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Margie Christenson (left), UPM Vice Chair, Treasurer and Evelyn's "daughter-in-love," with Evelyn's administrative assistant Diane Berggren at Evelyn's 86th birthday in January.

REACHING THE WORLD LOCALLY WITH JESUS

United Prayer Ministry's Local Languages Prayer Evangelism Initiative

By Evelyn Christenson

A dramatic change is taking place in our United Prayer Ministry this year. God is taking us into a new prayer evangelism initiative that could reach the whole world for Jesus—FREE to them all. **Amazingly, we have from God with our Website, DVDs and TV the technology to reach every tongue and tribe and nation with Jesus' salvation in their own language—FREE to them—globally and here at home. And it came right out of Uganda, Africa.**

Although our books, tapes and speaking have reached Africa for a couple of decades, there is an electronic method of using our *A Study Guide for Evangelism Praying* that is almost exploding in parts of Uganda. Bishop Henry Nsubuga, with 1,500 pastors under him, visited and prayed for us, and we for him, last September. He took our gift of the printed English *Study Guide* and its color DVD in English home with him to Africa. When in January our UPM Board member Barbara White got there to teach the *Study Guide* and preach, he already had put the DVD of my teaching it on their national television. They have televised sections of it every Saturday night with thousands gathering weekly in small groups or large churches. They watched that DVD on television while a local person who also knows English translated it simultaneously aloud into the listeners' own major or tribal language. They then organized their Triplet evangelism prayer groups of three, and start praying by name for their three each who have not accepted Jesus and can only understand in their own language. While praying for their salvation, they reach out to them personally with Jesus' love.

Bishop Henry also downloads the printed *Study Guide* in their own local language FREE from our Website, and prints it there without shipping costs from America. (Our Website is www.unitedprayerministry.org.)

Jesus, after His death and resurrection and just before returning to heaven, gave His followers the explicit extent to

which they were to bring His Gospel. Jesus' Great Commission is in three of the four New Testament Gospels which all clearly explain this.

Matthew 28:19: "Go therefore and make disciples of **ALL THE NATIONS...**"

Mark 16:15: "Go into **ALL THE WORLD** and preach the Gospel to **ALL CREATION...**"

Luke 24:47: "...and that repentance for forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name to **ALL THE NATIONS BEGINNING FROM JERUSALEM.**"

In Acts 1:8, also before He ascended, Jesus is even more explicit about the extent His disciples were to be His witnesses:

"But you shall receive power after the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in JERUSALEM, and in ALL JUDEA AND SAMARIA, and even to the REMOTEST PART OF THE EARTH."

Potential in our homeland. A friend of mine living in the greater New York area asked me the same question she had asked the pastor of her fine missions-oriented church. She questioned: "With 300,000 from one language in India living right under our noses, why do we jump right over their heads while we pray, go and finance only reaching those of that same language still in India?" Most of us in America do missions like that (of course, we must never stop doing foreign missions either), but suddenly I saw God's explanation: "**NOW THAT WORLD IS COMING TO YOU!**"

With over 47 million known not to speak English in their own homes in America, **our Great Commission mission field which only can be reached in their own language IS RIGHT HERE. The same electronic method with their own personal DVDs, instead of TV, will also work as powerfully here in America.** They will use our training sessions materials while their own local bilingual language person simultaneously translates from English (as in Uganda)—with no trained teacher

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needed. Then they will form and pray in Triplet prayer groups of three Christians for each of their three unsaved acquaintances. They will then go out to reach their own displaced or immigrated language group with Jesus' deeds of kindness and His salvation. This will be absolutely FREE to anyone who downloads the *Study Guide* and/or DVD from our Website, unless they chose to purchase them from us.

Just a few years ago, a new call from God came powerfully as I was flying home alone from London over the Atlantic. As I read Jesus telling His disciples (us) in Matthew 5:14 *"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden,"* He made it very clear to me that this light was going to shine powerfully in Minnesota's Twin Cities and environs some day—with me helping to reach the world with Jesus once again around my own home. Puzzled, I pondered how WE could be the light of the world too when Jesus HIMSELF already claimed to be it in John 8:12, *"I am the light of the world."* How? Then I saw it. As a non-believer accepts Him, Jesus comes to dwell in him or her. So the light we are shining is not us at all, but the light of Jesus shining from us to a lost world at our doorstep.

Our United Prayer Ministry Board had spent the last six months of 2007 reviewing our 1/3 of a century of ministry, first in our own area, next expanding to every state in the U.S.A., and then personally to every continent in the world. But this is a new method. At our December, 2007 Christmas Board meeting we felt God urging us to once again step out in faith in 2008. As always, we were just to trust God to direct us into His new plans for us. With a powerful moving of the Holy Spirit, virtually every UPM Board member prayed deeply, promising God she would help reach those at our doorsteps who can't understand about Jesus in English.

