

LET THE EARTH HEAR HIS VOICE

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FOREWORD

To those who were there Lausanne '74 was an unforgettable experience. God called us to repentance for our failures and lack of vision. He encouraged us through a heightened awareness of the work of the Holy Spirit in fruitful evangelization all over the world. He sobered us and called us to prayer as we considered the hard places of the world and the many yet unreached with the Gospel. He enabled us to hear and appreciate points of view other than our own—even those with which we disagreed. 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.

Even those who were at Lausanne were able to share in only a fraction of the program. Here for all to study and digest and act on are the varied study papers and summaries of discussion groups.

Our prayer as this volume is released is that all who read it will experience the same movement of the Spirit to love and obedience we who were at Lausanne '74 sensed in those days.

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