



Awake To Christ For ALL That He Is

An Open Letter to the Church from seventy national leaders about the ministry of PROCLAIM HOPE!

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September 11, 2001, made it clear. Never has there been a greater need in our land for a God-given awakening to Christ. Therefore, as a company of Christian leaders, we are writing to commend to you 'PROCLAIM HOPE!', the newly-launched renewal outreach from David Bryant. We believe God's timing on this is perfect.

For nearly 20 years, David Bryant's commitment to the national and international prayer movement has been a driving force – through the Lausanne Committee, Concerts of Prayer International, and more recently the National Prayer Committee and Mission America. From the very beginning, however, David's vision has always been to see an initiative in the Church that ushers in fresh awakenings to the person of Jesus Christ. At this crisis hour it is urgent that his emphasis be brought to the forefront.

'PROCLAIM HOPE!' What's in a name? Those of us who know David understand that his *life-message* has always revolved around much more than the prayer movement. Ground zero for David remains *HOPE* – hope centered on the supremacy of Christ in all things.

Today the Spirit is increasingly speaking this vital hope into the Church worldwide. We concur with David that God is preparing many Christians to be 'reconverted' (as it were) to Christ's centrality at much deeper levels in their lives and ministries. Prayer is at the heart of that renewal, but it is not an end in itself. Rather, the object of our praying – Jesus Christ – must now be lifted up. The fullness of His reign must be proclaimed with renewed passion to believers everywhere.

Our conviction is that 'PROCLAIM HOPE!' has been raised up to accelerate this emphasis with strategic impact.

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What's in a messenger? God has always called out agents of renewal at a specific time, with a special message, to meet the need of the hour. Surely David Bryant's proclamation of hope in Christ is on God's heart for this hour and this place. David's biblical vision of Christ, of the full extent of His supremacy, can bring the Body of Christ together in powerfully transforming ways. We believe both his message and his newest ministry direction are exactly what are needed at this critical moment in America.

In light of this, we are asking one thing of everyone:

Let's get David Bryant before our people. How can you do this? Advocate for David's ministry among your own constituencies. Bring David in to work with your leadership. Give him opportunity to cast his vision of Christ at major events and conferences. Invite him to special city-wide gatherings. Open a door for him to deliver his Christ-exalting message of hope to God's people where you serve. Let's prepare a way for all that the Holy Spirit wants to do through David and PROCLAIM HOPE!

To find out more about the outreach itself, visit www.DavidBryantDirect.com. Then drop David a note at BryantDirect@aol.com. He would be happy to discuss further with you how PROCLAIM HOPE! can benefit you and those you lead.

May God raise up an army of Christian leaders to stand with David Bryant as we give priority (in David's words) to 'Proclaim Christ's supremacy! Awaken hope fully! Empower the Church!' Please join with us today in this timely mission.

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