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Go into all the world!

—Mark 16:15

Together we're reaching the nations with the love of Jesus!

One of the blessings Laurie and I have always enjoyed is the opportunity to travel to different parts of the world where TBN is broadcasting the good news of Jesus through our many international networks. Needless to say, during the past year or so the COVID pandemic made such travel impossible.

Thankfully, over the past months restrictions have eased up, so that Laurie and I recently had the joy of traveling again across Europe, the Middle East, and Africa, to film new programming and check in with some of TBN's life-changing networks, studios, and broadcast associates.

As we found ourselves landing once more in such international cities as Rome, Jerusalem, Abu Dhabi, Casablanca, and others, I couldn't help but think back almost ten years to 2012, when Laurie and I, along with our sons Caylan and Cody, accompanied my late father, TBN founder Paul Crouch, on an extended tour around the world, so that he could check in one more time on the scores of stations and networks that he had a hand in growing over his forty years as a pioneer in Christian television.

From TBN's full-power stations across America to our international

networks throughout Latin America, Europe, the Baltics, Africa, the Middle East, and Asia — each stop we made on that memorable journey represented to my dad a milestone of God's faithfulness in the commission He had given my parents to take the message of Jesus to every corner of the earth.

I can still see him pausing in this or that city along our itinerary to express his gratitude for his beloved TBN family of partners who had faithfully committed with him



Matt and Laurie in Rome.

to establish these powerful beacons of hope and healing in strategic places across the earth. Most importantly, over and over he thanked God for the countless individuals, families, communities, and nations that were being impacted and transformed through TBN.

Looking back, I realize more than ever that my parents were part of a generation of committed individuals who took to heart the Great

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Commission Christ gave to all who would follow Him: “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature” (Mark 16:15, NKJV). For my parents, that meant laying down other interests and endeavors — surrendering all — and spending every ounce of their energy and resources to spread the good news of Jesus to “every tribe and tongue and people and nation” (Revelation 5:9).

Recently Laurie and I came across a wonderful book about another legendary member of that soul-winning generation — my dad's friend, evangelist Billy Graham. In *Saturdays With Billy*, Dr. Graham's pastor, Don Wilton, recalls the Billy Graham he grew to know well over the many years of Saturdays he spent with Dr. Graham in his later years, talking about family, sports, politics, the deep faith they shared — and the sixty years Dr. Graham spent traveling the world, sharing the gospel with over 210 million people.

“The joy of his life was to share the love of Christ with people of

the world,” writes Pastor Wilton of Billy Graham. “All who met him heard about the Lord Jesus, and all who knew him understood that Jesus Christ was the Lord of Billy Graham's life.”

Dr. Graham's heart was touched with the same passion to win the

His love with untold millions have never been greater.”

He reminded me of the call God had given him and my mom to use television and media to take the gospel to the nations, and how they had pressed forward without reservation to fulfill that call.



Matt and Laurie visit with Don Wilton about his friendship with Billy Graham and the impact Dr. Graham's message has had on the world.

lost that motivated my father to travel the world, launching and guiding Christian television networks across the globe. For both my father and mother, that life-long quest was all about winning “just one more soul for Christ,” as I heard my father say many times.

“The world has never been more in need of Jesus,” he told me not long before God called him home. “And the opportunities to share

“Now it's your turn,” he challenged me. “You've got the tools, you've got the blueprint, and you've got the same God who guided us to open new doors where millions more need salvation. You and your generation have a responsibility to keep taking the message of God's mercy until Jesus returns.”

My dad couldn't have been more accurate — or prophetic — in the charge he gave me that day. Friend,

Beacons of Light

Here are a handful of the over 30 TBN networks filling the earth with the message of hope and grace through Jesus.

Find more at — tbn.org/about/networks

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you and I are that generation God has called to continue carrying the mantle of passion for souls that individuals like Billy Graham and Paul Crouch faithfully carried throughout their lives. We have been handed the same responsibility that compelled them — a divine mandate to continue what the godly generations before us started, to “go into all the world” and share the message of salvation, healing, and hope through Jesus to individuals, families, communities, and nations — until Jesus calls us home.

As always, thank you for your faithful prayer and partnership with us in this epic mission to win the nations for Christ. May God bless you and yours as you pursue all He has for you to accomplish.

