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Proposal for a Joint Worldwide Movement

doing, and working together would remove this sense of competition.

Implementation of this proposal would greatly accelerate world evangelization and economic development and could result in one of the greatest missionary movements in the last two thousand years. Personally I believe that unless this approach is taken, there is little hope of fulfilling the Great Commission. Nothing but good could come from such an effort.

GOD'S WORD: HOPE FOR ALL

United Bible Societies

The following document was ratified at a meeting of the United Bible Societies Council in Budapest, Hungary on September 14-21, 1988.

We the undersigned, 205 representatives of member Societies in the worldwide fellowship of the United Bible Societies, have come together from 105 countries, with representatives of the Churches and of other Scripture distributing organisations and with UBS staff, for our Council meeting in Budapest, Hungary. We give thanks to God, the Father of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, for bringing us to this place. We have sought the guidance of the Holy Spirit in our deliberations, and we look to the future with expectant and confident hope that God will continue to bless this work of spreading His Word.

At our last meeting in Chiangmai, Thailand, in 1980, we adopted a comprehensive working plan with the aim of making God's Word open for all. We thank God that much has been achieved in the implementation of this plan. Today we renew our commitment to the principles of the Chiangmai programme, and we go further.

OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO YOUNG PEOPLE

On this day, September 21st 1988, approximately 270,000 children will be born into the world. During this year, 99 million new people will join us on this crowding planet. By the year 2000, around 66 million of them will have survived to the

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age of 12. On this day 109,000 children become teenagers; during this year 40 million will have entered this exciting and turbulent period of their lives.

All these young people need to know Jesus Christ. We hereby accept responsibility, with God's help, to make accessible to each one of them by the year 2000 specially prepared Scriptures, in printed or other form, and translated in a manner they will readily understand.

We commit ourselves to set similar objectives for each of the years to come for the Scripture needs of children, teenagers and young adults.

We recognise that this part of our task can only be accomplished if it is carried out with the full involvement of young people. With this in mind we call on young Christians everywhere to join in this great enterprise.

This call will not be heard unless we and our Bible Societies are ready to be challenged and renewed. We will actively encourage young people to be fully involved in our activities, in ways which they themselves find to be productive and worthwhile. We have not less to learn from young Christians than they from us. We pledge ourselves to work together with them as full partners as we share in the task of reaching their generation with the Word of God.

We agree that urgent consideration be given to the calling within the next two or three years of four regional conferences to which will be invited young men and women who will be the leaders of tomorrow.

OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO THE CHURCHES

On this day some 83,000 people will join the Church--and in this year there will be around 23 million more people who will profess Christ's name. By the year 2000 it is hoped that 450 million more people will have joined the Church. Many of them will require Bibles and New Testaments in common language translations. We accept responsibility, in partnership with the Church and with other Scripture translating, publishing and distributing organisations, to ensure that all the Scrip-

ture needs of these new Christians are fully met.

We take up this challenge at a time of increasing openness and interest in the Scriptures in almost all parts of the world, and we commit ourselves to offering assistance to the Churches in meeting their Scripture needs, especially in countries where new opportunities present themselves, such as in the People's Republic of China and the Soviet Union. In this connection we give thanks to God that it has been possible for us to meet here in Hungary, in a context where there is open access to and interest in the Bible among the people of this beautiful and welcoming country.

OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO SERVE CHRIST

As we proceed with our tasks, we admit that we have often failed in the past, both in our world and in our personal lives, and we come before God in repentance and faith, seeking His forgiveness and direction. In addition we recognise our need to be a praying fellowship, and to grasp the power of prayer as one of the most vital resources which God offers to us. In this spirit we renew our commitment to Christ and his kingdom.

OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO THE TASK AHEAD

We know that this work demands greater human and financial resources than are presently available to the Bible Societies. We realise that to meet all these needs will require not simply a re-allocation of existing financial resources, but a very significant increase in real terms. To do this it will be necessary for us to recruit the generous prayer and financial support of many more Churches and individuals who love the Bible and who want to share it with others.

We recognise that it is incumbent upon us to be faithful and efficient stewards of the funds entrusted to the Bible Societies, and we pledge ourselves to develop structures and procedure which will ensure responsible use of these resources.

We regret that we have been slow in using to the full the

gifts which women bring to the service of the Bible Societies, and we pledge ourselves, men and women, to a full partnership in the Bible cause.

We thank God for the growing interest in the effective use of the Bible by the Churches, and we commit ourselves again to our task of serving all Christian Churches and confessions, and also of challenging them with the task of both using and sharing the Bible in their work of evangelism and Christian nurture.

Those of us who are representatives of national Bible Societies will define and carry out these programmes in the years to come in terms of specific goals set by each Society. Those of us who are UBS committee and staff members pledge ourselves to develop global and regional strategies which will provide creative assistance to each Society. All of this we shall do together, God helping us.

To God be the honor and the glory! It is our prayer and our hope that, as a result of the commitment into which we now enter, vast numbers of people in all corners of the globe will name Jesus Christ as Lord, and will grow in their faith, inspired by God's Word, the Word of hope for all.

"May God, the source of hope, fill you with all joy and peace by means of your faith in Him, so that your hope will continue to grow by the power of the Holy Spirit." Romans 15:13

Summary Report of 5 Tracks

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This document was prepared on behalf of the Unreached Peoples Track of Consultation with the Unreached Cities, Research, Information Sharing and AD 2000 Tracks of Lausanne II

We acknowledge the complexity of our world, its peoples and cities. Yet we believe it our duty to present to the Christian world a clear, unambiguous statement of the extent to which the Biblical goal of reaching the nations, peoples and cities of our world have been achieved. We present our primary goals in simple terms, yet allow for further goals to be set which more fully define local settings. We desire this to provide clear and compelling vision of the means to achieve these goals.

We therefore call for the following:

1. A global status report to the present, including a clear description of the definitions we use to describe the segments of the world population, such that all parts of the Body of Christ—whether denominations, local churches or agencies—be inspired to expedite their evangelization and discipling.
2. Interdenominational and interagency task forces with the aim of establishing a church planting movement with missionary vision within every people by the year 2000. The gospel should be communicated with relevance in the language of every people on earth.
3. Research and publish a locally-verified listing of the world's known 11,500 ethnolinguistic peoples and descriptions of the estimated 2,000 unreached peoples as soon as possible. Further research of the latter may re-