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# A NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

In October 1991, a prophetic challenge was given during the King Memorial lectures at Emmanuel College in Franklin Springs, Georgia. John Dawson, author of *Taking Our Cities for God*, was the one who made the charge to those of us in this faith family.

One of the 12 characteristics pin-pointed by Dawson has great significance for World Missions Ministries and this column. Dawson identified this as the eighth characteristic. It reads as follows:

The eighth characteristic is *“that you are to be a container, as an extended family in the kingdom of many cultures and nationalities...Your movement is to be a fellowship of peoples...This is not to be a denomination and movement associated with one nation...There is to come a point when the balance of those who are in this tribe are not found in this nation, and that the governing body of this tribe is to be a circle of nations.”*

I started by sharing this prophetic declaration with you, before presenting you with our World Missions Ministries (WMM) Statistical Report for the end of 2017, to highlight the fact that this has already come to pass. And, while we thank the Lord for this breakthrough, we realize that the task has not been completed yet, as not everyone has heard the name of Jesus.

As a part of the *Arise 2033* vision, WMM has been challenged to have a ministry presence in 150 nations, and birth 5,000 new congregations outside of the United States by the year 2033. Prayer, evangelism or winning the lost, discipling believers, planting churches, targeting the 6,900 unreached or unengaged people groups, and transitioning the paradigms of existing countries from being receiving to sending countries **MUST** become our collective priorities.

In the regional alignment that we recently adopted, there are 102 countries which are identified as having no IPHC ministry presence. The primary motive for restructuring was about ‘increased effectiveness in carrying out The Great Commission and furthering the gospel of Jesus Christ’. It is going to take more of us working together in partnership than ever before.

The cost of failure for us as believers of Christ Jesus is catastrophic. Mission failure is not an option. I thank you in advance for your intercessory prayer support as we reach the lost, disciple new believers, plant churches, target the 6,900 unreached people groups, and transition paradigms for the Kingdom’s sake. We look forward to presenting you with an even better statistical report in 2018.

Bishop Talmadge Gardner  
Executive Director



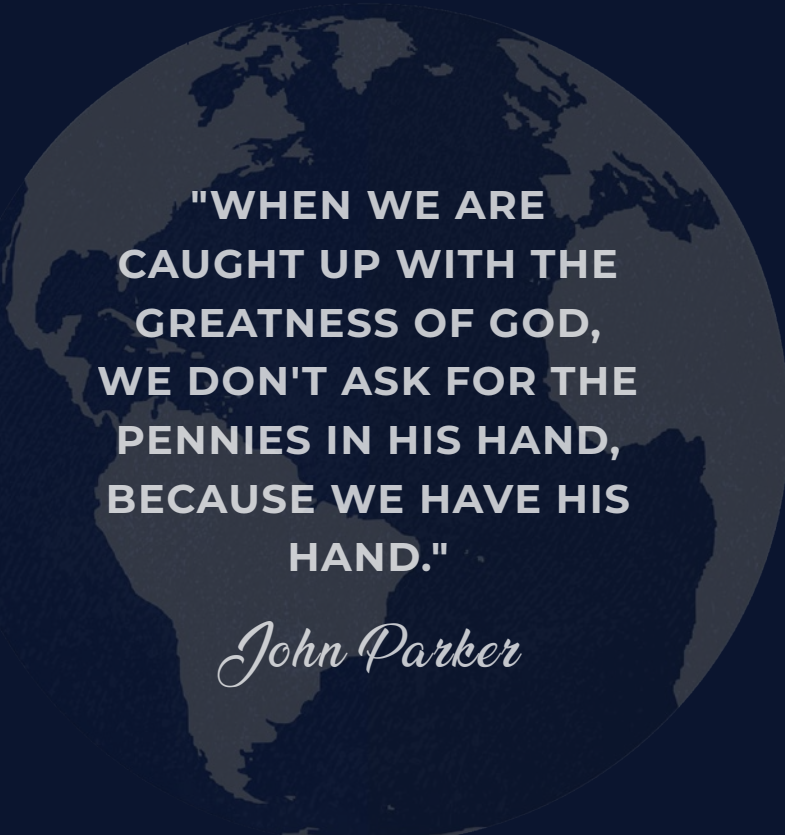
Bishop Talmadge Gardner

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# 2017 WMM STATISTICAL SUMMARY

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Continents	Nations	Churches	Members
Africa	28	4,764	1,074,152
Asia	19	3,723	235,981
Europe & Middle East	24	461	33,915
Latin America & Caribbean	22	894	120,465
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>9,842</b>	<b>1,464,513</b>



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*John Parker*



# MEET THE CAVES

The Caves have been in missions since 1986, and gained valuable experience from their first 9 years in Haiti.

