

O'DELL MINISTRIES



And he said unto them, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned."

- Mark 16:15-16

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Jerry O'Dell began his life in the ministry at the age of 21, by serving Dr. T.L. Osborn. During his 17 years with that ministry, he became a co-evangelist and crusade director. In 1980, Jerry began serving 6 years with Rhema Bible Training Center as a professor and World Outreach Director. In 1986, the O'Dells headed full-time into doing what they do best: reaching the

unreached. While they have preached and taught extensively throughout the world for the past 18 years, the O'Dells have focused their ministry mainly on India and Honduras. They spearhead the India Harvest Plan, which has won 13 million Indian villagers to the Lord during the past 14 years and birthed 130 churches. The O'Dells also founded the full-time School for Harvesters in Honduras and the International Fellowship of Harvesters, which is dedicated to the networking and training of ministers and laymen to reach more of the 3 billion alive on the Earth today who have never heard the Gospel. Beside this, they are involved in developing a harvest plan in the Moslem nation of Pakistan. ❖

"We live in a constant global crisis. There are three billion unreached people alive today. You can look anywhere and find people who are lost."

- Jerry O'Dell

THE O'DELL MINISTRIES MANIFESTO

O'Dell Ministries was founded upon two directives: 1) To reach as many of the lost in our generation as possible, before they die and 2) To train “harvesters” through precept and example, who will keep reaching the lost in a priority position of their lives and ministries. These harvesters will know how to produce consistent miracles as proof that their story of the risen Savior is true, by the power of the simple Gospel; and they will focus on reaching the lost, in general and the unreached, in particular. The need to fulfill these directives is obvious, since 36 million people die annually who have never had an opportunity to receive Christ as their Savior. By using all the resources available to the Church today, pastors and evangelists can work together to change these statistics. ❖

Romans 10:14-15:

“How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach unless they are sent?”

“Why should anyone hear the Gospel twice until everyone has had a chance to hear it once?”

- Oswald J. Smith

The Heart of the Father is ...

This present generation can be likened to a Father who, before leaving on a trip, said to his children, *“Mow the lawn before I return.”* Upon his return, he saw that the job had not been completed. Only a small part of the yard had been cut. The children truly loved their father and were very glad to see him. However, they were dismayed when they realized he was disappointed in their incomplete task – for they had kept themselves very busy doing other chores around the house. The

father asked: *“Why did you not complete the job of mowing the grass, as I instructed?”* One spoke up. *“We ran out of gas for the lawn mower, but used the money you provided for the gas to buy paint.”* Another exclaimed, *“Look father, how we painted the mail box! Isn’t it beautiful! We also bought the beautiful new flowers you see in the flower beds. Don’t they brighten up the yard?”* The father sternly replied, *“But, I told you to mow the lawn!”*

The children began weeping as they explained: *“Father, we worked so hard! We repaired the gate, we cleaned the house and we even washed the windows.”* The father responded loudly, *“But ... THE GRASS!”* The children anguished, *“We thought you would be so proud of us. We were so good. We kept curfew, went to church, and were even faithful to study the Word and pray. From time to time we were reminded of the task and if only you had delayed your return! We were planning to finish the yard tomorrow.”*

The Heart of O'Dell

Jesus said before He ascended into Heaven: *“You shall receive power ... and you shall be my witnesses.”* His next instructions commanded us to **“GO INTO ALL THE WORLD AND PREACH THE GOSPEL TO EVERY CREATURE!”** Jesus came into the world to save sinners. It is clear then, that **THE PRIMARY JOB OF EVERY CHURCH AND EACH INDIVIDUAL BELIEVER IS TO EFFECT THE SPREADING OF THE GOSPEL.** Not all are to go overseas, but **all** should make the job of reaching the lost their passion.

Our Lord's **PRIME DIRECTIVE** is to **REACH THE LOST!** All the other wonderful jobs we can do are great. It was good that the children painted the mailbox, cleaned the house and washed the windows. How marvelous it was that they did not get into mischief. It was tremendous that they kept curfew, went to church and were faithful to pray and read the word, **but they did not mow the lawn!**

The Lord of the harvest will soon return. Then, we must give an account of the souls we have won. How beautiful His words will be, when we hear them directed to those of us who have obeyed His command to reach the unreached. *“You have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things: Enter into the joy of thy Lord!”*

THE INDIA HARVEST PLAN



The Mother Church



The Bible School



Village Evangelism Units



The Crusades



Church Outreach Centers

The India Harvest Plan is responsible for netting 13 million souls, since its inception in 1990, through mass-evangelism miracle crusades. The plan has five arms, which operate together to form a scripturally complete harvest cycle. There is a “Mother Church” in Chennai, India, which is the foundation of the plan and is pastored by Rev. Sam Chelladurai, Jr.. His fully-accredited Bible school trains Indian students, who make up the pre-crusade teams that advertise in hundreds of villages for each mass-evangelism, miracle crusade. After graduation, many students eventually become pastors in the churches that are opened with the new converts from each crusade. The new believers in those churches are trained to reach out to others, right from the start. As they do, the cycle begins to repeat itself, with those churches forming new churches that also reach the lost in their area. Village evangelism van teams are also sent back into the villages to follow-up those who could not attend the crusade or cannot travel to the churches. ❖

“If you want to see the power of God truly work in your ministry to effect lives, then you must realize it is the inherent power of the simple Gospel that brings this to pass in our age.”

- Jerry O'Dell

THE SCHOOL FOR HARVESTERS

Located in Honduras, Central America, the School for Harvesters brings students from all over the world, trains them, then sends them back into all the world. Students have the unique opportunity of being trained “on the field.” Honduras is a perfect location for training potential harvesters because it has all the elements necessary for exciting, successful village evangelism. Students live in the comfort of the city of San Pedro Sula, while the entire country serves as a giant classroom, where the students learn to confidently preach and teach in a way that unleashes the miracle-working power of God; and where they can experience life on the mission field first-hand. Besides receiving a full two-year Bible School curriculum, students take part in 6 teaching crusades each year, providing them opportunity to win the lost publicly on a platform, as well as one-on-one in the village homes. In those villages, they learn to confidently produce consistent salvations and healing miracles. ❖

“We need more missionaries who will preach the Gospel and win the lost. Most missions efforts are the Body from one country ministering to the Body in another country, while the unreached millions go untouched for the most part.”

- Franklin Graham

THE INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF HARVESTERS

The International Fellowship of Harvesters is an organization of loosely knit ministries and believers whose prime directive is to do all they can to see to it that the Gospel is preached to every creature. The ministers who are directors and members of the International Fellowship of Harvesters (IFH) are committed to reaching as many of the unreached as possible with their individual ministries. Yet, each one is very much aware that being connected together – THROUGH PURPOSE – will allow them to do more than they ever hoped they could do individually. It is the dream and vision of the IFH to join arms with many more ministers and believers, in order to propagate the Gospel in as many ways as possible: through evangelism, Bible schools, the mentoring and sending of missionaries who are trained reapers, the establishing of harvest plans, the planting and building of churches, the printing of harvest-oriented literature and curriculum and much more. ❖

We should not be interested in popularity - who gets what, or who goes where. The questions should be: "Is the job getting done? Are we reaching the lost? Is there a church in the next city? Is there somebody reaching this group of people?"

- Jerry O'Dell