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We Do Not Lose Heart!

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“Now then, just as the LORD promised, he has kept me alive for forty-five years since the time he said this to Moses, while Israel moved about in the desert. So here I am today, eighty-five years old! I am still as strong today as the day Moses sent me out; I’m just as vigorous to go out to battle now as I was then. Now give me this hill country that the LORD promised me that day. You yourself heard then that the Anakites were there and their cities were large and fortified, but, the LORD helping me, I will drive them out just as he said.” Joshua 14: 10-12

Life does not end after 50, or 60, or 70, or... So much of age is in the mind and heart. I have been through the black balloons and graveyard humor of my 40th birthday and of my 50th. But I don’t feel much older than I did at my 20th or 30th. Last week one of the evangelists here in IA referred to all of us over the age of 55 as the “elderly.” At 56, I definitely do not feel “elderly.” And I told him so! In this issue of *LA Story*, called “FEARLESS,” I actually get to write about people who are older than I am, disciples who are over 65 years of age.

In our American society, people plan for retirement at 65. Retirement is designed to be a time of leisure – golf, fishing, travel – or whatever else appeals to you once you are beyond your “productive” years. To most, retirement is the state of no longer doing anything that is useful. Somewhere I read that the average person who retires at age 65 will be dead in 18 months if he/she does not have a dream to keep them going.

Whether we are old or young, sick or healthy, married or single, poor or rich, uneducated or educated, God wants all that we have and are.

Things are so different in God’s Kingdom! We don’t live by the world’s timetable. Our usefulness is not age-dependent. Caleb is a role model of what disciples ought to be. After spending 40 years wandering in the wilderness that killed off all of the unfaithful Israelites, he was ready at age 85 to drive out the giants of the land and claim

dream was to be a part of evangelizing the world. A couple of years after retiring, he visited the Boston Church of Christ. He was so inspired by what he saw that he went back home and convinced Irene that they should move to Boston. He announced, “I’ve decided to come out of retirement because Christians never retire.” Typical of their humility, they were glad to be disciplined by a couple young enough to be their grandkids, Frank and Erica Kim. At the age of 70, George with his wife Irene returned to Tokyo with a renewed dream of evangelizing their beloved adopted nation of Japan – the “Mount Everest of mission work.” They, together with the Kims, built what is today the largest Christian church in the history of Japan. Gloria and I were able to be with George & Irene in Tokyo, to see their vision, determination & stamina in spite of their aging bodies. George died of

leukemia the day before his 76th birthday. I will forever be inspired by them. George’s “Final Thoughts” are re-printed on page 6.

God expects the same from each one of us – EVERYTHING!



▲ Forging fearlessly ahead in the IA ministry of those 63 and older are clockwise from top left: Fausto Galang, Shepherd and Family Group Leader for the Inland Empire; Cecil Wooten, International Missions World Administrator; Leon Reid, Assistant Family Group Leader in South Central; Helen Wooten, Women’s Ministry Leader, OASIS Ministry; and Della Goulart, OASIS Ministry, Ventura.

God’s inheritance. As has been humorously stated from time to time, disciples don’t retire, they just retread and keep on rolling.

The late George Gurganus and his wife Irene are my heroes among older disciples. They had been missionaries in Japan and he had later been a college professor. When he reached 65, he and Irene retired to their dream spot in Missouri. But George’s real

Commitment to God does not come in degrees. The only kind of commitment that God accepts is TOTAL. Each of us has different gifts, strengths and weaknesses. Whether we are old or young, sick or healthy, married or single, poor or rich, uneducated or educated, God wants all that we have and are. There are no useless people in God’s Kingdom. God takes what we are and changes us into what he wants us to be. We dedicate this *LA Story* to every disciple who is over 65. We need for you to be our example of how to grow old with Christ. Then, as we claim our promised land, we can be like Caleb – FEARLESS. ■

FEARLESS LOVE FOR YOUR FAMILY

by Roy Larson and Joanne Kegel

EDITOR'S NOTE: Roy Larson is an Evangelist for the Boston Church where he and his wife Chelly lead the Central Region, disciple the Spanish Region and coordinate all the downtown campus ministries at Harvard, MIT, Tufts, Boston College and Boston University. The Larsons also planted the church in Madrid, Spain. Roy's mother, Joanne Kegel, is a key member of a ministry to older women in the West Region of the Boston Church.