Now, as the regional directors of Eurasia & the Middle East, they serve in an area comprised of many nations that have Christian populations of less than one percent.

In the countries where there is an IPHC presence within their region, most need more dedicated workers and leaders to train and partner with nationals. The missionaries are doing an exceptional job, but each of them are praying for more workers.

Over the years, the Caves have seen growth and expansion into new countries, but also see how far their region has to go.

Please pray for more missionaries to be sent into this region. Pray the Caves will have continued good health, and that their financial partners would remain faithful in investing in their ministry in Eurasia & the Middle East.

## ITINERATING MISSIONARIES

Marty Delmon  
Jason & Catrina Bicket  
David & Michelle Riley  
Ron & Phyllis Roy  
Kevin & Summer Sneed

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HAVING THESE  
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# Good News From Israel

Jews and Arabs are being won to Christ! IPHC merged several years ago with Living Israel Ministries and, for the last 20 years, they have been winning these people to Yeshua. Many of the people who are being saved are from drug and alcohol backgrounds. Through their drug rehabilitation houses, they have now grown into 28 house churches that are filled with believers who are on fire for Christ. The goal is to have a total of 100 house churches in Israel, and you can help make this happen through our "Adopt an Israeli House Church" program. You or your church can: pray for, have two-way communication with, financially jump start, and even have face to face visits with the people involved in these churches. For more information, email Bob Cave, Regional Director of Middle East and Eurasia, at [bcave@iphc.org](mailto:bcave@iphc.org).



House Church in Israel

# Romania

When you hear 'Global Outreach Offering' (GO), what do you think? If you think of nothing more than offerings and promotions, then please be encouraged to start imagining people whose lives are being radically changed! Recently, one of our IPHC conference missions teams had the privilege of going to three different places where the GO offering has made a tremendous difference (Suncuius, Oradea, and Hungary). Each of these areas has been invested in because of the generosity given through the GO offering. In Suncuius, the missions team was able to train pastors and work on their future ministry facility. In Oradea, the team was privileged to see the fruit of the large IPHC mother church of Romania, whose existence was made possible by the GO offering. Lastly, the team was able to see The Awakening's new international base in Hungary, which is used to equip the generation of young missionaries around the world. These are only a few examples of where this offering extends. The GO offering is much more than promotions. This offering is equipping IPHC ministries to make a tremendous global impact.

**"THE LORD IS BIGGER THAN MY GREATEST EXPECTATIONS OF HIM."**

**- JOY BAUSUM**



Missions Team in Romania



The Cuban/American Team in Haiti

## Cubans and Americans Come Together

This month, a group of Americans and Cubans joined each other in Haiti to help on a few building projects. While in Haiti, the group helped with construction work at two different schools, and also with the remodel for their Carbare Clinic. Missionaries, Roger and Ginger Johnson, have expressed their deep gratitude for the willingness of this team to come together and help a community outside of their own for the purpose of furthering the Kingdom of God. World Missions Ministries also extends its gratitude to these generous individuals.

## Rwanda Church Closures

The IPHC in Rwanda has recently entered a time of crisis. In February, building codes in the country were enforced, leading to immediate church closures. Out of the 47 churches there, 41 are temporarily closed. They will remain so until all requirements are met. The most established church and national headquarters was the first building to be affected. Following their closure, the congregation still met. However, they had to meet outside, as they were unable to raise all the funds they needed to stay compliant with the new laws. Additional aid sent from the IPHC family in the United States made all the difference. The church is now reopened and thriving. The compassion of those who have invested in the churches in Rwanda is deeply moving. During the North Carolina Conference mission meals this year, over \$18,000 of the total \$90,000 needed was raised. It is an incredible blessing to see what God can do through His people. Please consider giving to this need through the project number [T1625P](#).

**"LOVE IS THE ROOT OF MISSIONS; SACRIFICE IS THE FRUIT."**

**- RODERICK DAVIS**



People gathering at Art Sur Scene

## Art Sur Scene

On May 18, Art Sur Scene, an event to celebrate the arts and reach the lost, took place in Port des Celestins, Paris. This event was put on by a group of people who love the Creator of all creators. These people believe that one of the most effective ways to connect to God is through the display of the talent that He has given to His people. Under the leadership of church planting missionaries, Mauricio and Lulu Salazar, this historic event exceeded expectations. At the Art Sur Scene event, paintings, dance, and music were used to reflect the gospel of Jesus Christ.





