night feeling you've done God's will. But also in a conference like this we're always aware of things that we don't cover or that we don't get perhaps pinned down as much as we would like to. And I think we realize that the leadership of OM in the subcontinent is an ongoing process.

You may get some great visions down at the AIC and generally there's a fair amount of freedom to move ahead. Sometimes a phone call is helpful. But the title of this little message, little talk that I'd like to give, I was hesitant to give this.

Then I decided to do it. Also I don't know what messages to give to this group and what ones to give to the state leaders. But I'd like to give a little plea.

It even rhymes. My little plea for ICT. A greatly misunderstood little team back in Bromley that is trying to survive in serving the whole body.

We have very few goals ourselves in terms of saying, you know, this is ICT's goal. We might have some exceptions. We have a goal of selling books.

And our book sales in ICT are quite amazing. If we could add the book selling we did for other countries last year, we'd go to over \$100,000. In fact, I noticed our little trip in the states, just our little team in the states, was one-fourth to one-third of all the book sales in the whole of the United States from all speakers and teachers and everything else.

Just our little team. That's three months. So, I mean, we do have a goal to sell books and we certainly have a goal to win souls.

One of our team members is an evangelist. Some of us others have gifts of evangelism. So we have that goal of seeing souls saved.

But most of our work is to help you reach your goals or to help some other team reach their goals. And somehow my plea would be that ICT would not be seen as some separate entity that is useful at certain times. I don't sense we're not appreciated.

I'm not here trying to get an appreciation vote. That's not a problem. But I just think we need increased communication as to what this is all about and what some of the prayer burdens are.

ICT is very complex for a number of reasons. Number one, we've highly esteemed other fields, especially in regard to single people, and have been willing to recruit not only married couples but fairly large families. With all that that involves, because children are important, their education is important, families need vehicles, what we're paying just for our maintenance base in Brownlee, just to keep our STL fleet going.

Actually, they would have needed it just for their own fleet, but we ended up with more vehicles than they did. And so on paper, we're now paying a good chunk of the pie, especially since EBE, who were the most demanding ten years ago to have a warehouse in Brownlee, now don't even particularly want it. And that's one of the most expensive rented buildings in the whole of operation mobilization.

And yet shifting a garage is not simple. If we try some of the other strategies suggested to us, it also will become very, very expensive. One of the things that saves money in Brownlee is the fact that two teens are sharing a lot of the load.

But another reason it's so complex is because we find that we're O.N. Britain's little brother down in London, and yet I think if we had to compare numbers of meetings, numbers of a lot of different things, we're equally in the battle for recruits in Britain, finance in Britain, church relationships in Britain, all kinds of other things in Britain. The great balance in that, of course, is that Peter Maiden is almost like a member of ICT. So as we help Britain, Peter Maiden helps us, and we feel we're actually the winners.

But it does make things complicated. Another thing that makes ICT complicated is that by tradition we are there to serve STL. One of the reasons I moved into Brownlee in the early days was to help STL.

Remember when I moved in there, Keith Beckwith had just been killed, John Watts had just been killed, and the brother who was taken over says, when Ken Taylor took away Tyndale House books from us, said, STL is dead. My beloved brother Jonathan never was extremely enthusiastic about STL. Keith Beckwith, who had just been killed, wasn't sure it was even in God's plan, and he and John Watts went

together to build greater unity.

On this trip in Poland, they got perfect unity, of course, as they were simultaneously killed. But STL has been a great struggle, because it was unique, it had many, many demands, and even the first experiment with Jerry Davey and Peter Wales working together, if you remember those days, didn't exactly work out. So we, by tradition, have always been in Brownlee to help STL, especially from OM, what unfortunately really got called OM Affairs.

OM, fellow travelers, prayer partners. We try to absorb that so it doesn't all go crashing into STL. Some of it does anyway, of course, especially now that it's so big.

We thought of moving ICT at times out of London, so that we could get away from certain things. We even thought of lovely places like Cyprus, all of it just pipe dreams. But the fact is, if we move out, OM will have to open an office in London.

We've never been hardly without an office in the south of England, even though once we had it in a grocery shop, as Philip Morris can tell. Anyway, to cut it short, there are just a few of the complications. What are some of the things we're trying to do there where we'd appreciate your prayers and understanding? I put on the top recruiting.