JOANNE: When my son Roy became a disciple at the University of Minnesota, he zealously tried to convert his family – but we were unopen and resistant. After a bit of distance, I started meeting him for lunch, and agreed to study the Bible with him. During the first couple of studies I was very arrogant and defensive. I told him, “I know this – where do you think you learned it?” (Meaning that I had taught him!) Then we studied the cross. I finally saw it was my sin that caused Jesus to suffer. In tears I told Roy, “This is what I’ve been looking for.”

ROY: When I moved to Chicago, Mom and I continued to study the Bible together long distance. Mom and my stepfather, Bob, came to Chicago over Labor Day weekend of 1984 so I could baptize her. When I later asked her why she finally agreed to study the Bible, she answered, “You quit preaching and just started loving me.” Bob was later baptized in Minneapolis and I urged them to move to Chicago. They thought it was a “nice idea,” but they had two houses to sell and Bob’s job to consider. In November 1985, Bob took early retirement from his job as a Venture Capital Manager for Control Data Corporation and they moved to Chicago. God blessed their faith and the houses sold several months later.

JOANNE: After some time in Chicago, we went to a life changing evangelism seminar hosted by the Toronto Church of Christ. I followed Roy’s example and committed to pray earnestly for my family to be saved. My parents were well into their 70s, and I prayed, “God – whatever it takes.” Dad began to be

seriously ill. He was hospitalized for long periods and died within the year. After Dad’s death, Mother came to Chicago for Thanksgiving, but she was very ill and in constant pain. Our doctor tested her and found multiple myeloma – bone cancer. She stayed with us and began two years of chemotherapy. Later as she began to study the Bible, her heart opened. She was baptized into Christ January 6, 1990.

ROY: In April 1990, Mom, Bob, and Grandma moved to Boston when we moved there to lead the campus ministries. After two years, my grandmother weakened in her faith and convictions. Thankfully, there were sisters like Helen Wooten, Gail Frederick, and Lisa Douglass who used the Scriptures to help her. She repented wholeheartedly. Grandma’s visiting nurse began coming to church with her. Not long after, she fell and fractured her skull; her bones were so fragile. She died five days later. God had prepared her heart, and then took her home. She finished the race strong!

older people, some ill, some spiritually weak. We knew God could use us, so we began a weekly prayer group at 6:30am. At first there was resistance to the early hour, but we knew God would be pleased with our sacrifice. As we began to pray, we marked through items on our prayer list as they were answered. Our eyes opened! We were becoming prayer warriors. We saw God moving among us, and he allowed us to see many older people baptized into Christ.

As time went on, Bob fought to continue leading our Bible Talk. His health deteriorated, but he dreamed for us to go to the 1996 Euro Missions Conference in Paris. His energy was low, but his desire great, and God blessed us as we were inspired by over 2,000 disciples from throughout Europe.

ROY: After they returned from Paris, Bob became unable to see, to walk, to speak, to swallow, and finally to breathe. He spent the last two months of his life in a rehabilitation facility where he impressed the staff with his gentleness and

patience. *I never heard him complain.* He was and is a great example to me and many others as God refined him and prepared him to go home, finishing a tough race valiantly. His memorial service on January 11, 1997, was a celebration of his life and a tribute to God.

JOANNE: God always provides what we need. Right after we returned from Paris in August 1996, Jan Blough moved to our area. She and countless others supported me during Bob’s illness. She began leading a group of older women, mostly unmarried. Many older people are lonely and unfulfilled, seeking what’s missing. I want to

change the way they see themselves, and the way others perceive them. Like my soulmate Jan, I want to see God prepare many more hearts so he can call them home, too. ■



▲ Above: Roy & Chelly Larson with sons, David, Daniel, & Andrew.

Bob & Joanne Kegel. ▶

JOANNE: Bob had surgery for thyroid cancer in Chicago in 1986. He recovered quickly and life went along well for years. In 1993 he began to have some disturbing symptoms: low energy, careless driving, memory lapses. The cancer was back – in his brain and lungs. In spite of that, we were asked to begin a Bible Talk for



THEREFORE WE DO NOT LOSE HEART 2 Corinthians 4:16

WILLIAM AND FRANCES LAMB — FAMILY MATTERS

Every disciple's dream is for his or her parents to be disciples. For Phil Lamb that dream just came true. On March 16, at the Sunday service of the Nashville International Church of Christ held at historic War Memorial Auditorium, William and Frances Lamb were baptized into Christ by their grandchildren, Joshua, Jennifer and Rebecca, who are also disciples.

