I can well remember the day in 1974 when I first met the founder of Intercede International (at that time called Christian Aid Mission), Dr. Robert Finley, (now in his 92nd year) outside the small, old church building in Fort Erie, Ont., which served as the Missions’ Canadian headquarters. He told me later that God showed him at that meeting that I was to be part of this ministry. However, at that time although supporting the mission and serving on and off as a volunteer, it still took seven long years from that first meeting in 1974 until God got hold of this stubborn young man and called me into the ministry in 1981. Indeed, Dr. Finley has had to run his race with a lot of patience a lot of times!

In our Missions Inspirations article you can read some of the history as to how it all began 60 years ago and how God built and guided the ministry over the years. Further into the article I’ve included an inspirational testimony written by Bob Finley when he was 28 years old, just three years before he began the ministry which became Christian Aid Mission and Intercede International. It’s the story of the Great Revival in Korea which occurred in 1950. I think you will find it an amazing testimony of what happens when God moves by His Spirit, to revive and save a people. I pray like Bob Finley prayed in that testimony: send revival here to our country of Canada, please, oh Lord, send revival!

It reminds me of an old song I love to sing:

“God is moving, by His Spirit - Moving o’er all the Earth, Signs and Wonders when God Moveth - Move oh Lord in me.”

And certainly since 1950 God has been moving o’er all the earth, with signs and wonders, gathering out of all nations a people for His Name! It is our privilege in Canada to be helpers to this end time move of God, to be helpers to the advancement of His Gospel to the ends of the earth.

Keep Pouring Out

Only a few months ago we were in deep waters, carrying a growing deficit that had been with us since 2009. But this year, in our 60th year of ministry, God honoured His Word and this ministry with a complete deliverance from our debts and deficit. And this was due to the sacrificial gifts and intercessory prayers of many of God’s people and the miracle working wonder of a risen Saviour working in and through the hearts and the dedication of those who serve Him—some, who for many years remembered our ministry with their Legacy Gifts, and others with constant sacrificial intercession on our behalf who blessed and broke the cycle of financial lack. In addition to our Canadian prayer warriors, hundreds of prayer warriors around the world were praying for us! We kept pouring out to the brethren as the Lord instructed us (just like the widow in Elijah’s day) and the Lord kept His Word to us, and poured...
out back to us through the sacrifice and obedience of God’s people right here in Canada and around the world. Praise the Lord Jesus! As a consequence, our needs have been supplied, the needs of the brethren in 60 ministries around the world have been supplied and our debts and deficits have been eliminated! All glory and thanksgiving to Him alone who sits on the throne! Amen.

A CLOUD OF WITNESSES

I am so glad to be able to tell you these things, and I think you will find as you go through the pages of this special issue of our magazine, that the voices of our board, our staff and our partnering leaders from many nations will rise up like “Clouds” to bear Witness to the wonder, the glory and the majesty of our God who has called each and every one of us to be a member in the glorious Body of Christ to say, “Look what the Lord Has Done!”

As you read these testimonies of our partners in many nations, I think you will also, as our slogan says, “Hear their Hearts, and begin to See their World.” I truly believe that this is the purpose of God for this ministry, that we should be “fellow helpers to the truth” and a “great cloud of witnesses” for the advancement of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

When God showed me this ministry in a heavenly vision in 1973 (40 years ago) before I even knew of it or even knew Dr. Finley; God showed me in this heavenly vision, a heavenly daughter of Zion, who waved a letter, and I was to join her. That heavenly daughter was Intercede International. The letter she waved was the “ministry of ministering to the saints”—the prayers, the knowledge, the sharing of vision and burdens, the intercession, and the sacrificial giving that God calls all believers into so as to advance His precious salvation so that “all may hear.”

To all of our faithful, sacrificial supporters, volunteers, and prayer warriors; to all of our friends in many churches across Canada and to those who serve as staff, and to our partners in many nations; I say, in God’s dear Name, the name of Jesus, Thank You, Thank You, Thank You, and I also echo the words of the Apostle Paul who said,

“Allways in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy, For your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now; Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ” (Philippians 1:4-6 KJV). Amen.