Everybody everywhere in OM plays the same record. We want recruits. How many men do you think we have actually full-time out recruiting, or even, say, three-fourths time within OM worldwide? There are very few.

There are very, very few. A lot of people are doing things here and there, but they usually have two or three other jobs. And a few of us, I'm in that camp, feel that recruiting is absolutely top priority.

Telephone, letters, meetings, pastors, all these different things are related to getting workers for the harvest. In my own meetings in the past two months, I've seen over 3,000 people stand up in meetings to repent, to ask Christ to be Lord, to be filled with the Spirit, and, of course, to go as the Lord would lead them. But it takes a lot of energy, a lot of effort.

I don't think the average evangelistic field, a term I don't always appreciate, realize the price tag on the recruits. We're in that kind of work. When somebody recruits for a long-term mission agency, it's a very expensive thing.

But when they get a man, they usually have him, hopefully, for life. That's way OMF. I've had a lot of contact with OMF.

Last few days I had lunch with James Hudson Taylor, whatever his name, the third. They're a life agency. You sign on the dotted line.

That's why they've had hardly any Singaporeans join them. Southeast Asians, they just stand to gasp at the army we have. But it's because very few in that culture are going to put their John Hancock on a life commitment with a full-fledged American, not American, but Western society.

What did I say? John Hancock. Yeah. So the price tag on recruiting and ICT is heavily involved in that.

It's not something you can easily bill. We've had some people make generalizations about billing that all we have to do is bill everybody for everything and we're all going to be out of the black. Billing can help.

We're into the black. Billing can help. But you're dealing with a lot of hidden costs.

You must try to get this into your minds. In OM, it's not just ICT. It's U.S. General.

People make statements, why has U.S. General gone into the red again? I think it has or it's close to it. And Canada's in the red. Malaysia's in the red.

South Africa, letter from Francois today, desperate, financial, embarrassed, feeling terrible. And of course, during cutback, I mean, people were really looking for the culprits. They're jumping on you out of the cupboards.

But we all want these recruits out here and we understand that OM is both short-term and long-term with a higher percentage of our recruits short-term. There's a big price involved in that. You know, to get 500 recruits out of Manchester, which we're all involved with, all of us who live in Britain, how many people do you have to process? Do you have any idea? It's thousands.

Yeah, inquiries. Just the postage stamps. Just the stationery.

It's amazing. On top of this, in order to get the wheat today in Christian work, to get the wheat, you've got to go through tons of straw. And the people I have to answer, it's just dead ends, dead ends, dead ends.

The whole Africa department is a long jungle of dead ends. But you can't treat people like, you know, pieces of paper. They need at least some kind of answer.

Not that Africa is that big a thing. But all the different things add up. Anyway, we're very much committed to recruiting there.

We may soon launch another man, Jack Rendell, out of administration, leadership side, into largely ministry, teaching, preaching, recruiting. We already have Nigel in that, myself, and each team member to some degree. Another goal and burden for the team that we need prayer on is finance.

We are committed, of course, very heavily to seeing money come in for all fields, but especially the subcontinent. And I think, if we think there's been some great shift in policy on this, we really are wrong, because I can show you from the earliest days of the work that we believe strongly in clear-cut communication that some have always accused us of hinting. People are now accusing us again of hinting in our prayer.

We have always had that from the earliest days. It's very difficult to be a character like me who believes in laying on the line and challenging people. Bookshops in Mexico, correspondence courses, radio stations, ships, name the 100 different challenges over the years, and people not say you're hinting.

So if you're hinting, why don't you just ask? We have to examine our hearts before God, and our purpose in communicating is not hinting. Now, is it wrong to hope that God's people have enough brains to put two and two together, that if there are so many million souls going to hell without the Word of God, and we're asking them to pray that we may give them the Word of God, that maybe some money is needed? Now, if that is a sin, please rebuke me, and I'll try to straighten up. But I think before God, He knows our hearts.

Our burden is to see the work go forward, is to see funds come in for His glory, and we believe that from the very, very beginning. Some people think we've only used pictures lately. When I first tried to make an impact on Britain, I allowed my puss to be put on a poster as having just come back from the Soviet Union.