January 1, 2008 I woke so excited it seemed like God's New Year's fireworks going off in me. God started opening incredible doors, basically with people we never even knew existed. Marion Bartels, the Minnesota chair of our reaching the world with Jesus in their own language initiative, already is seeing the project getting underway in almost miraculous ways from God.

Jesus' warning. Jesus solemnly warned us in Matthew 24:14 that, even with all the signs of His coming which we certainly are seeing today, there is still one more thing necessary before His second coming: *"And the gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the WHOLE world (inhabited earth) for a witness to ALL the nations, and then the end shall come."*

By jumping over this mission field at our doorsteps, are WE ourselves hindering Jesus' coming back to earth for His believers?

As the #1 missionary-sending nation in the world, how are we doing? Are we missing one of the world's largest mission fields which is right here?

ARE NOT THESE IMMIGRANTS AND DISPLACED PERSONS PART OF JESUS' GREAT COMMISSION?



Minnesota Languages Initiative

Can you imagine the difficulty of leaving one's home, resettling in a new country and not being able to understand the language? Thousands of people are doing this each year, many coming to Minnesota. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, there are over 339,000 foreign-born residents and over 463,000 residents who speak a language other than English at home in the State of Minnesota. Many are not hearing about Jesus simply because no one tells the Gospel to them in a language they can understand. So, UPM's new vision is to share Jesus with all non-English speaking, non-believing residents in the United States, starting right here in Minnesota.

How do we accomplish this daunting task? The answer, of course, is just to start praying for this world at our doorstep. *A Study Guide for Evangelism Praying*, written by our own Evelyn, is the curriculum we will be using to teach and mobilize evangelism prayer. Commissioned as the official and successful world-wide curriculum of the AD2000 Women's Track the whole decade of the 90s, it has already been translated into over 60 languages.

Currently we are identifying and meeting with various language groups in Minnesota with positive results. One of the largest churches in Minneapolis is excitedly on board to offer these classes for those speaking Spanish in their church. Just think if 100 people attend this one class, and each pray in Triplets for three people who need to know Jesus—300 people will be prayed for daily! Think of this multiplying!

Because of the printed *Study Guide* on our Web, this plan can be used free all over the world. If you know of non-English speaking people, or English-speaking people who need Jesus, start praying and follow these six steps:

- Select your own language group that still needs Jesus.
- Download the *Study Guide* in the desired language by going to the link www.unitedprayerministry.org. Available soon on the Web will be Evelyn's DVD teaching in English to download free. (If the language you need is not on our Website, call our ministry office at 763/566-5390.)
- Identify one person who speaks English and the language of the group being taught who can simultaneously translate Evelyn's DVD teaching into their language.
- Start the *Study Guide* Triplet evangelism prayer groups immediately.
- Meet weekly for evangelism prayer training using the *Study Guide* and the DVD.
- Continue to pray weekly with your Triplet for your three unsaved.

Will you pray for this new languages initiative here in Minnesota and then how God might want to use *you* where you live?

Marion Bartels

Coordinator of UPM Languages Initiative

Thank you for sharing in the ministry of UPM with your prayers and finances. Please make donations payable to United Prayer Ministry and mail to:

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A MISSIONARY'S REPORT OF *A Study Guide for Evangelism Praying* GOING TO UGANDA, AFRICA

Here is Barb's heart:

What a mighty God we serve! Taken to the home of Bishop Henry, I could not have felt more welcomed. Each person who lived there was more hospitable than the last.

Pastor Henry has served the Lord Jesus for many years through the church that he founded, Living Word; and he brings hurting young people to his home along with two homes for orphans. It is quite incredible to watch a man literally work night and day and still have an exuberant laugh that fills the room.

Pastor Henry says that he came here last fall to pray for our country and to help bring to America the Holy Spirit revival that they have in Africa. He took *A Study Guide for Evangelism Praying* back to Uganda and is in charge of uniting his 400 churches and 1,500 pastors to study and pray with it.

We journeyed to his childhood village to meet the pastor of his first church before ministering. There was neither running water nor electricity at anytime, and yet people were so eager to study and to pray. This same pastor showed up two days later at our conference because he and the members of his church walked 50 miles to hear the Word of God on prayer and be revived. It took my breath away to find this out.

