

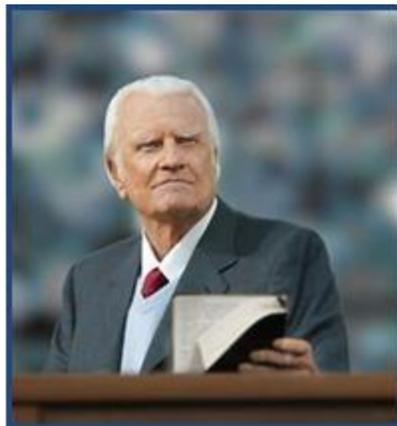
Dear Friends –

I want to take this opportunity to publicly thank Reverend Billy Graham for how the Lord used him to impact my life for the advancement of the Gospel. It was in 1974 when I was a student at Fuller Seminary when someone asked me if I was going to the International Congress on World Evangelization in Lausanne, Switzerland sponsored by The Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. No, I had never heard of the Conference and was not invited since I was not a leader or known person in the Kingdom of God.

Two weeks later through a miracle of God an envelope came to me in the mail unsolicited and inside was a personal invitation for me to attend the Congress. Over 3500 Christian leaders from around the world gathered together in Lausanne in July, 1974 to share their faith and to give testimony to what God was doing in their countries. My heart was deeply touched by everything that was happening and I signed the Lausanne Covenant drafted by Dr. John Stott committing myself to extending God’s Kingdom throughout the world.

After Billy Graham gave the concluding message, the Conference ended and all the attendees were departing the hall with everyone moving out to the left. I followed the crowd with my son next to me, and the next thing we knew we were standing right in front of Mr. Graham. He extended his arm and shook hands with Dean and said “How are you young man?” Then he turned to me and shook my hand and as I looked into his eyes I saw light coming forth from his eyes like I had never seen in anyone else’s eyes. It was a deeply humbling experience and one that I will never forget.

Stan



Billy Graham
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