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My strong companion,
who walks with me
as one . . . in the Gap
Romans 15:6.

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Foreword

I knew a young man who was a “world Christian.” Though he did not plan to be a missionary, international studies were a priority for him. He was missions chairman for his InterVarsity chapter. A summer in France gave him cross-cultural evangelism exposure. Then when he was barely 21, he died. He was our son, Sandy.

Since then I have told every committed Christian young person I have met, “Sandy has finished his race. Please run yours for Christ—all the way!”

It heartens me to endorse this edition of David Bryant’s *In the Gap*—knowing that it will be used to summon young—and old—to invest their lives in Christ’s global cause.

I might summarize David’s fine book in three sentences.

We are called to a greater view of Christ. Our Redeemer is no tribal deity. He is the Lord of the nations! In the beginning through Him God created the heavens and the earth. In the end God will bring all things together in Christ. And the Great Creator and Consummator is the Sovereign Son who sends us to proclaim His good news to all peoples.

We are called to a bigger vision of the world. The old Mercator projection maps of the world are now outmoded. Drawn from a Western viewpoint they showed Scandinavia larger than India (though India is three times larger) and Alaska as three times larger than Mexico (even though Mexico is larger)! The new Peters Map shows the world in truer proportion. Our mental maps of the world may show our neighbourhood or nation as bigger, more important than the rest of humankind. Not so for those who know that “God so loved the world.” The billions yet unreached must be a bigger priority.

We are called to stand “in the gap” as ambassadors from a holy/loving God to a needy/lost world. With clear biblical teaching, a burning heart and practical advice, David Bryant helps us to know how to do that.

I commend *In the Gap* with the prayer that those who read may see more clearly the greatness of Christ, the bigness of the world and the urgency of their role.

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