"CHALLENGE" TESTIMONY III

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Never in the history of Liberia has the nation's only television station, which is owned by the government, pre-empted its major news time to permit a preacher of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ to deliver a message. But on June 29–July 1, 1989, a miraculous broadcasting event occurred. The government television station set aside its news time to give Billy Graham an opportunity to preach during prime time as the whole nation listened. Liberia is blessed with the privilege of having only one television station, so when you're on television, everybody listens to you.

The entire nation listened as Billy Graham spoke directly from London by satellite. Later, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Honorable Samuel Hill, was interviewed by a television crew that went to Liberia. He said that as people sat before their television sets during those three nights, when Billy Graham give an invitation, people knelt down in front of their televisions to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Savior.

God is doing something spectacular in Liberia. In addition to what is happening in the cities, God has given strategies to put evangelists and holistic evangelistic strategy teams in various villages. These teams consist of an agriculturist, a building technician, a church planter, a church trainer, and a public health worker. We place a team in a village and operate from there as a public elementary school and teach the children the various trades. We then organize these children into teams. They become teachers who plant churches in various villages.

The first two teams we developed have planted nineteen churches. We feel this is a very effective method to reach the nation with the gospel. We began by recruiting students as teachers, and today we have twenty-nine missionaries in different parts of Liberia.

Please pray God will raise more workers. The harvest is ripe, and the people are ready! God is ready to equip the people. Are the Christians ready to share their resources so the task may be accomplished by the year 2000?

I. The Whole Church