

Global Impact, Our Destiny

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The terms “foreign missions” and “global impact” are two peas in a pod. (Excuse me for the aged cliché.) But, the phrases were meant for each other and are inseparable. I consulted with Mr. Google and asked, “What is the world population today?” Immediately, I was met with a string of results. By the time I was able to jot down 6,759,239,322 the number kept increasing. Last year (overseas) 110,278 received the baptism of the Holy Ghost; and 91,671 were baptized in the saving name of Jesus Christ. Before you break into praise and a dance, let me remind you that is merely a drop in the bucket (cliché again) when compared to those that are dying lost each day.

The theme of our general conference foreign mission’s service was “More.” We need more men and women, with more passion and vision, to reach more of the world. Brother Haney and Coordinator, Jack Cunningham unveiled a bold new effort called “Global Impact.” It is truly the decade to double in every way.

What can be expected from this union between Foreign Missions and Global Impact? Now, it is time for us to put our money where our mouth is (Oops! Cliché again!) Our actions must speak louder than our words. (There I go again.) That’s why I announce that the entire Foreign Missions Division, in six regions, in 177 nations, and among 23, 298 churches and preaching points; 91, 671 preachers, and 1,684, 813

constituents join hands with the North American Church on the quest for global impact.

We're behind you!

I've already informed our overseas constituency through the *Global Connection* of the global impact vision, have discussed it with our administrative staff, have set faith-based goals, and will be getting on my little red wagon and pushing it (Oops! Cliché again!) Just imagine, during January – February 2008, people from almost every tribe, nation, and tongue will be lifting their voices, hearts, and prayers during forty days of focused prayer and fasting.

We project doubling the number of those baptized in Jesus' name and receiving the baptism of the Holy Ghost. We envision doubling our churches, number of ministers, and our finances. We need more men and women for the mission. Therefore, we are storming heaven asking the Lord of the Harvest to double our missionary force. Paper preachers, (the printed page), will also be doubled.

As they say, the proof is in the pudding. (Sorry, cliché again.) We have tracked our growth of the past three years and we are ahead of our goals. This means we will double our constituency in less than ten years. We are stepping through every open door to ensure all countries are reached within seven years.

We can't do it alone. A stitch in time saves nine. (Help, another cliché.) But, pitching in together will save more than nine. Multiplied thousands will be reached. Brothers and sisters across the globe, joining hands and forces will accomplish the task

with the help of our Mighty God. We can take the whole Gospel to the whole world, by the whole church. Now, that is more than a cliché. It is our destiny!