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## Manila Manifesto: (11) The Challenge of AD 2000 and Beyond

**T**he world population today is approaching 6 billion. One third of them nominally confess Christ. Of the remaining four billion half have heard of him and the other half have not. In the light of these figures, we evaluate our evangelistic task by considering four categories of people.

First, there is the potential missionary work force, the *committed*. In this century this category of Christian believers has grown from about 40 million in 1900 to about 500 million today, and at this moment is growing over twice as fast as any other major religious group.

Secondly, the *uncommitted*. They make a Christian profession (they have been baptized, attend church occasionally and even call themselves Christians), but the notion of a personal commitment to Christ is foreign to them. They are found in all churches throughout the world. They urgently need to be re-evangelized.

Thirdly, there are the *unevangelized*. These are people who have a minimal knowledge of the gospel, but have had no valid opportunity to respond to it. They are probably within the reach of Christian people if only these will go the next street, road, village or town to find them.

Fourthly, there are the *unreached*. These are the two billion who may never have heard of Jesus as Savior, and are not within reach of Christians of their own people. There are, in fact, some 2000 peoples or nationalities in which there is not yet a vital, indigenous church movement. We find it helpful to think of them as belonging to smaller “people groups” which perceive themselves as having an affinity with each other (e.g. a common culture, language, home or occupation). The most effective messengers to reach them will be those believers

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who already belong to their culture and know their language. Otherwise, cross-cultural messengers of the gospel will need to go, leaving behind their own culture and sacrificially identifying with the people they long to reach for Christ.

There are now about 12,000 such unreached people groups with the 2,000 larger peoples, so that the task is not impossible. Yet at present only 7% of all missionaries are engaged in this kind of outreach, while the remaining 93% are working in the already evangelized half of the world. If this imbalance is to be redressed, a strategic redeployment of personnel will be necessary.

A distressing factor that affects each of the above categories is that of inaccessibility. Many countries do not grant visas to self-styled missionaries, who have no other qualification or contribution to offer. Such areas are not absolutely inaccessible, however. For our prayers can pass through every curtain, door and barrier. And Christian radio and television, audio and video cassettes, films and literature can also reach the otherwise unreachable. So can so-called "tentmakers" who like Paul earn their own living. They travel in the course of their profession (e.g. business people, university lecturers, technical specialists and language teachers), and use every opportunity to speak of Jesus Christ. They do not enter a country under false pretenses, for their work genuinely takes them there; it is simply that witness is an essential component of their Christian lifestyle, wherever they may happen to be.

We are deeply ashamed that nearly two millennia have passed since the death and resurrection of Jesus, and still two-thirds of the world's population have not yet acknowledged him. On the other hand, we are amazed at the mounting evidence of God's power even in the most unlikely places of the globe.

Now the year 2000 has become for many a challenging milestone. Can we commit ourselves to evangelize the world during the last decade of this millennium? There is nothing magical about the date, yet should we not do our best to reach this goal? Christ commands us to take the gospel to all peoples. The task is urgent. We are determined to obey with joy and hope.

## PROPOSAL FOR A JOINT WORLD-WIDE MOVEMENT

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Robert N. Myers

*What follows are some excerpts from this stirring proposal that carries the subtitle: A JOINT VENTURE BY THE THREE COMMUNIONS (ORTHODOX, ROMAN CATHOLIC, AND PROTESTANT) AND PARA-CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS TO REACH THE WORLD FOR JESUS CHRIST*

**O**ur mandate should be: "Let the whole church take the whole gospel to the whole world." This would be in obedience to Jesus who said, "As the Father has sent me, I am sending you" (John 20:21). Prior to his ascension he gave the Great Commission: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19).

I am proposing that the three great branches of Christendom: the Orthodox churches (Antiochian Orthodox, Russian Orthodox, Greek Orthodox, Syrian Orthodox, Coptic Church of Egypt, Orthodox Church of Ethiopia, etc.), the Roman Catholic Churches and the Protestant churches (denominations and independent congregations, including Messianic Jewish congregations) undertake in an official, cooperative, coordinated, non-competitive and united way a worldwide thrust in evangelism, discipleship, Christian education, and economic development.

This would involve the worldwide church—including Roman Catholic orders (Jesuits, Franciscans, Trappists, Carmelites, Augustinians, Dominicans, Holy Cross Fathers, Paulist Fathers, Redemptorists, Benedictines, Discalced, National Catholic Evangelization Association, Sisters of Mercy, etc.); the World Council of Churches, and in the United States the National Council of Churches, National Association of Evan-

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