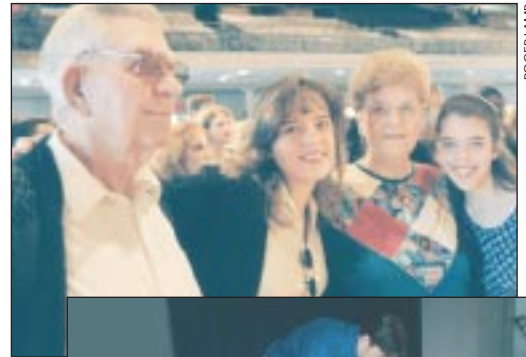
Phil and Donna Lamb were high school sweethearts who grew up in rural communities in Tennessee. After training in the dynamic Boston Church under Kip and Elena McKean, the Lambs were sent out to lead the evangelization of Central and South America in God's modern-day movement. From a small team of 13 disciples sent to Mexico City in 1987, there is now a church of nearly 4,000 in Sunday attendance. The Central and South America World Sector has grown to 17,000 disciples!

Over the years Phil and Donna have continued to share their lives and God's powerful miracles with their parents. Last summer things got serious. Phil's Dad, William, at age 72, was diagnosed with a large aneurysm and widespread cancer. Disciples from around the Kingdom prayed for William even though the doctors thought that his chances for recovery were slim. Phil told his Dad to remember that it was God who brought him out of surgery. The doctors repaired the aneurysm, but were astounded to find no signs of cancer.

Then the disciples set things in motion. They brought so much food to the hospital, they fed all the people on the floor. Later, they regularly drove 45 miles to Holts Corner, Tennessee, population 200, to take meals, mow the lawn and meet any needs of the Lambs. William and Frances were so touched by the love of the disciples, they began to attend services in Nashville as soon as William was physically able. Last December they began to study the Bible with Bob and Ann Neyland, parents of LA Evangelist Reese Neyland, and Kelly and Dot Clements, parents of New York City's Women's



▲ Left to right: William and Frances Lamb, parents of Phil Lamb, Central and South America World Sector Leader; William and Frances with granddaughters Jennifer and Rebecca; Joshua baptizing his grandfather William.



ROGER LAMB



Ministry Leader, Brenda Leatherwood. Ron and Mary Clendenin, Lead Evangelist and Women's Ministry Leader for the Nashville Church, brought the Lambs to a decision and counted the cost of being a disciple with them. ■

CECIL AND HELEN WOOTEN

After 43 years of service with Chicago Bridge & Iron Company, Cecil Wooten took an early retirement to serve in the Kingdom. Having achieved the level of Senior Vice President for this Fortune 500 company, Cecil considers it a promotion to now be serving as International Missions World Administrator for the International Churches of Christ. Under the guidance of Kip McKean, Cecil has developed a practical administration of integrity that is unparalleled in the religious world.

At 72 years old, he loves getting up in the morning with a purpose in life – to help others have a relationship with God: "Normal retirees just stop feeling productive. I feel like I am being used by God to take care of administrative church matters, freeing up the evangelists to devote their time to prayer and the ministry of the word (Acts 6:4)."

On April 4th this year, Cecil and his wife Helen will celebrate the awesome milestone of 50 years of marriage. They have five children and 12 grandchildren, a family which became close-knit after Cecil and Helen became

true disciples. When the Wootens entered middle age, they humbly studied the Bible and learned from their son Marty, and young evangelist Marty Fuqua. Their other two sons, Mark and Michael, along with their wives Chris and Melanie, and Michael's mother-in-law, Della Goulart, are a part of the LA Church. Their daughter Marsha and her family are in Birmingham, Alabama, and their daughter Margaret and her family are in Chicago, Illinois. Cecil, Helen and Della are featured on the cover of this issue.

Cecil and Helen are particularly proud of their ministry OASIS (Older Active Singles In the Spirit) which now numbers 290 disciples in L.A. The dynamic activities of this group include: devotionals,

Christmas and Valentine's dances, Thanksgiving parties, as well as hiking, bowling and cycling. The six couples who have met and married as a result of the OASIS ministry love and appreciate the fellowship so much that they often continue to bring friends to the group's activities.