## Look at the Fruit

Greetings from Kathmandu,



I write to you from the home of IPHC missionaries, Chase and Kristina Granstaff, in the stunning country of Nepal, often referred to as the “Roof of the World.” For the last three weeks, I have been visiting People to People (PTP) locations in Cambodia, Bangladesh, Thailand, and Nepal. It has been a genuinely inspiring journey.

I am astounded by what God has done through our missionaries in these countries. We, in the IPHC, can take great pride in what God has accomplished through our small, yet influential, tribe of people who are joyfully doing His work. I have always admired the pioneer missionaries of our movement. Many of them would echo the encouragement of the great cloud of witnesses: “By faith, you can do it.” Not only can we take pride in our past, but we can also take pride in what God is doing today.



In Cambodia, I was encouraged by the faith of our church in Phnom Penh and the remote village of Champey. Our PTP Child Sponsorship Program has been an instrumental tool for Country Director Merlen Lamanilao to build and sustain the work in Cambodia. Our churches reflect the heart of the Good Samaritan. If you recall, Jesus ended the telling of the story by saying “Go and do likewise.” With the support of our donors, PTP and our family in Cambodia have answered the charge.



It was a pleasure to spend time with Albert Gonzales in Bangkok, Thailand. This man radiates joy. How can you not fall in love with our missionaries? So many have shaken off famine mentality and embraced the promise that God is the provider. Albert encouraged me deeply with his testimony of how God has continued to supply every need for the work commissioned to him.

Bangladesh was quite the trip. Vijay Balla is a phenomenal advocate for the country. Vijay, himself, was a PTP child growing up. Do you grasp the picture God has painted through Vijay’s life?



A former PTP child has left his home country of India to start a PTP work in another country. Do you question if PTP is good soil? My response is "look at the fruit." I trust our donors will continue to view us as good soil and understand that when they sponsor a child, it has an impact they cannot fathom.



**"We prayerfully value all generations," has significant meaning to me.**

Vijay took me to visit the PTP boarding school near Dhaka. Shockingly, I came to discover the dormitories dedicated in honor of my grandmother's sister, Francis Carter, who was a missionary. I teared up at this realization. Ms. Carter bore no children of her own, yet by faith, she bore and continues to bare countless spiritual children. I am humbled by my heritage and that God has granted me the opportunity to support a project

dedicated to her. The 2018 IPHC emphasis, "We prayerfully value all generations," has significant meaning to me.



On this trip, I was also taken to visit the largest refugee camp in the world. Over 800,000 refugees have descended upon a three-square-mile area of southern Bangladesh. It was truly heartbreaking. However, every time the spirit of Goliath rears its ugly head, the Church is given an opportunity to respond. We are now working with a pastor who speaks the language to serve this unreached people group. The IPHC has been given favor to make an impact on this group of refugees. We simply cannot fail to answer the call. Is God urging you to give towards this effort? Donate to PTP Refugee Relief (09233P) today!



As my 28-day trip is coming to a close, I am happy to be with close friends in Nepal to help launch a sponsorship program for Pastors' Children. PTP Missionary, Debra Crook, has joined me for this part of the journey. My prayer is that her ministry can be replicated in every region. She is vital to the administrative and spiritual operation of our programs in Asia. We could not operate effectively without her, and I am gathering every bit of wisdom that I can.



I pray you are encouraged by the continued work of People to People and our World Missions Ministry missionaries.

