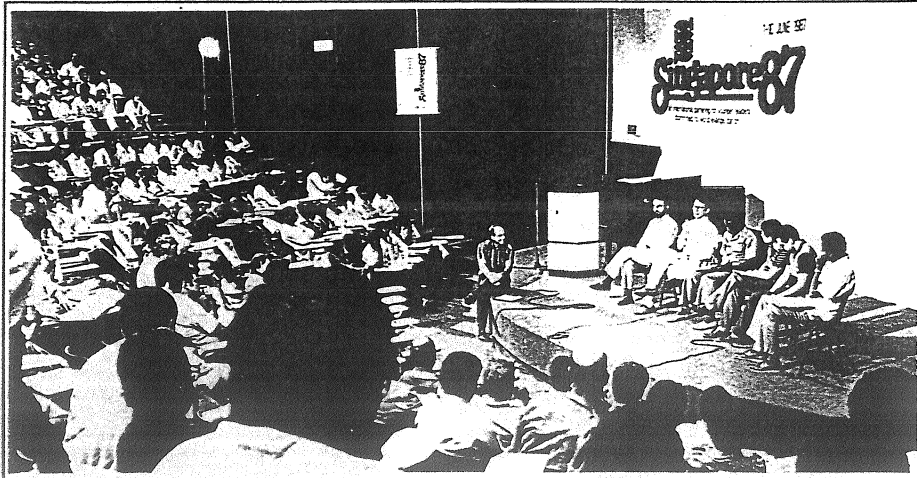


Singapore 87

Update



The Priority of Prayer

David Bryant, minister-at-large with InterVarsity Missions, urged participants to stimulate movements of united prayer.

All too often the leader views his role as leading the people in prayer, whereby he prays on behalf of the people and they pray along with him. What is needed are leaders who will serve as facilitators who bring their people into a face-to-face meeting with God Almighty, to lay hold of His power together, in united prayer. This is leading into prayer.

According to Bryant, there are five phases in spiritual awakening: a united movement of prayer, a renewed vision of Christ, restored unity and resolve, and expanded ministries to the unreached.

What we need, he said, are more who will take the initiative to lead others into prayer, who say, "I myself am going. Come with me."

A concert of prayer was held in the evening. The term, concert of prayer, refers to a prayer meeting with the twin concerns of spiritual awakening and world evangelization, explained Bryant. The term dates to the 18th

century when Scottish Christians gathered to pray for the revival of religion and the advancement of Christ's kingdom.

Although "concert" refers primarily to a concerted or group effort, Bryant noted that the imagery of a concert is appropriate. In a concert, the instruments do together what they cannot do individually—play in harmony and bring the musical score to life. Even as the music is only loosed when the musicians obey the conductor and follow the script, explained Bryant, so we want the word of God to be foundational to all we ask in prayer.

After a rousing time of worship in song, participants erupted in praise to the Lord. The format for praying through the twin concerns was parallel. Participants prayed in pairs for personal concerns, then in small groups for local concerns, and finally as a group for global concerns. In the "grand finale," participants got on their knees to commit themselves to being answers to the prayers prayed. The concert closed with a spontaneous round of applause for the Lord.

Depth and Breadth

People are not like spare parts, because in God's economy they are irreplaceable, Ramez Atallah of Egypt said. He encouraged participants to take on a vision of how deep and wide is God's love in order to be leaders that persevere in world evangelization.

Atallah said that many "Christian" organizations have been molded too much by the secular business world. "We hire and fire Christian workers for the cause, and we replace people like the piston in our cars."

Atallah, who directs Youth for Christ work in Egypt, said that many young people today become discouraged because they don't see any difference in Christians and non-Christians in the secular world.

Many young Christian leaders attending the Singapore 87 conference sponsored by the Lausanne Committee for World Evangelization feel like Elijah as described in 1 Kings 19, he observed.

Some of you feel run down and exhausted, that you just can't go on, he said. Some of you are confused, angry and afraid.

"Maybe you need to do like Elijah did—to sleep, rest and eat," Atallah said.

You also need to listen to the voice of God, who spoke to Elijah not in the wind, earthquake and fire, but in a gentle whisper, he added.

God told Elijah that he was not alone, that there were 7,000 others who shared his faith, Atallah said.

He urged the participants from 65 countries to realize that God loves them, not because of what they have done, their titles, their achievement. God loves you for who you are, he declared.