I had that 61 fiasco in the Soviet Union. And in those days, if you preached, if you'd been in the Soviet Union, even for a couple of days, it attracted attention. So there are little posters.

I found one of these years later and almost barfed. And a lot of these things that people are saying, OM is changing, OM is doing things today, we've been doing them all along. It's just that most of you have been so busy winning souls, you haven't known what OM has been doing.

Probably an exaggeration. But we are committed very strongly on that team to financial health. And that means a lot of things.

It's not time to go into detail. One of those things is to keep STL going. That's why we borrowed one of your top workers for that program.

And believe me, STL would not work if it were not for the motivation factors that come from the rest of OM. These kids, volunteers, putting in their own money, aren't going to bust their knuckles in that warehouse month after month and year after year just for nothing. They need to know why.

And they know why. It's for the subcontinent, for the millions to be reached. And it's very motivating.

I speak there an average of probably 25, 30, maybe more, 40 times a year. And it's all involved. Of course, we're together there as one body.

The next thing I've written here is this whole thing of pastoral care to ex-OMers. I've been encouraging Gary to do more in this area. He's done a lot.

But we're all in that in Britain. You can't have ex-OMers just around you and not do anything about it. It's time-consuming.

It's sometimes heartbreaking. But we've got to do it. We are laboring on your behalf.

What are you doing for ex-OMers? You send them a letter, and maybe a personal note from time to time, but you can't live in Bihar and serve ex-OMers in England very easily. We are aware of the ongoing trauma of some of these people not being able to re-enter society. Some of these people from Britain have been more effective in India than they have when they come back.

And this leads me to the next thing I've written here is church relationships. We are committed to building church relationships. Everybody likes churches like Worthing Tabernacle one year later.

But it doesn't happen just overnight. It takes a lot of time. It takes a lot of visits.

Even to this day they feel down there that I'm almost obligated to an annual visit. But you get a lot of church relationships after 28 years in the ring. And fitting in the annual visits is not always so easy, though, of course.

And a lot of churches that have wanted us to come, at least wanted me to come, and have given me an open door, I can't go, just you don't have enough Sundays. But we're very much committed to this church relationship. Again, we've had people hassling us at times over our phone bill.

Where these relationships all take, it's either phone or letter, you cannot even measure the results sometimes you get from one phone call. And yet phone calls are costing more and more. When you're

talking to a pastor, it isn't all neatly categorized.

Now, is this conversation benefiting India, or the Muslim world, or my family, or Britain, or the summer campaign in France? I feel I'm busting my knuckles as much for the summer campaign in France as I do many other things. Because the great host of recruits we get, they all go through Europe before they ever get to you. So it's difficult to divide it in little cuticles and send out bills.

The work of God, I think, could be greatly stifled and hindered in some ways if we tried to do that. Anyway, keep praying for those church relationships. Realize our commitment to that.

Not only in Britain. 50% of all of my letters and communications go outside of Britain. Though I've not been in the States much, probably I've been able to influence the States by living in Europe more than many people perhaps who live in the States.

We have a unique relationship with the United States. We have not abandoned the States. Some of you read the memo I did about that last year.

But that does cost. I made one phone call to a very bitter ex-OMer living out in the West Coast. They had a horrific experience with us.

Not India. Middle East situation. I tell you, that call, though it may have cost \$5, \$10, \$15, meant so much to them.

Hardly anyone has contacted them. They're a family. They've been working on this bitterness and struggle for over a year and a half.

We can get up and talk about pastoral care, follow-up, love, sensitivity. But who's willing to pay the price? Even for the phone call. It costs.

The ministry we are in costs. Wayne said 5,000 rupees for a trek out into... That's peanuts! The way a lot of people think. Maybe not the way O.M. Nepal thinks.

But I wouldn't want to... The price tag of Brother Andrew's operation to get literature into some of these places. It's just staggering. That's why he shifted his whole emphasis.

His big emphasis went to the USA. And the big mega bucks came out of this wide, nationwide advertising program in the United States so he gets money from everywhere. He has a major fundraising operation going on right now in Singapore and Malaysia.

You should see it. It's all excellent. Mainly excellent.

You should see the literature and things that are turning out in Singapore and Malaysia to get Bibles for their next big thrust into China. Another thing I've just quickly listed here is relationships with other missions and groups. You know, I talked about the miracle of credibility.