Rev. Bryan Nix

Director of People to People & TEAMS Ministries



# Global Outreach

"There is a river whose streams make  
glad the city of God." Psalm 46:4



# THE DRAMA OF MISSIONS IN THE BIBLE

Act 7: Missions in the Book of Acts  
Part 7 of 7  
By Dr. Terry Tramel

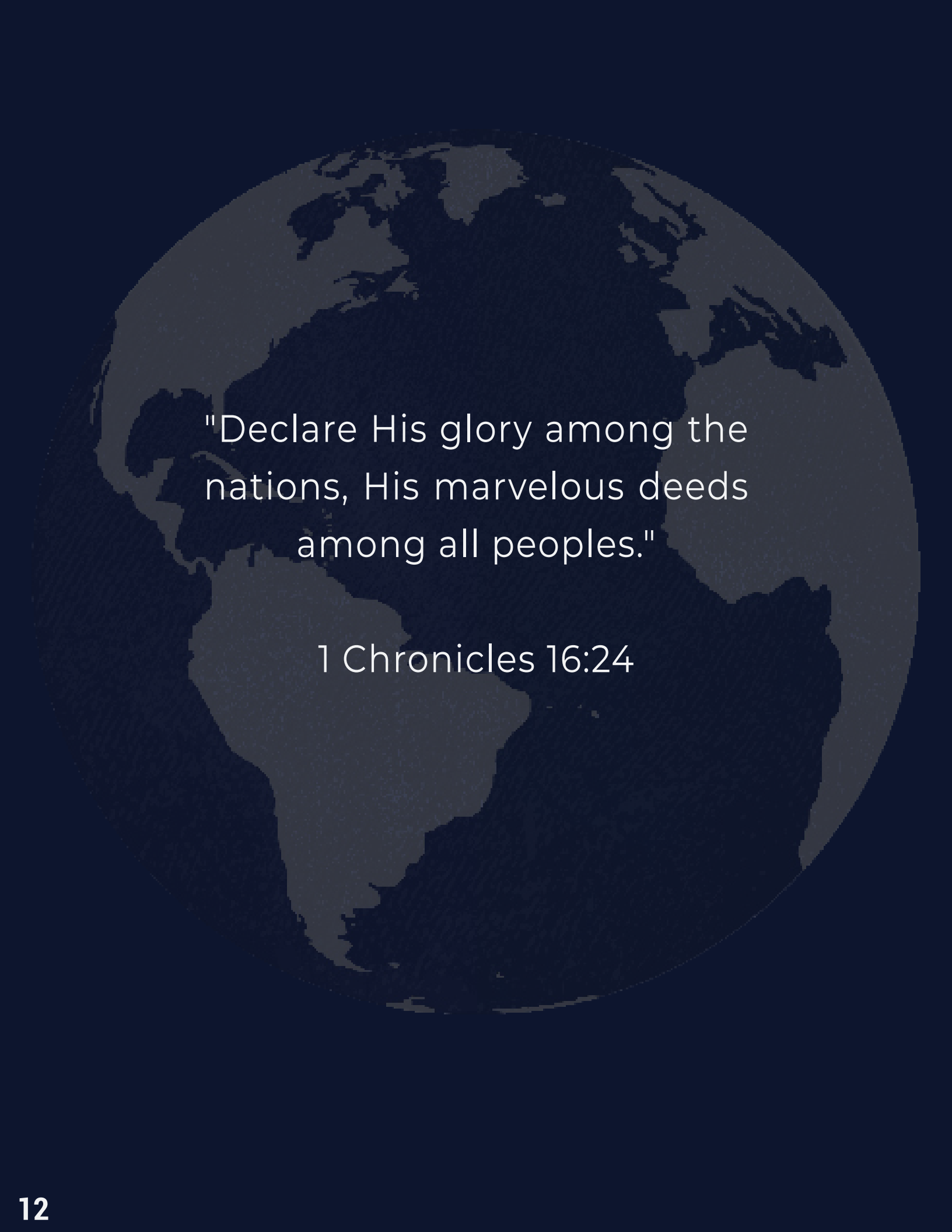
The enemy of our faith seems to possess a special hatred for the first and last books of the Bible. This animosity is likely a response to Genesis first predicting his doom (3:15) and Revelation emphatically telling how it will come to pass (20:7-10). Both of these books have long been the object of rejection and derision. The former is dismissed as merely a myth, and the latter is categorized as a mystery. Each of these assertions are false. Genesis is no myth and Revelation is the opposite of a mystery. On the contrary, it is the solving of the mystery. On the final pages of Holy Scripture, God the Father pulls the veil back and presents to ancient and contemporary readers “The Revelation of Jesus Christ” (1:1). Not only is the splendor of the Lamb of God seen throughout the poignant pages of John’s writing, the ultimate fulfillment of the Lord’s plan for the ages is also vividly seen. Here it is described in the words of the revelator:

*“After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, ‘Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!’”*

(Revelation 7:9-10)

Did you hear that? Can you by faith see that? “Every nation, every tribe, every people group, and every language” will have redeemed representation at the coronation of the King! Here, the evidence will be forever present that Jesus, indeed, died for all people. At this time, tens of thousands of missionaries from Church history will never again question if their labors were in vain. And all of this is portrayed as simply the opening ceremonies for eternity. What was lost in Eden has been recovered and the fallen race has been

rescued by the Son of God. The curtain is getting ready to fall on the last act of the ages. The drama is almost over. It is time to give our best performance for the Lord, for the grand finale of eternity is upon us as Jesus is coming again.

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"Declare His glory among the  
nations, His marvelous deeds  
among all peoples."

1 Chronicles 16:24