In addition to the OASIS ministry, Cecil and Helen also lead a family group in the Ventura Region of three couples, eight single parents and 18 children. The Wootens' lives definitely challenge disciples of every age group to be used powerfully by God in helping to fearlessly advance the Kingdom. ■



▲ Cecil & Helen Wooten (couple on right) with friends recently baptized, Ted Frisch and his wife Betty.



JAN BLOUGH – NEVER QUIT

As a disciple, our best years never have to be “behind” us. Jan Blough is an energetic 67 year-old, radical disciple of God who is a great example and leader of women. At age 56, Jan moved from Cincinnati, Ohio to join her son Jim and his family on the mission team to Bombay, India. After Jim, Donna his wife, and two sons Jesse and Joel moved to London in 1989, Jan remained in India to lead the women in the church until 1990. Jan now lives in the West Region of the Boston Church with her son Doug, his wife Candy (also disciples) and their three daughters.

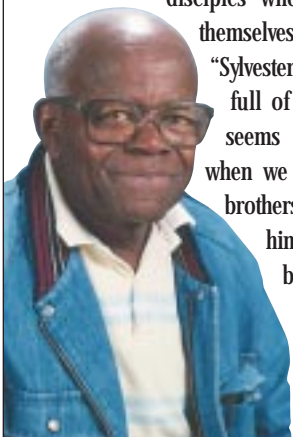
Jan leads two discipleship groups: one of women disciples married to non-Christians and the other of older single women, who used to feel isolated and useless, but now form a powerful band of disciples. Their daytime Bible study frequently has one-for-one visitors. ■

THE ROCK – SYLVESTER JENKINS

Sylvester Jenkins was homeless and on the street after gambling away his entire retirement pension. But thanks to God and the efforts of disciples, he recently began an entirely new career at the age of 77 – as an actor! In the last few months, Sylvester has appeared in national commercials for Merrill Lynch and Nike®.

While making his way back from poverty, he was met by a disciple on the job. He studied the Bible and was baptized in 1993. Sylvester gratefully volunteers at homeless shelters five days a week. He was recently invited to be on the Board of Directors of FAITH, an organization that helped him off the streets. Always on time for church – even without a car – he volunteers to teach Kingdom Kids for six months a year. His love for God and the Kingdom fills him with energy and life, even though he has been treated twice for cancer which is now in remission.

Tom McCurry, leader of a group of older male disciples who affectionately call themselves “The Geezers,” says, “Sylvester is bright, lively and full of deep conviction. He seems younger today than when we first met him.” The brothers closest to him call him “The Rock.” He has been given a second chance at life by God and is impossible to stop. ■



ARCHER AND JENCY TALIAFERRO

Archer Taliaferro, 72 years old, a former World War II Naval officer and retiree from a 24 year career with the Internal Revenue Service, considers the late George Gurganus his hero in the faith (see page 6).

Archer and Jency have continuously prayed to be used powerfully by God. Their prayers have been answered with a new dream. After many visits to Johannesburg, South Africa and long conversations with their son Mike, they accepted the plea to move to South Africa to help train elder candidates and their wives throughout Africa. Selling their home and possessions has become a thrilling sacrifice. “The Lord has blessed us beyond belief,” said Archer. Confident that God wants to use committed disciples of all ages, Archer and Jency are eager to begin the next great adventure of their life.

Along with leading a family group of 22 disciples, Archer currently serves as an Elder for the Washington DC Church. He and his wife Jency, 65, have raised three sons: John, 44, training to be an elder in the San Francisco Church; Roy, 40, a Deacon in the New York City Church; and Mike, 37, a Geographic Sector Leader for all the churches in Africa. ■

MR. KATRAGADDA VENKATESWARA RAO AND DR. K. CHITTEMMARAO

In Hyderabad, India, one woman, at age 62, brought 79 visitors and was personally fruitful at Women’s Day on March 9, 1997. Dr. Katragadda Chittemma Rao is a retired Dean of Home Science at Andhra Pradesh Agricultural University. She and her husband, Katragadda Venkateswara Rao, a retired Public Relations officer of the police department, are the parents of Jayaari and Raghu. Being prominent members of the highest social class in India, their children received prestigious educations and went on to successful careers. In October 1988, their son, Raghu, became a disciple and is now in the full time ministry.