That doesn't happen just overnight. You're working on that kind of thing now in India. You know, these trip subs you've just had with Christian leaders in the Northeast.

And we've seen what Chaco's been able to do in Bangalore. There'll be a price tag on that. No doubt your fees for Operation World will help cover it.

But this relationship with other groups has been very beneficial. And it's certainly another one of our major tasks there. People that we win back there ultimately can affect what you're doing here.

A lot of it is indirect. On the people, you take the relationship with K.P. Yohannan. Many of us have been involved in that.

It's been an ongoing drama. Philip, David Hicks, especially David Hicks. Ray, some of you, you know.

Somehow in an unusual way because believe me, most of us in our relationship with him we just wanted God's will. We were not thinking about any big money coming out of that. Contrary-wise we were ready to, you know, just the opposite.

And yet in God's providence suddenly 40,000 at a very appropriate moment and 10,000 if the pot was done comes out of that ongoing relationship. This is what we're into, this team, through endless... We have more contacts on our little ICT than probably most groups in the world because we've got Neil Brinkley up with his computer and all those contacts. My family list is up to 1,700 people.

Very cream list of people. Built up over 28 years. We've got, you know... Of course, we never can do justice to all we have because we're so few of us.

Roger Malsted, I don't mean the contacts he has. And a lot of people look to us, of course, for information, for getting linked up. We're short-staffed as you know.

Another ministry we have we'd appreciate prayer on is defending the faith. I use that because it's found in the Bible. But, you know, in the work of God, it isn't all positive.

And we have had to defend OM against criticism. More than that, we've had to sometimes defend the strategy we have and stand against cults. We have to make all kinds of decisions about who we work with and don't work with.

Ten year trauma with Christ is the answer only to see them split in two. It's quite amazing. And it takes some time and effort.

One book. You take that one book. We're very much, as you know, involved in introducing literature into the whole worldwide scene.

But that one book, Healing for Damaged Emotions, that we laid hold of. No one in Britain barely knew that book existed. It was a relatively unknown author.

We had introduced his tapes. We laid hands on that book. STL does not even handling it.

Not even handling it. It's a victor book. I tell you, the feedback we're getting from that one book, Healing for Damaged Emotions, is quite staggering.

And now books like God Wants You Rich. I have a couple copies of that with me. It may seem like a small thing, but boy, I tell you, the enemy is constantly trying to get people into extremes.

And even into a win. So that's something else we're very much involved in. Literature projects, I think you know just how much we're involved in that.

Neil Brinkley, another complicated family situation. And I don't think Neil would mind me sharing with you that he just had an ongoing trauma to see support come in. And here we are in Britain.

This is in India. And this family has battled and battled and battled and has not seen financial support, which means it has to be subsidized. But I will tell you, even if we run in the red doing it, somehow I believe that families like this, unless the Lord clearly shows it, need to be helped temporarily.

I believe they're going to see a breakthrough in God's timing. Neil goes out selling books. He's seen quite good book sales.

Doesn't officially go to his support, but it's a factor we keep in mind. Now with Philip coming back to be based in Bromley, I think we'll be even more effective. Not just because of us.

There's not that many of us, but we've got the links with everybody else. We can pick up Dale one minute. We can talk to Stritcher.

They're all ready to go if we ask them, generally. It's got to be within reason. Peter Maiden in Carlisle, the finance department.

It's all there in the end of the phone. In fact, as you know, I have a push-button phone. Just push the right button.

I don't even touch the phone until I hear the voice. Then I pick it up. Of course, my phone bill, as you know, can be discouraging for the finance department.

The fact is, it's not what it should be because I'm not as motivated always to make the phone calls as I should be. So pray for the whole literature ministry and realize what's involved in that. Then next I just put a word about vehicles.

It may seem like little things, getting in those Carnets. Praise the Lord, it shifted over to Holland. But there's a lot involved in the whole vehicle thing.

Then next I just put the word equipment. This is where Gary has been such an enormous help, running around, getting all the different equipment that you want, that you need. And we want to be of service and hope that we can do a better job in the future.

And then another thing I put is speakers. Coordination of visiting speakers. Again, this takes a lot of work.