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Workshops, Monday, 8 June

Number	Workshop	Room #
20	Theology and World Evangelization <i>Carl Amerding</i>	SR-19
21	Evangelism and Social Justice <i>Bel Magalit</i>	SR-20
22	Sexual Temptation <i>Clive Calver</i>	SR-21
23	The Leader's Devotional Life <i>Jim Chew</i>	SR-22
24	Servant Leadership <i>Bill Moss</i>	SR-23
25	The Leader's Family Life <i>Leighton Ford</i>	SR-28
26	Cooperation in World Evangelization <i>Gottfried Osei-Mensah</i>	SR-24
27	Reaching the Intellectual <i>Ramesh Richard</i>	SR-25
28	Fundraising <i>Terry Winter</i>	SR-30
29	Special Workshop <i>Salem Ben Bella</i>	SR-32

Note: Special scheduling: Biblical Authority and Cultural Relativity, *John Stott* from 14:45-15:45 in LT-27.

Workshops, Tuesday, 9 June

Number	Workshop	Room #
30	Feeding the Mind <i>Ravi Zacharias</i>	SR-19
31	Evangelism and Social Justice <i>Bel Magalit</i>	SR-20
32	Sexual Temptation <i>Clive Calver</i>	SR-21
33	The Leader's Devotional Life <i>Jim Chew</i>	SR-22
34	Servant Leadership <i>Bill Moss</i>	SR-23
35	Strategic Organizational Planning <i>Bryant Meyers</i>	SR-28
36	Strategies in World Evangelization <i>Thomas Wang</i>	SR-24
37	Charismatic Movement <i>Ian Coffey</i>	SR-25
38	Advancement of Women <i>Florence Yeboah</i>	SR-30
39	Managing Your Time <i>Kweku Hutchful</i>	SR-32
40	Multiplying Your Ministry <i>Ramez Atallah</i>	SR-33

Regional Groups Report

Regional group meetings Friday afternoon gave conference participants the opportunity to discuss concerns of particular interest to their own regions of the world.

For some groups it meant a time to share individual prayer concerns. Others challenged one another with specific problems and pitfalls they meet in their areas.

The group from East Asia, made up of people from several different cultures and languages including Thailand, Korea, Japan, Indonesia, the Philippines and other lands, discussed ways of establishing an ongoing network. At the conclusion

of the session they all submitted their names along with their needs and their strengths, in order to facilitate communicating with one another later. That group, led by Victor Koh, a Singaporean now working with Campus Crusade for Christ in Korea, also took up a collection for one of their group who had her luggage broken into and could not afford to buy a new suitcase.

The African group, led by Kweku Hutchful, Scripture Union director in Ghana, were challenged to face obstacles head on, whether political, economic or cultural. They were encouraged to pray for the 20 leaders from Africa who were not able to

attend the conference because of visa problems or other barriers. One participant urged her brother and sister workers from across the continent to pray diligently for God's work in Africa. The advantage of the conference, she noted, was that leaders could remember the faces they had met, and remembering, pray for one another in their ministries.

In the North American workshop, led by Sue Perlman of Jews for Jesus, participants introduced themselves and told what kind of work they are involved in. They also gave prayer requests, so they will be able to remember each other in prayer once they return home.

Kingdom-Seekers, Not Empire-Builders

Ajith Fernando, national director of Youth for Christ in Sri Lanka, warned that too many Christians are preoccupied with money and false standards of success.

Some Christians seem to think if they had enough money, they could win the world to Christ, Fernando said. "But money is not the key to world evangelization. The key to world evangelization is people who are filled with the Spirit of God and aware of the truth of the scriptures."

Fernando said he believes money rules mission strategy among Christian leaders today. He called for partnership between mission-sending agencies and national Christians,

important people in the church," Fernando noted that there are many Christians in Sri Lanka who are doing significant work for Christ, but were not invited to Singapore 87 because they cannot speak English, or have never written a book or done newsworthy things.

He urged famous Christian leaders to be encouragers, like the Apostle Barnabas, and to put major emphasis on training younger leaders for future ministry. Although leadership often fosters an attitude which pampers the ego, many famous leaders have not crucified their right to personal privilege like Barnabas, but instead are "downright egotistical."



saying people are more important than money.

"If we are to achieve partnership in missions, we must free missions from the strangle-hold of money," Fernando insisted. "We must think in terms of sharing what we have—prayer, ideas, spiritual gifts, people, and money."

He also urged Christians to work among the forgotten people of the world. "The church has become so influenced by worldly standards of success that Christians are not encouraged to work with the down-trodden."

Some of the most significant work for God is being done by unknown witnesses who are obedient to Christ right where they are, often in forgotten places of the world, he said. They are great heroes of the church, he added. "When heroes are doing their greatest work, they often look like fools or failures...."