As Mr. and Mrs. Rao saw their son’s joy grow as his convictions deepened, they willingly studied the Bible whenever they visited Raghu in



Bangalore. With faith and courage, Chittemma removed her “bindi dot,” symbolic of Hindi idolatry and was baptized with her husband on November 5, 1994. Despite their age, the Rao’s became a pillar couple in the new church in Hyderabad and recently were chosen to head the HOPE worldwide orphanage in New Delhi, India. ■

SOSAMA “MAMA” LOUIS

Phillip and Sosama Louis, parents of John Louis, Lead Evangelist for the Sydney Church, were baptized in 1990 and became members of the Church of Christ in Malaysia. After speaking with John on the phone, Phillip and Sosama decided to “go anywhere and do anything” for the Kingdom by joining the mission team going to their hometown in India. Only two hours later, Phillip suddenly died from an acute asthma episode. Rather than wallow in self pity, Mama Louis continued sharing her faith and the day following Phillip’s death she met a woman who became a Christian. At age 63, she carried on her husband’s devotion and moved to India to help start the church in Trivandrum.

Even though she has trouble with a bad leg after a car accident, she manages to walk many miles through town sharing her faith with anyone and everyone. Since moving to India a year ago, she has always had a friend with her at church on Sunday and has converted many women of all ages and backgrounds. Giving up a comfortable life in Malaysia to live in rather undesirable circumstances, she used her pension money to buy a small apartment in Trivandrum so she could have as many Bible studies as she wishes. ■



MY FINAL THOUGHTS

by George Gurganus, July 4, 1992

Less than one week ago, the doctors told me that I had acute leukemia and had less than two weeks to live. Death was now a reality and I needed to confront it head on. As I thought about the truth, I realized that my only choice was to

disciples and that we put God and his church FIRST daily. Jesus made it clear how to become a disciple. A disciple must worship the Lord and be in fellowship with other true disciples. A physical fellowship of true disciples is what God meant by "Church."

has commanded that his people-his church-disciple ALL NATIONS. This can only be done by people who believe that God is working through the church and that his Holy Spirit is in control.



▲ *Atop ship in Japan, left to right: Jae Ho Park, Evangelist in Korea; Frank Kim, Pacific Rim World Sector Leader; Mark Remijan, Geographic HOPE worldwide Leader, Pacific Rim; George Gurganus; John Bringardner, now General Counsel for the International Churches of Christ; and Anthony Galang, now a Region Leader in the LA Church.*

continue to live my final days and hours in absolute submission to God. After all, his will must be done. His will and his timing are perfect and my will is his will and his will is my desire.

As the hour approaches, however, I wanted to share with you my three favorite scriptures and a few convictions I have developed after 76 years. Hopefully these will strengthen you.

FIRST: SEEK FIRST GOD'S KINGDOM AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS – *Matthew 6:33*

God wants to develop our relationship with God AND his Kingdom. He wants us to make these relationships our first priority. If we put him and the Kingdom first, he will take care of everything else. Jesus taught his disciples these concepts when he taught them to pray: "...Your Kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." (Matthew 6:10) God's desire is that all men love him and love each other.

We know that the Kingdom of God and the church are synonymous. Some people say, "I have never seen a church I could make first in my life." That doesn't change the fact that God requires a first-priority relationship with other committed

the challenge of the giant Goliath without intimidation.

To David there were no giants, only enemies of God. Enemies of God can be conquered. God

SECOND: REMEMBER IT IS GOD'S POWER YOU ARE USING – *Ephesians 3:20-21*

The person who has faith in the power of God operating through his life is invincible. He is victimized by nothing and no one. The Psalms of David reveal his genuine relationship with God. David's primary concern was, "Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me" (Psalm 51:11). This kind of faith empowered David while he was still a young man to accept

THIRD: ALL THINGS WORK TOGETHER FOR GOOD – *Romans 8:28*

Two of the devil's most effective tools to defeat the saints of God are discouragement and negative thinking - which is a lack of faith. God has never promised that he will shield us from tragedy and disappointment in our lives. Jesus said that whether you build your house on the rock or the sand, you will face storms and difficulties. People tend to blame God (or people or circumstances) for misfortunes that befall them.

We must remember that all things - even death - work together for our good. If we turn away from God in the hard times, our faith will never develop. This faith, as indicated in Romans 8, gives us the power to develop a life of joy which helps us persevere from here to eternity.