Sometimes I think we want to throw up our hands and say, you know, forget it. We know that one out of four or one out of five that come, it may not work out. But, you know, OM is here today because it was built on risks.

OM was risks from the very beginning. The very fact that God would even, in his sovereignty, build anything on a character like me was a risk. It was a big gamble from the beginning.

And I think we need to continue sending out some of these speakers because it's a life-changing experience for them. They often are also a blessing out here. They're not all Tony Sargents, but if we're to find the wheat, we've got to wrestle with straw.

And I hope that you'll pray for Gary, who very much is involved in that. And it has a lot of possibilities. As you know, another main ministry, just for the next on your list, we're committed to is building unity.

One of the things that would encourage me is if you could reread memos you've received from us in the past, just to know people are at least reading what we're saying, because it does cut down the error factor. If we follow some of these instructions, security regulations, it definitely cuts down on the error factor. And some people who have studied things have said, you know, a lot of the problems in OM are simply people not following instructions, not obeying very basic things.

The great need isn't for radical, freak-out changes. We need constant change, I would agree with that. But it's to obey some of these basic things that we put down in our manuals, in our literature, in our memos, and to go at it with all of our hearts.

Of course, we're discovering just to send out one memo, just to communicate one thing to OM worldwide is a big, big price tag, talking about hundreds of pounds. And then this hidden cost, for instance, hundreds of pounds, but now they want a new machine to handle the post, what they call a meter machine. So you've got hundreds of pounds posted, but then you've got, at the end of the year, a new machine, which is, I think, Neil Porter mentioned something about a thousand pounds, I guess.

One of the advantages in God's sovereignty, let me just throw this in, of us being so based, OM has certainly got one of its major bases, to say the least, the British Isles, is that with the dollar going up against the pound, Britain is one of the best places in the world right now for buying things, and for living, especially when your income is in dollars. And you can't understand Manchester's expenses unless you realize how many services they are performing for everybody else. Every financial report you read in OM, you've got to look at the asterisk, footnotes, and sometimes it doesn't cover it.

So we're very much committed to this thing of building unity. You know, when I arrived back in Europe last year for these conferences, I had to put probably 50 to 100 hours just into trying to get what I felt the OM ship back on course. Of course, I had Rotan leading me like a galloping horse.

He immediately... Dale Rotan and I had our longest time of fellowship in 20 years as a result of the crisis that was there when I got back. And I just got to know him a lot better. We were so united it was hurting us.

But we did go around and talk to a lot of other people. But it does take time. Now, you may say, well, what does this have to do with India? It has everything to do with India.

I don't think you want to see OM split down the middle. When a movement splits down the middle, at least quite a few people flip out. They can't handle it.

And we are committed on this team to keep OM as one body. We don't believe the ship should become a separate entity, neither with presidents or prime ministers. We believe the ship is a vital part of the whole OM thing.

Other people feel this stronger than me. I was almost ready to, you know, see it become separate or at least almost totally autonomous. But as it was examined and prayed about, well, I know the time is gone.

I have here just this thing of recruiting prayer partners. I feel this is another one of the major commitments. We need new prayer partners.

People die. Quite a few people get in contact with OM and actually become missionaries. And then their giving stops and in turn they need giving.

And so we need new prayer partners. You know, if we don't answer these letters of these people, it can be a little discouraging for them. Now, right now I've only got a backlog of about 500 letters.

I know maybe we could throw them all into a miracle computer. Some kind of answer would go out. But I feel a high commitment to prayer partners.

I've written more thank you letters for gifts in the past six months than I've ever done before for a number of reasons. But this is something that we're very, very much involved in. There is a very interesting group of about 500 people around the world.

That's just a guess number. If next year I tell you 700, you won't worry. It's a guess number.

Who are providing a very interesting amount of our income. I don't know the amount. The more I look through the computers, I realize most of our gifts are small gifts.

But there's this one group. I tell you, the Everett Langlis, the plumber in New Jersey, the Ken Taylor, you know, there's a group, a few hundred. And I tell you, they are as committed to this work in some ways as you and I in this room.

That's not as much. Their life, major part of their life is to give to OIM. Give.

We have a commitment to those people. To send them a free book that may help them with a particular problem they're wrestling with. To phone them and show that we care.