"The famous Christian leaders are not necessarily the most significant or

"Often famous leaders are afraid to be committed to training younger people, because youth make mistakes and might jeopardize the work or the famous leader's reputation. Sometimes they have such urgent programs to fulfill, they have no time to correct youngsters. Instead of investing in them, the famous leader asks them to leave because they can't fit into the plans or program."

Fernando said many Christian organizations today have become like factories, where efficiency is the key. Instead of being like factories, they should be like families. In a family there is a place for discipline, but it is always done in love. Sometimes in a Christian organization, it might be necessary to fire someone, but it is done with a whole different view if it is considered a family, he said.

Fernando said that God will judge success in heaven not by how famous a Christian might be, but by how faithful individuals are to the call of God.

Schedule for Sunday, 7 June

The schedule for Sunday has been altered. Please note the new schedule:

8:30-10:00	Worship & Bible Exposition
10:15-11:30	Small Group Discussion and Prayer
11:30-12:00	Break
12:00-12:45	Plenary Session and Prayer for World Evangelization
13:00-14:00	Lunch
14:00-16:00	Rest
16:00-17:30	Regional Groups
17:45-18:45	Dinner
19:00-20:30	<i>The World We Are Called to Reach</i> Multi Media <i>Working Together to Reach the World</i> Tokunboh Adeyemo

Atallah, continued from page 1.

"Elijah didn't understand the depth of God's love, so he also missed its breadth," he said. "His vision was too shallow, so it was also too narrow."

Atallah urged the participants to look around them and realize they are not alone. "See those who are here with a common vision. Learn from them. Cooperate with them. Rejoice when they rejoice, weep when they weep."

Our common concern, he concluded, is reaching out to a dying and crying world with the love of God through Jesus Christ.

News You Can Use

N.B: Small Group Discussion:

The small groups will remain the same for the second session because the purpose of the small groups is for them to be the personal, pastoral unit where people would be able to discuss, share, and pray in depth.

Schedule Change: The topic, **Women and Leadership** will be addressed on Tuesday, 9 June, at the 11:15 plenary, sharing the session on **Reaching Large Cities**.

A Special, Open Discussion with John Stott: On Tuesday, 9 June, from 14:45-15:45, there will be a special session for any interested participant who would like to dialogue with Dr. Stott. Come prepared with questions or just to listen. Dr. Stott commented, "The emergence of young evangelical leaders is enormously important for world evangelization. I'm grateful to have a share in Singapore '87." The meeting will be held in Lecture Theatre 27.

Fuller Seminary Reunion! Graduates, friends, and anyone interested in attending Fuller Seminary should plan to lunch together at Kent-Ridge Hall on Tuesday, 9 June. If you usually eat in Sheares or Raffles, make certain the steward knows you will be gone for lunch. See you there!

African Ladies: All the African lady participants are asked to meet on Sunday, 7 June, at 14:30 in Kent Ridge Hall. Please avail yourself and be on time. Thank you.

Laundry: Don't forget to pick up your laundry from your dorm steward after lunch today.

Calling All Anglicans! There will be a meeting of Anglican participants on Tuesday, 9 June, at 13:30-14:45 at the Faculty Club (near Kent Ridge Residence). We want to meet one another and encourage one another to be more bold and active in evangelism in our churches. We will also welcome Canon James Wong who is the Asia Regional Secretary of Evangelical Fellowship in the Anglican Community (EFAC).

Biblical Authority and Cultural Relativity: John Stott's workshop will be offered for a third time, though not during the regularly scheduled workshop hour. Please note that it will run **Monday, 8 June, from 14:30-15:45**. It is conveniently located next to the rooms where workshops begin at 16:00.

Interested in freedom? Senator Jonas Flores of Mexico would like to meet with all those interested in the freedom of proclaiming the Gospel, Sunday, 7 June, at 15:00, outside Lecture Theatre 27.

The Directory: Sample copies of the directory will be posted outside LT 27 so that each participant may check the information to be printed and distributed before the end of the conference. Please check to see that your name and address is not only presented correctly, but appears just as you would want it to be used for years to come.

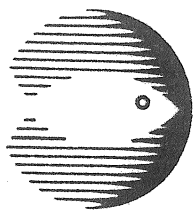
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This checking process must be completed by Monday at 14:00.

The following special interest groups will meet Sunday, 7 June at 15:00. There is room for several more.

1. Theological Teachers
2. Urban Ministries
3. Itinerant Evangelists
4. Student Ministries
5. Those interested in Staff Development and Training
6. Pastors

Sign-up sheets will be up outside LT 27. Meet from 15:00-16:00 in the small group area beside LT 27.



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