

## Billy Graham

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I especially want to send my warmest Christian greetings to my friends in attendance today who had such a vital part in the historic Lausanne Congress in 1974.

In thinking of its significance, I can think of no better description than to repeat here what Bishop Jack Dain and I wrote following that Congress:

“God called us to repentance for our failures and lack of vision. He encouraged us, He sobered us, and He called us to prayer as we considered the hard places of the world and the many yet unreached with the Gospel. Our vision was expanded, our hearts were melted together in love, our minds were stimulated to face issues squarely in the light of His Word, and our wills were moved to enter into a solemn covenant to be instruments in the hand of our Sovereign Lord so that the Congress theme, ‘Let the Earth Hear His Voice,’ might become a reality.”

It is hard to believe that so many years have gone by since Lausanne '74. How many changes we have seen since then! The world has changed, the church has changed, younger leaders have been raised up, but the Gospel has not changed, and the need for evangelism is more urgent than ever before.

Approaching ninety, I will likely be in Heaven by the time Lausanne III is convened in Cape Town 2010. We are encouraged and thrilled that the Lord has laid upon those of you gathered in Hungary the burden that we had more than thirty years ago. We pass the baton to a new generation. As your leadership meets in Budapest, it is my prayer that the Holy Spirit will clearly lead and guide you in all your decisions, and undergird all the preparations that must be made in the coming years in the huge task that you have undertaken to call the world Church back to the urgent task of evangelization.

Yours in Christ,

*Billy*