My life has been long and full and devoted to the Lord. My prayer for you is that when you are walking down this road, when the shadow of death is over you, that you too can say these words and that you too will fear no evil. Total commitment is all that is required by our Lord. He will give you direction and strength. ■

SARAH'S DAUGHTERS – Irene Gurganus

What will you be doing when you are 79 years old? Well, if your name is Irene Gurganus, you lead a ministry in San Diego of 150 women married to non-Christians.

Irene has devoted her life to God over the years and is best known in the Kingdom for helping

her husband to establish what would become the largest Christian church in the history of Japan; the "Mt. Everest of mission work."

After losing her incredible husband George two years ago, Irene is not spending her life in loneliness without a purpose. Instead, she is sharing her wisdom and faith with women she refers to as Sarah's Daughters (I Peter 3:6). In addition, she trains other women leaders to coordinate groups in six regions throughout San Diego. Irene reports that their ministries graduated nine women out of the group when their husbands became Christians. Irene's favorite advice is: "You will move your husband's heart the same way yours was moved. Treat him the way you were treated by the disciples who converted you." ■



▲ *Sarah's Daughters, left to right: LoAnn Baehm; Marlene Coburn; Mildred Geisler; Irene Gurganus; Velma Foster; and Louisa Morris.*

HOPE UNITY AWARD

by Bob & Pat Gempel, Executive Director and Director of Development, HOPE *worldwide*

An old fable tells of a father who handed his sons a bundle of sticks tied with a leather cord and gave them the command, "Break it." Strong as they were, none of them could manage the task and they handed the bundle back to their father. He then untied it, handed each a single stick, and said again, "Break it." This they easily did. With an air of gravity and a pause to help drive the point home, the father advised his children, "Unity gives strength."

The HOPE Unity Award is a bronzed forearm holding a bundle of sticks tied together by a leather cord. It represents the strength that comes from individuals who are unified in the pursuit of common goals which benefit all. Each year HOPE *worldwide* presents the HOPE Unity Award to a world leader who has distinguished himself or herself in forging unity among his or her people. In doing so, he or she has helped alter the social, political and economic fabric of their community in ways that promote harmony and well-being for all its members. The Unity Award is "to honor one who has sacrificed personal liberties for the sake of uniting many in peace," regardless of his or her personal religious or political persuasions.

On August 10, 1995, the first annual Unity Award was presented to President Nelson Mandela for his persistent and heroic efforts to unite a strife-torn South Africa. The 1996 Unity Award was given to Mother Teresa in her Calcutta-based Missionaries of Charity convent. For almost 70 years she has tirelessly served the needs of the poor and been their greatest advocate. She has done more to unite the privileged with the under-privileged than anyone in the last century.

In November 1928, Mary Agnes Bojaxhiu decided to forgo the comfort of her family and



▲ Bob and Pat Gempel warmly greet Mother Teresa during the presentation of the 1996 HOPE worldwide Unity Award in Calcutta, India.

friends and the familiarity of her Albanian homeland and moved to India with a simple mission to help the poor. Within weeks of her arrival, undaunted by the extreme conditions she faced, she began learning English, Bengali and Hindi, and at the same time began teaching poor children in the local slums. During her first 18 years in India, Mother Teresa focused all of her efforts on the poor and sick in the streets of Calcutta. From there her work and her influence spread to other cities in India and eventually to other countries. Today there is an entire Order known as the Missionaries of Charity that boasts over 400,000 co-workers worldwide. As the author of her biography noted, 'the number of people who are alive today because of this

woman's vision – the hungry, the ill and destitute, the victims of famine and disaster, both divine and manmade, whose plight she has directly alleviated and upon whom she has focused attention – would run into the hundreds of thousands, even millions.'

In 1979, Mother Teresa was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. However, she would not receive it in her own name. She would only accept it to the glory of God and in the name of the poor. Instead of allowing the traditional banquet to be held in her honor, she simply asked for the money. With it she fed Christmas dinner to 2,000 people and invited all of the Ministers and dignitaries to attend. For her lifetime of sacrifice and selfless service to the poor, and for her efforts to unite people in true love and compassion, HOPE *worldwide* proudly presented the 2nd annual Unity Award to Mother Teresa on February 8, 1997.

Accompanying the award is a full scholarship to the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business for a qualified student of the recipient's choosing. The \$50,000 scholarship is for an MBA degree in Health Care Management. After receiving an excellent education at the prestigious Wharton School, the scholarship recipient will be well prepared to become a significant leader in health care in his or her native country. ■



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