

**The International Prayer and Mission Leaders Consultation  
in Herrnhut, Germany**

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For five glorious days, God granted me the privilege of meeting in the town of Herrnhut, Germany, with 120 prayer and mission leaders from around the world for the purpose of uniting in prayer for revival and mission breakthrough. The USA was represented by 40 participants from such agencies and organizations as Team Expansion, Greater Europe Mission, Light of the World Prayer Center, Harvest Prayer Ministries, Campus Crusade for Christ, International Prayer Center, International House of Prayer, and One Mission. Quickly became friends with 3 others who serve as prayer coordinators for the organizations with whom they serve and met many others throughout the five days. What a joy to be able to share with and pray with these ladies! Other participants came from Hong Kong, Myanmar, Czech Republic, Germany, Albania, Malaysia, South Korea, India, Russia, Bolivia, Canada, Egypt, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Philippines, UAE, Australia, Kenya, Romania, Malta, Honduras, Indonesia, Nigeria, Finland, and Iran.

The village of Herrnhut was the site of the Moravian prayer revival that sparked over one hundred years of prayer and sent out the first Protestant missionaries to reach the unreached with the Gospel almost three centuries ago. In this historic place, we prayed for a closer, more effective connection of the prayer and mission movements today for the final push to the fulfillment of the Great Commission.

This unity in purpose and passion propelled the participants into hours and hours of listening, conversing, and praying that this completion of the Great Commission might be accomplished. We learned about and interceded on behalf of prayer and mission movements in Korea, Iran, Turkey, Afghanistan, Africa, Latin America, India, China, Europe, Syria, Pakistan, Lebanon, learned more about linking prayer with mission for reaching the unreached, about empowering children and you in prayer and mission, and about praying authoritatively for breakthroughs.

Each person who presented had the same amount of time, about 15 minutes, to get their point across and present prayer points for their area. Then we spent the

same amount of time praying. Very much appreciated the emphasis on actually praying, not just talking about what needed to be prayed about. Also appreciated how no one regarded himself/herself better or more important than another. Those who had gained renown in their fields or published books on their subjects or had “made a name for themselves” were all on the same ground as the least of us. We ate together, learned together, and prayed together. I loved the care shown for what was happening in each other’s countries, even those that were divided by conflict or de-militarized zones. I loved the report of 3,000 youth praying at the DMZ between North and South Korea last July and the plans promoting the same type of UPRISING in Indonesia next year. We wept when Gloria repented on her knees on behalf of her country China for sins committed against less powerful countries like the Philippines. I loved how the Chinese and Filipino participants hugged, prayed, and cried together and how the South Koreans never let us forget the plight of their brothers and sisters in North Korea. I loved the bold and loud prayers voiced to God by the mighty German prayer warrior Sam who told of his experiences in casting out demons and leading people to Christ, only to be followed by the meek and gentle and quiet Sri Lankan Leslie who told of his grandmother anointing him with oil every day of his childhood (and not only dotting it on his forehead but pouring the whole bottle over his scalp) and attributing to that anointing and prayers of his grandmother his present-day ability to cast out demons, lead people to Christ, and speak words of healing. I loved that 120 people from different nationalities and different “styles” of praying and worshiping could be one in the Spirit and in the Body.

And, of course, I loved the breakout group that spoke to the combining of my two passions: prayer and reaching. It was exhilarating to sit in even the smaller group within that breakout group with a man who has stood the course through war and violence for years in Afghanistan for the sake of the unreached, to be with a woman from Australia who is just learning about the concept of unreached, to sit beside an excited business man who wanted to know what he could do for the sake of the unreached in Burkina Faso, and on the other side converse with a South Korean who is eager to know how he can take Kairos, and all the time sitting at the feet of a man who has spent a lifetime working to finish the task so that every single people group is engaged and reached.

So, we left, eager to do what we can do next to better link prayer with missions. We know we need to maintain the relationships which were cultivated in Herrnhut, to encourage and uphold one another in prayer, and be available to one another for ideas and support. Here are some very specific suggestions from Paul Eshleman of Finishing the Task concerning what the Prayer Movement could do as we cooperate with one another:

- A. Consider sending prayer warriors to every remaining unengaged, unreached people group in the world. They could team up with indigenous intercessors whose churches might eventually send workers to the group(s) they are praying for.
- B. Send similar type of intercessors to the 150 people groups that currently need the most workers.
- C. Pray specifically for each of the global networks that are currently launching initiatives toward their part in the Great Commission. This would include 20-30 global networks and 100 geographic networks.
- D. Help prepare prayer intercessors for all network meetings scheduled for the next 3-5 years.
- E. Help mission leaders to set up a prayer plan for their ministry, their workers, and the people they are trying to reach.
- F. Disseminate very specific requests to all of its prayer leaders that outline:
  - 1. People, places and leaders where the cause of the Gospel is being blocked.
  - 2. Praise reports from each of the five strategic elements (Scriptures, Engaging the Unengaged People Groups, Evangelism, Orality, Church Planting and Presence) involved in the fulfillment of the Great Commission.
- G. Develop a prayer calendar where people will pray each day for a different Christian leader or Christian organization, much like the Master Media Prayer Guide.
- H. Be a continual encouragement to mission leaders to live lives of holiness and dependence on the Holy Spirit.

Paul has a whole other list for what the Missions Movement could do in cooperation with one another. I think I'll save that for another day!

