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Greetings to our precious leaders around the globe! We are living in exciting times. The days before us will be greater than the days behind us. I believe God for an unprecedented global outpouring of His Spirit as men and women come to the knowledge of truth.

**WHERE ARE WE NOW?**

In 2005 we baptized 88,913 in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and 99,208 received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Here is a glimpse of our regional reports.

Region	Constituents	Churches Preaching Points	Ministers
Africa	283,305	3,463	3,140
Asia	244,518	3,626	2,114
Central America/Caribbean	379,874	3,124	2,498
Europe/Middle East	24,266	511	458
Pacific	361,595	5,694	3,255
South America	306,189	4,458	3,300
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1,599,747</b>	<b>20,876</b>	<b>14,765</b>



I recently returned from the 82<sup>nd</sup> General Conference of the UPCI in North America. I gladly report 1,108 received the Holy Ghost in the crusade service. In our Foreign Missions

service we completed the budgets of fourteen North American missionary families.

The Lord has blessed us. I am thankful for all He has done with, and through, His Church. Yet, I am not satisfied. We are fast approaching 6.6 billion people in our world. Statistics verify that 3.3 billion souls have never heard about Jesus Christ. We have come a long way since 1945 when two Pentecostal organizations joined to form the UPCI. One of the key objectives of the merger, and of the Foreign Missions Division, was and is to proclaim the whole gospel to the whole world in obedience to the Great Commission. We began with forty missionaries in nine countries. Today, we have about 652 North American missionaries and nineteen regional missionaries in 181 nations. Truly the sun never sets on the United Pentecostal Church. We boldly plan to reach every nation on earth by 2010. I do not merely envision a witness in every nation. I see a vibrant, active, nation-reaching United Pentecostal Church in every country. By faith, I foresee multiplied hundreds of thousands coming to truth, and thousands of churches being established each year. We will not be able to accomplish this with our present missionary force. It beckons for total involvement from the global church. Those who once received missionaries need to be sending missionaries. Each church, in each nation, needs to be *giving* and *going*.

Rev. Nathaniel Urshan used to say, "The whole gospel to the whole world, by the whole

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church.” That is my rallying cry today. Everyone needs to get involved. This is one of the reasons for the Global Council; along with the Global and Regional Commissions for Missions. Each nation can be involved in sending and supporting regional missionaries. A close analysis of financial giving to the regional missions program from our fields indicates a small investment compared to what could be done, and should be done.

### WHERE ARE WE GOING?

W. E. McCumber once said, “Sometimes people are doing nothing because no one has asked them to do something.” A question is asked in Matthew 20:6-7: “Why have you been standing here all day doing nothing?” The answer, “Because no one has hired us.” I am asking for everyone to get involved. The Lord has called us to work in His vineyard. As the General Director of Foreign Missions, I challenge you, as a leader, to place emphasis on evangelism within your borders and regional missions outside your borders.

### WHAT CAN WE DO?

Here are a few suggestions. Perhaps, you are doing these already. If so, great! If not, please consider to do so.

1. Preach, teach, and cast a vision for worldwide evangelism. Stress the personal responsibility of each believer to reach out.
2. Plan evangelistic events on your local and national calendars. Don't just preach it; practice it. Lead the way by making sure the church you pastor is a model, evangelistic church. It is common knowledge missionaries come from missions-minded churches with a missions-minded pastor. Be a missions-minded pastor or minister.

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3. Every established church should have (at least) one preaching point or church plant. Each one, reach one!
4. Establish local and national evangelism targets.
5. Every church should be participating financially in evangelism and missions. Some give to regional missions once a year. Giving will go up markedly if you establish a monthly plan.
6. Appoint a missions/evangelism coordinator for your local and national church.
7. Pray for the regional missionaries, other mission fields, and unreached people groups in your area.
8. Stress missions in your Bible schools. Nurture a burden in the lives of potential ministers.
9. Encourage and establish cross-cultural teams that minister in unreached areas in and out of your country.
10. Place missions' reports on bulletin boards, in monthly newsletters, or simply announce them from the pulpit.

I recently read a story written by William Taylor that expresses my dream for our involvement in national and regional missions. A national leader called his people to the front to kneel and pray. He led them in prayer, “We thank God that He used the white people to bring us the gospel, for through them we came to a knowledge of the true and living God...We are responsible for the advance of the gospel. So now, we...want to share the torch of the missionary gospel with you. Take the baton with us, may we partner, let us run together, we need each other.”

I foresee this kind of thinking prevailing in the United Pentecostal Church. We *all* need to get involved. Thanks for what you are doing to reach your nation and world. It is appreciated. Let's press forward with the vision—doing our best—until the whole world hears!

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