The first day of the conference was so powerful it was hard to stand and teach. The people filled the huge arena-like church, even packing the sides and people standing to listen all the way back to the streets. In Section 2 of the *Study Guide* about sin, the power of God filled the house with a heaviness that caused a repentance to stir so deeply that close to a thousand people came forward to seek deliverance. This took place again in a closed session with over 40 pastors wanting a cleansing that would bring forth great fruit and favor from God through the blood of Jesus.

Many people throughout the two weeks of teaching, preaching and radio interviews declared that they wanted to be set free from demon possession, African rituals of sorcery, witchcraft, generational curses and prevalent sin. They were urgently ready to receive because the DVDs of Evelyn's teachings are being played every Saturday evening until their electricity goes out.

It was a powerful week of cleansing and restoration, and while waiting for our group to go to the next set of churches we went up to Prayer Mountain. Our leader, Pastor Caleb, introduced me to the pastor of Prayer Mountain and I explained to him why I came. The history of the *Study Guide* was explained and he said: "I have heard of Evelyn Christenson." Then he agreed to send the prayer requests for my visit and for revival in the U.S.A. to ten thousand corporate pray-ers instantaneously through his internet prayer list. I was given the privilege of praying for the orphans who pray for us in the United States. They will one day be trained up to be pastors and serve in the many churches there, so together we went through the steps of the *Study Guide*.

Then suddenly the youth and their leaders of the Living Word church came looking for me at the orphanage. We prayed, and then they declared that they wanted their own *Study Guide* to dedicate their lives to studying and praying, and this desire was totally for the United States. I was overwhelmed to say the least.

This trip was filled and productive from the time of getting off of the plane until boarding to come back. Each day food was made available through the monies that had been provided by our faithful supporters here. People including many, many pastors slept on the floor in the church waiting our next day's conference.

People had cried out for healing as many of them had AIDS or were in crisis through poverty. Many were healed. Some returned to Jesus and many renounced the works of Satan.

The opportunities to spread evangelism praying all throughout Uganda are ours. Doors had been and still are opening at an astounding rate. People who could not come are crying out for the return of Evelyn's materials. Our prayer at UPM is that many catch the vision so that we can return and watch the glory of a risen Savior, Jesus, flow even more powerfully through Africa by way of precious Uganda.

Barb White, UPM Board member



Bishop Henry (left) with a deacon from Pastor Barb White's church, Light Foundational Ministries Intl.

FOR YOUR PRAYING

As UPM looks forward this year to many exciting opportunities, we know that we can not take one step without you pray-ers. We are privileged to be a small part of Christ's plan in taking the Gospel to the world. Please join us in prayer as God advances His kingdom, "...so that all nations might believe and obey Him—to the only wise God be glory forever through Jesus Christ!" Romans 16:26-27

- Pray for Judy Mbugua as she brings the hope of Jesus to her wounded country of Kenya through her Sunday radio broadcast.
- Pray for God to help Kurt Christenson and our new Web designer as they install the DVD *Study Guide* on the Web and update the UPM Website.
- Pray for wisdom for the Spanish pastor and his committee of a large local church as they kick off the *Study Guide*/DVD in their Spanish community.
- Marilyn Wallberg and Evelyn have taught our *Study Guide* in the Ukraine. Now the women's pastor of a local mega church has taken the *Study Guide* and DVD to the Russian-speaking women in the Ukraine. Pray for its future.
- Bishop Henry of Uganda, who leads 1500 pastors, asks for prayer for his successfully expanding *Study Guide*/DVD program throughout Uganda and that many will respond to Jesus when hearing it in their own language. He just returned from sharing this program in Goma, Congo.
- Praise God for His incredible moving in Barb White's trip to Uganda. Thank you for supporting her in prayer and financially. (See above article.)
- The largest gathering of Liberian immigrants in the U.S.A. is in Minnesota. Pray as one of their leading churches, along with others, is preparing to use the *Study Guide*/DVD project to reach their whole Liberian community for Jesus.
- The *Study Guide* and DVD were just given to a great Japanese woman evangelist who built and leads a wonderful church in Japan. Ask God for His will in the potential use of the *Study Guide*/DVD program there.
- A UPM Board member and her husband, a professor in a U.S. Chinese seminary, are both eager teachers of the *Study Guide* and are trying to bring it to China this summer. Pray that the Olympics security will not hinder their travel plans.
- Another UPM Board member and her husband are co-pastors of an international church in St. Paul. They are translating the *Study Guide* into a Nigerian language for our Website and their *Study Guide*/DVD local language initiative.
- Pray for much needed money for all these projects and to reprint the *Study Guide* in English.
- Pray for the National Day of Prayer on May 1, 2008, for God to lead in this vital presidential election year.

Thanking God for your prayers,
Margie Christenson
Vice Chair of United Prayer Ministry

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