To spend time with them. I now go to the USA Conference 50% of my time is just meeting ex-OIMers, prayer partners, people that show up. And so this is a vital ministry that we have on your behalf.

Again, I'm mentioning these things because they're not easy to see. They're not easy to measure. And as we increase our personnel in ICT, which we must, at least I don't want criticism from the subcontinent.

I'll handle it and I'll get it from other places. But I hope the subcontinent understands. We are serving you.

You are our top level commitment. And we need your understanding, etc. You might say, what to do? Very quickly, pray.

Pray, pray, and pray. There's nothing more important than prayer. As you pray, God will answer.

If I didn't believe that, I would just freeze up and close shop. Number two, you can recruit for us. Some of the people out here now, they're not long-term potential for your part of the world.

You can recruit. Jerry Davies asked me again to represent the challenge of STL in a way that when people come back from the field, they could be involved indirectly in India. I'm working with STL, following in the footsteps so you can recruit.

Number three, you can give, not grudgingly, not, oh, but you can give. If the Lord has given to you, even if it's just a percentage, especially while we're still a hundred thousand in the hole. That was quite an agony for Jack Wendell, much more difficult for his temperament than mine.

There's a side of me that can be pretty thick-skinned. There's another side that's so thin I can barely survive. And then, perhaps more than anything else, we do need your support.

We need you to believe the best when some things go wrong. If somebody comes back to Bromley and they don't get the warmest, most loving, overwhelming treatment, we have more people passing through than we can even think. XOMers, fellow travelers.

And some of our people are overworked. They're worn out. And they just don't have the hospitality, loving energy to give at every single moment.

Criticism came back to us early this year that we were cold. Of course, Neil Porter read the letter out for the devotions. I wasn't there.

That was an interesting thing. It's amazing. Others wrote back a week later that it was a warm, loving, accepting place.

You know, you win some, you lose some. I just, in closing, want you to see this not as a separate entity, certainly not competing with you. I don't think it's in any way competing with you, but as your base.

Maybe we ought to call it subcontinent headquarters instead of ICT. Maybe that would communicate. But we do need your prayers and your support.

And I hope that this little plea will bring something along that line. Let's pray. Lord, I just thank you that I could get this off my heart.

And I know what I've said about ICT could be said to some degree about New Jersey, about Manchester, about Smolinstainer, about some of these other places. We are in this together. We just rebuke Satan in any effort he makes to drive a wedge between the offices and the evangelistic frontline fields.

We don't want these people in the offices to be thought of as second-class citizens, those who didn't make it, rejects, other words that have been thrown around at times and have, in some cases, really hurt people. And we ask, Father, you'd minister even now back in Bromley to Neil Porter, to Susan, to Tricia, to Marge, to Sam over in the garage, to Peter Conlin, in and out, carrying on so many different ministries now, to Nigel and Neil Brinkley, other people's names just don't pop into my head right now. Pray also for STL.

Look at the massive amount of money they've sent in our direction. We think of also the fact that anybody in STL sits there week after week being exposed to India, to the subcontinent in a very strong way. Some of them, like Paul Bounds and others, are now out here.

Help us, Father, to find the recruits we need. We have an awesome task at times, sometimes knowing where a secretary should go. We want to esteem also Jonathan's need and thank you for what you have done for him.

And Lord, we're just going to believe you, believe you for greater victories. Father, we know that Pakistan's rapid growth has been linked with other foundations in other parts of the world, that the existence of the work in Nepal is linked with what this team, which was once actually based in Nepal, has been able to do. We're in this together.

We want to give you all the glory. You know this overwhelming indebtedness that our team has. We don't want to rob Peter to pay Paul.

Our burden is the financial health of the whole work. And Lord, if we're to be a temporary, somehow last team in the queue, then that's what we want. We believe big gifts can come to wipe out this.

We don't believe it should come from grants, especially when people are in financial trouble themselves. We believe big gifts, book sales, small gifts are going to come. Lord, it's humanly crazy to think that people will designate money to ICT.

They don't even know what it is. But we know that it can come to us personally. It can come in fluke ways like that house that we inherited.

We want miracles. We're not finished with a day of miracles. We believe that even 85 could be the year to pull this team out of the red as it absorbs overheads for the whole work around the world in a dozen different ways.

We look to you now. We leave you for the victory. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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