Our love and prayers for you,

Matt and Laurie Crouch



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The Abraham Accords on TBN



Don't miss TBN's exclusive documentary series on the historic Middle East peace agreement, led by President Trump and signed at the White House September 15, 2020, by the President, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, and representatives from the nations of Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates.

While largely ignored by the mainstream media, TBN has delved deeply into the background and complex process that brought the Middle East nations together to sign onto the diplomatic initiative.

The result is an informative and beautifully produced five-part series, hosted by former U.S. Ambassador to Israel David Friedman, and featuring exclusive interviews with former President Trump, former Vice President Mike Pence, former Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, senior presidential advisor Jared Kushner, former Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, and many other world leaders and experts.

Stay tuned for the premiere of *The Abraham Accords*, coming soon to TBN.



ON THIS MONTH IN CHRISTIAN HISTORY, host Cody Crouch brings the past to life with fascinating stories about Michelangelo, Jesse Owens, John Bunyan, and Anne Frank. Find more episodes at watch.tbn.org/this-month-in-christian-history.



GOD'S PLANS ARE BIGGER. Sports legends James "J.B." Brown and Tony Dungy share testimonies about how God led them through deep disappointments on their way to success.



WORSHIP FOREVER

Unforgettable Music Event With Michael W. Smith

Grammy winning singer-songwriter Michael W. Smith is releasing an updated version of his iconic 2001 live album *Worship*, which ministered healing to America following the national tragedy of 9-11. Entitled *Worship Forever*, the new album was recorded July 12th before a live audience in Nashville—and TBN was on-hand to film the entire event.

The live concert includes a full symphony orchestra, along with performances from special musical guests Tauren Wells, Matt Redman, and Amy Grant. Best of all, the evening features Michael leading in classic worship songs he first introduced with the original *Worship* album twenty years ago, including "The Heart of Worship," "Open the Eyes of My Heart," "Above All," "Agnus Dei," and many others.

JOIN US FOR THIS MEMORABLE EVENING OF MUSIC AND WORSHIP with Michael W. Smith and friends, along with an audience of over 5,000, airing Friday, September 10, at 8 p.m. Eastern / 7 Central — only on TBN.



AMY GRANT



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MATT REDMAN



THE POWER OF YOUR WORDS. Matt and Laurie welcome Bishop T.D. Jakes to discuss the spiritual impact we can have through how we speak and interact with others.



THE RISE OF CHINA. Erick Stakelbeck takes a look at the emerging military and economic might of China, and how it could impact religious freedom around the world — even as the underground church explodes across China. **Airs September 13 @ 8/7 Central.**



Exciting News From Italy!

TBN's Italian network is expanding its reach to literally every home across the nation

We have some very exciting news to share about our Italian network, Televisione Cristiana in Italia (TCI), one of the crown jewel's of TBN's international outreach! TCI has been broadcasting the love of Jesus in Italy since 1985, when TBN founder Paul Crouch bought a single station in Campione d'Italia, a small piece of Italian land surrounded by Switzerland. That channel began immediately to broadcast life-changing Christian programming dubbed into Italian throughout northern Italy. A few weeks later TBN added a second Italian station located on Mount Orso, that reached south toward Milan. With the addition of a third channel in the summer of 1985 more than seven million Italian individuals and families were beginning to receive the good news of Jesus through television — a true miracle

of God's grace in this nation that helped birth the Christian faith.

Today TCI reaches a potential of nearly 15 million Italian viewers with both regional and international Christian programming. But recently Matt Crouch announced that TBN has acquired a national broadcast license and carrier arrangement that will expand TCI's reach to nearly every home throughout Italy, giving 96 percent of the more than 60 million residents round-the-clock access to culturally relevant, life-changing Christian programming.

"We're more than thrilled at how God is giving TBN favor among the Italian people," said Matt. "In this land that represented the epicenter of the Christian faith beginning in the time of the apostle Paul and for centuries afterward, the message of hope and grace through Jesus is go-



In 2012, TBN founder Paul Crouch and Matt and Laurie joined TCI's Chuck Hall (left) at a new broadcast tower in Italy.

ing to be available 24 hours a day to literally every Italian home and heart. We're believing for a massive harvest of souls for Italy and beyond."

Stay tuned for more on this developing TBN story — and experience TBN's Italian network for yourself at tci-italia.it.



TOUCHING THE WORLD With God's Love!

In less than fifty years TBN has grown from one small TV station in Southern California, to 30 strategic networks reaching over 175 nations with the incomparable message of God's love through Jesus.

