

QUINQUENNIAL THEME

Bringing Hope Into Every Home

The dawn of this new quinquennium greets the church with tremendous challenges. The greatest challenge remains as spoken by Jesus nearly 2,000 years ago: “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations . . .” (Matthew 28:19, RSV). The newly elected leader of our world church, Elder Ted N. C. Wilson, has embarked on a direction aimed at preparing God’s people for the soon return of Jesus—that of *Reformation, Revival, and Evangelism*.

In harmony with these precepts the church’s Publishing Ministries Department has chosen “Bringing Hope Into Every Home” as its theme for this quinquennium. We cannot embrace a greater challenge or a more worthy vision within our world publishing family at this vital time of earth’s history.

Every day the conflict between good and evil is raging in our society, in governments, and in various organizations. Enmity and wars between nations rage on, and man has yet to find solutions. And the individual battles of life are still fought in the minds and hearts of the peoples of the world.

We are surrounded with senseless tragedies. Major disasters, such as the recent series of earthquakes that claimed the lives of thousands, are reason for grave concern. Each day large numbers of people die, are seriously injured, or are found suffering from life-threatening health challenges. These events seriously change the landscapes of our existence one family at a time.

Adding to these statistics are those affected by alcohol usage, drug addiction, and the debilitating effects of tobacco. And just like victims of disasters, many of these people are entrusted to institutions, to hospitals, and to the silent, lonely world of depression. People are looking for hope and assurance. Many are not yet aware that true hope is found only as it is anchored in Christ Jesus. I sincerely invite all of our church members and literature evangelists worldwide to join in combining our resources of time, energy, natural talents, and spiritual gifts toward bringing this hope into every home.

By the grace of God, may we all experience revival and reformation through prayer and the study of His Word this quinquennium. Thus the Holy Spirit will strengthen our resolve and enable us to reach higher levels of effective witnessing.

In *Gospel Workers* we read this from the pen of inspiration: *“The greatest victories gained for the cause of God are not the result of labored argument, ample facilities, wide influence, or abundance of means; they are gained in the audience chamber with God, when with earnest, agonizing faith men lay hold upon the mighty arm of power”* (p. 259).

With renewed energy and courage from the Lord, I enjoin each of us to demonstrate our faith and commitment in bringing our hope-filled literature into people’s homes as never before.

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