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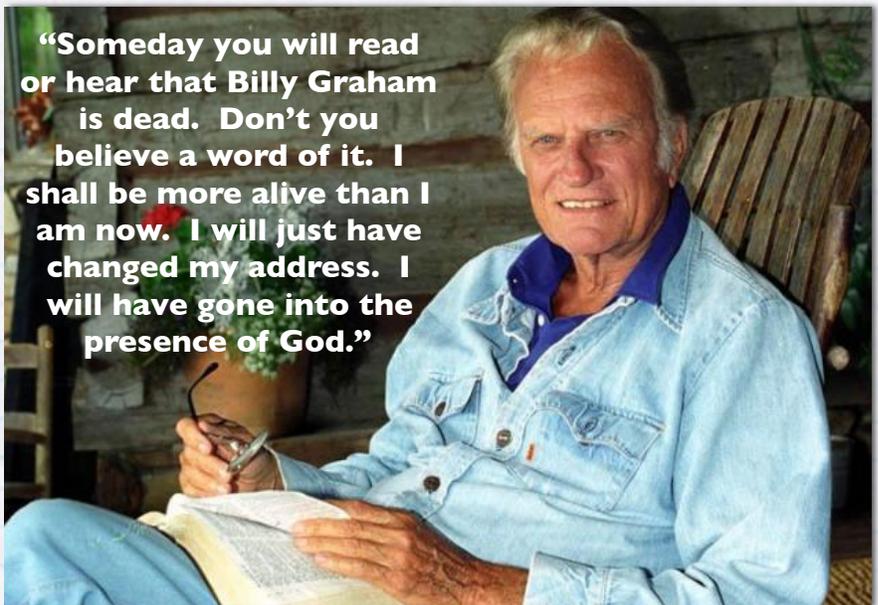
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The Legacy of Billy Graham

This week, I've been reflecting on the impact of Billy Graham in my own life. I'm sure many across America and around the world are doing the same thing. While I had heard much about the world renowned evangelist growing up, it wasn't until I was a graduate student at Wheaton College that his life began to impact mine in much more significant ways.

The Graduate School at Wheaton College is housed in the Billy Graham Center. Billy met his wife, Ruth Bell, while they were students at Wheaton in the early 40's. Wheaton's Billy Graham Center also houses the Billy Graham Museum, which tells the history of evangelism in America and the global impact of Billy Graham's life and ministry. While I was a student, I walked through the museum almost every week. There was a brief 10 minute video on Billy Graham's life narrated by radio host Paul Harvey. I'd watch that movie and then sit in the silence of the small theatre...

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“Someday you will read or hear that Billy Graham is dead. Don't you believe a word of it. I shall be more alive than I am now. I will just have changed my address. I will have gone into the presence of God.”

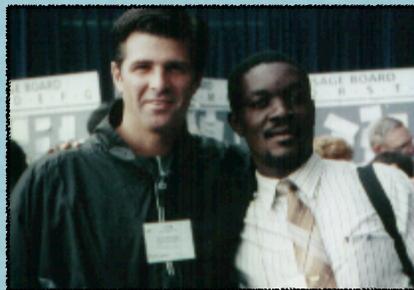
THE MIRACLE OF AMSTERDAM 2000

When I first learned of Billy Graham's conference for evangelists and pastors, Amsterdam 2000, I wanted to go. Then when I learned that they would be limiting the participants from America and that they had an application process to attend, I figured I would never be accepted and never filled out the application. 75,000 applicants, and they were choosing 10,000 to attend. Why would they choose me? Thankfully, Jennifer believed God wanted me in Amsterdam, so unbeknownst to me, she filled out the application. Imagine my shock when she handed me my acceptance letter to participate in the conference! God indeed had a plan! Those 10 days in Amsterdam shaped the course of our life and ministry in ways we could never have imagined...



A TREASURED FAMILY CONNECTION

Jennifer's great grandmother, Corrine Smith, served at Wheaton College for over 30 years. She was the Dean of Women at Wheaton when Billy Graham and Ruth Bell met as college students in the early 1940's.



DOUG WITH PASTOR WILJEAN

Of the 10,000 participants gathered in Amsterdam, Doug met a young pastor from the impoverished nation of Haiti. Who knew what God would have in store as these two would become dear friends and ministry partners.



DOUG, PASTOR'S MICKEY & HAMMRE

Of the 10,000 participants gathered in Amsterdam, Doug also met two young pastors from Kenya, Mickey Okeyo and Hammre Kayando. Who knew what God would have in store for these for these new friends.

FAITHFULLY MAKING CHRIST KNOWN



BILLY GRAHAM MUSEUM

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...praying, seeking God's face, dreaming of how He might want to use me. The museum had a small prayer chapel attached, and I'd often get alone with God in that chapel to study the scriptures and sharpen my vision and calling. As I reflect back on all those hours I spent in the Billy Graham Museum as a student, I know that it was there that God refined and confirmed His call on my life to evangelism and missions.

AMSTERDAM, HAITI & KENYA

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After meeting Pastor Wiljean in 2000, I made my first trip to **Haiti** to do a youth evangelism conference with him in 2003. Within a year, we would help Wiljean purchase land for a ministry center, which would house a church and school. By 2006, we had launched Open Door Haiti as a non-profit in the US. The ministry would continue to grow with a medical center, a ministry training center, and eventually an orphanage. One church would become two, and then three, and then four... and now twenty churches have been

planted, with new church plants popping up each year. And of course, our involvement would grow our family too, as we finally completed our adoption of Analise and Maggie in 2014!



I traveled to **Kenya** in 2004 to minister together with Pastor Mickey and Pastor Hammre. I soon learned that is was training these young leaders were hungry for, so traveled back six months later to equip them with Sonlife's disciple-making training. After that trip, our family moved to Kenya in 2005 to adopt Mary-Faith, who was three at the time. Living in Kenya would create ministry opportunities that would eventually lead me to serving as the East Africa Coordinator for J-Life Africa, multiplying our disciple-making training from Kenya into Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi, Tanzania and Zanzibar.

Since 2000, I've made over 80 trips to Haiti and 30 to Africa, and now I'm privileged to lead **Sonlife**, whose disciple-making training is happening in over 100 countries around the globe!

Billy Graham and Amsterdam 2000 has shaped the course of our life, ministry, and family in immeasurable ways!

Billy Graham

Quotes

"My one purpose in life is to help people find a relationship with God, which, I believe, comes through knowing Jesus Christ."

"As long as there is one man who should be free, as long as slums and ghettos exist, as long as any person goes to bed hungry at night, as long as the color of a man's skin is his prison, there must be divine discontent."

HEARTS FULL OF GRATITUDE

What a great privilege God has given us to be His ambassadors! Ours is a message of hope, of purpose, of love. From the time he was first ordained to preach just one hour north of us in Palatka, FL, Billy Graham faithfully preached Christ. His example is one worth following. It's our hearts' desire to be faithful to Christ and His call on our lives, to preach the simple message of the gospel, and to make disciples to the ends of the earth!

*Serving Christ together,
Doug & Jennifer*

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We exist to ignite the Body of Christ with Great Commandment-Great Commission priorities by inspiring, instructing and involving the next generation of missional leaders worldwide.



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