

faith and expectation. I talked to a brother from Africa last night and asked him, "What are you expecting in this conference?"

He said, "I have come with a sense of destiny. I am looking to God to give me direction for my life." What a wonderful attitude to have!

If we're going to look forward, we must look forward together. I was thrilled to hear about missionaries going from a non-Western nation to a Western nation. God wants to do something new for us, a paradigm shift in attitude and in constituency. It is a new world in which we're serving. We're to look at the needs of our world, and the vast numbers of people who have not been reached, with a new attitude and a new kind of partnership to work together in missions.

As we consider the challenge that is before us, three brothers who have looked at the challenge and have accepted it are going to share what God is saying to them. First, we're going to hear from Edison Queiroz. Edison is from Brazil and he is the South American Director for COMIBAM.

## "CHALLENGE" TESTIMONY I

### Edison Queiroz

Brothers and sisters, God is doing tremendous things in Latin America! In November of 1987, we had a Congress in San Paulo, Brazil, called COMIBAM. In that Congress, God pushed his church and told us clearly that we *must* reach the unreached people with the gospel of Jesus Christ. The Congress focused on the local church as the instrument of God to go and to reach the world for Christ. And now in Brazil and Latin America we have a strong awakening of the church and are training pastors to go into missions. It's amazing what God is doing!

In May of 1989, I was in El Salvador, Central America. I was to preach there, but five minutes before I arrived, two bombs exploded at the door of the church. When I got there I said, "What happened here?"

"This is the welcome for you!" I replied, "What a crazy kind of welcome!"

Yet, in the middle of that situation, even though there was shouting and helicopters flying around, the people were singing and saying to one another, "Let's go into missions."

At the end of that conference, one local church raised a faith promise of \$55,000. El Salvador is a small country with a bad economy. Many poor people are living in an environment of war, yet one church can raise \$55,000 in a faith promise. This is a miracle! God is pushing his church and doing something to reach the world for Christ.

This church in El Salvador asked to support a missionary couple in the Middle East and another couple in Spain. That is beautiful: A small country, a poor country sending their own missionaries. God is doing a tremendous thing. When you leave this Congress, I want to challenge you to go to your churches and push the people, challenge them, encourage them to go into missions.

Latin America is sponsoring several original efforts to reach the world for Christ. We're helping Costa Rica with a strong congress to help reach all of Central America with missions. We have another congress on the south coast.

I am so glad to share this with you. Pray for Latin America as well as the work in your own country.

## "CHALLENGE" TESTIMONY II

### Chris Marantika

It is an exciting privilege to be a child of God during this period of the history of the church of our Lord Jesus Christ. In spite of the difficulties the church is facing throughout the world today, exciting things are happening. The church of our Lord is growing. In Indonesia, there is a great movement toward the evangelization of the nation.

There are sixty-seven thousand villages in Indonesia—fifty thousand of them are unreached. But the churches of Indonesia are committed to evangelizing the entire nation. They have initiated a program called "Indonesia One, One, One." We are praying and working toward the year 2000, as *one* generation to plant *one* church in *everyone's* village.

Many of the churches have set goals. The Free Evangelical Church of Indonesia, headed by Dr. Sutjiono, has plans to plant four hundred churches every four years. They call this plan Four-by-Four. The Bethel Church of Indonesia is focused on planting ten thousand churches by the year 2000. The Indonesian Union of Indonesian Baptist Churches set a goal to plant five hundred churches every five years. And also, the Indonesian Baptist Convention plans to plant two hundred churches by the year 2000.

The churches in Indonesia are working diligently to fulfill their dream to plant one church in every village.

Evangelization in Indonesia is not easy because 80 percent of the population is Muslim. It is the fifth largest nation in the world, yet it's still an underdeveloped country. But the Scripture says that nothing is too hard for God.

The evangelization of the whole world in this generation is not an impossible task. We challenge you to work and pray to reach every community in your country in your lifetime.

Last year we held Tacata '88. Four thousand church leaders, pastors, and evangelists from twenty-seven provinces, from different tribes and denominations came together to plan how to reach Indonesia with the gospel. A challenge was given to the pastors and leaders to pray and dream to have one hundred-thousand Christian workers, evangelists, and pastors by the year 2000. That would make fifty thousand villages seem like a small challenge. We want to reach it, and we need your prayers.

You may forget the things I have said, but try to remember us with this simple prayer, "Lord Jesus, bless Indonesia One, One, One."