Of course, we rejoice over the untold millions who've said yes to that message of hope and grace because of TBN! But we also know that there are billions across the globe who've never even heard the good news. We want to reach them, too.

The Impact of TBN is a very special thirty minute program we've produced to show, through powerful stories and testimonies, how the



prayer and partnership of individuals like you are helping us reach the nations — and our prayerful vision to witness a billion-soul

harvest in the years ahead through the outreach of TBN.

Don't miss this inspiring snapshot of God's love in action.

Pastor Robert Morris: Thank You for Supporting TBN!

As pastor of Dallas-Ft. Worth's 35,000-member Gateway Church and chancellor of King's University and Seminary, Robert Morris is one of America's most influential and respected Christian leaders. His best-selling book and teaching series, *The Blessed Life*, has shown millions of individuals how to prosper in every area of life through godly generosity. And his daily program on TBN is reaching individuals and families around the world. Check out this short video to see what Pastor Robert Morris has to say about the global impact of TBN.



Publish Your Christian Book With Trilogy!

TBN has its own publishing department, called Trilogy, dedicated to providing a dynamic publishing platform for both new and seasoned Christian authors.

Trilogy is for authors who really want to give their books wide exposure. Our experienced editors and publishing experts work closely with authors throughout the entire process to create books that are excellent in

every facet, and to ensure that the message of each book will appeal to TBN's global audience.

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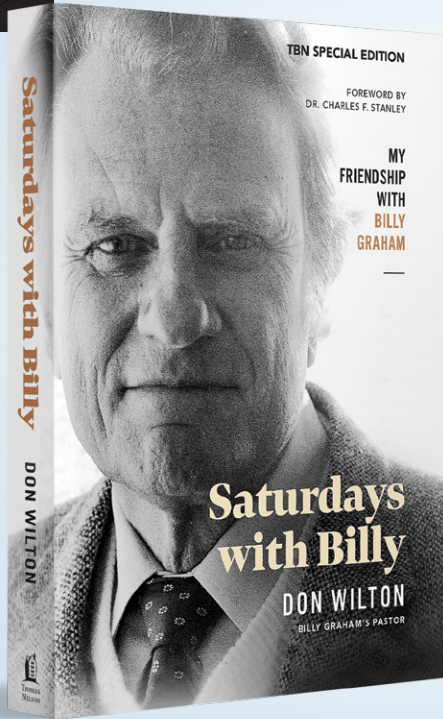
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"Pastor Don Wilton spent many years as not only my father Billy Graham's pastor, but also his personal friend."

—Franklin Graham



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A Kingdom Legacy

Most of us know Billy Graham as a man of God who led millions around the world to faith in Christ. But who was he to those who knew him personally? In ***Saturdays With Billy***, Don Wilton, Dr. Graham's longtime pastor and friend, shares memories of the Billy Graham he grew to know over the many years he spent with him every Saturday, talking for hours about family, sports, politics, and the deep faith they shared. Just as Billy Graham's words touched and changed his friend Don, they can reach out to us today—the testimony of a man who walked out God's grace into eternity.

Our thank you this month for your gift of any amount to TBN!

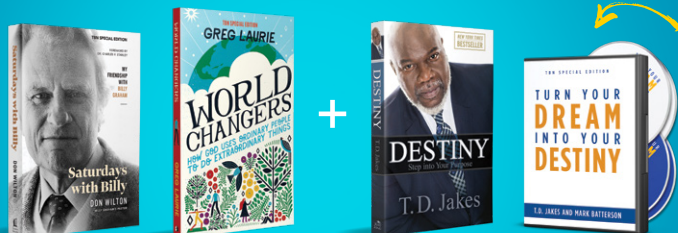


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In ***World Changers: How God Uses Ordinary People to Do Extraordinary Things***, pastor and author Greg Laurie shares inspiring stories of ordinary people throughout history, and how God has used them in extraordinary – and supernatural – ways to change the world and extend His Kingdom.

Receive *Saturdays With Billy* and *World Changers* for your gift to TBN this month of \$35 or more.



In Bishop T.D. Jakes bestselling book ***Destiny: Step into Your Purpose***, along with ***Turn Your Dream Into Your Destiny***, the special two CD/two DVD teaching set by T.D. Jakes and Mark Batterson, you'll discover key biblical principles that will empower you to break down every barrier and live out the dream God has planted in your heart.

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