



Casting A Vision

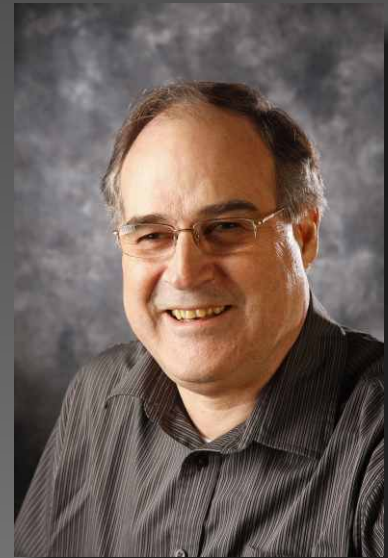
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“I am so blessed when groups come and bless our people, but even more, I stand in awe to imagine the full potential of these people and their churches as they continue to listen to God’s call to all Christians to declare the truth of Him who has called us all out of darkness and into His marvelous light. If two weeks of commitment can shake the world like this for Christ, imagine what Potential lies in future commitments of churches and individuals.”

Dale Mueller, Missionary to the Philippines, speaking of short-term mission teams. Dale has been supported by Fifth Avenue Christian Church for over 20 years.



A PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

Dear Lord, I have tasted what our life might be if I, and they, could walk along the ever-present edge of death, and smile with utter confidence that if we fell, or possibly were pushed, it would be gain. Oh, what abandon, what great liberty, what invincible resolve to love would be our portion if we walked this way! What readiness to suffer for the glory of Christ! What eagerness to show the poor that we would gladly spend and be spent to make them glad in God for all eternity! What lowliness and meekness and freedom from the need of praise and pay! All things are ours in Christ - the world, life, death, the present, the future. All are ours, and we are Christ's.

Forbid that any, Lord, who read these words would have to say someday, “I’ve wasted it.” But grant, by your almighty Spirit and your piercing Word, that we who name Christ as the Lord would treasure him above our lives, and feel, deep in our souls, that Christ is life and death is gain. And so may we display his worth for all to see. And by our prizing him may he be praised in all the world. May he be magnified in life and death. May every neighborhood and nation see how joy in Jesus frees his people from the power of greed and fear.

Let love flow from your saints, and may it, Lord, be this: that even if it costs our lives, the people will be glad in God. “Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you! Let the nations be glad and sing for joy.” Take your honored place, O Christ, as the all-satisfying Treasure of the world. With trembling hands before the throne of God, and utterly dependent on your grace, we lift our voice and make this solemn vow: As God lives, and is all I ever need, I will not waste my life... through Jesus Christ, Amen. Prayer taken from “Don’t Waste Your Life” by John Piper



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Q. How will the monies be distributed to the different missions?



A. Because we cannot know the exact amount that will be given on the Fifth Sundays, the missions committee of FACC has met and decided on certain percentages to divide the monies between developing new missions and encouraging current missions. There are three categories that the monies will be given to: 65% will go to current year and future missions that are not receiving any finances from the missions budget; 20% will go to missions awareness here at FACC and to short-term missions; 15% will go to current financially supported missions. If you have any questions, please talk with Randy Hinebauch or Doug Jenkins, both of whom are Elders at Fifth Avenue and serve on the missions committee.

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