

Write the Vision

The following address was transcribed from an audiotape of Loren Cunningham speaking at the opening of the Teacher Writers' workshop in Pamona, California, July/August 1975.

Habakkuk 2:1-3

This scripture is the theme for the conference, and gives insight to the vision.

'I will stand at my watch, and station myself on the ramparts; I will look to see what He say to me and what answer I am to give to this complaint.

Then the Lord replied, "Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets, so that a herald may run with it. For the revelation awaits an appointed time, it speaks of the end and will not prove false. Though it linger, wait for it. It will certainly come and will not delay."

Prayer:

Lord, I cannot but you can...I pray Lord that I may share the message in such a way that it will bring light and it will lodge deeply on every heart, that which is of You will not escape, it will not be lost. Amen

Loren's message concerning education:

As we began to set out to provide education for children of YWAM families, our vision wasn't clear, but the direction was. The Lord began to show us a different approach. We had tried different ways, different courses that were available, but they didn't seem to suit. The method had to be individual... a course that would work on a ship, or in remote Afghanistan, in a place where there is no trained teacher and the mother becomes a teacher. The course should also be able to be used in a group setting.

The way we were thinking was so much smaller than what God wanted to get across, but He led us a step at a time. The Lord showed us very definitely not to use an existing course, but to write a course. We had been thinking of providing education for our own children – (children of YWAM staff members) – but then God showed us other families in Argentina, Russia and Korea. God wanted us to get this course translated into languages all over the world. Just think of the people that would need to be involved – the translators alone!

The course would consist of modules that could be translated into other languages, or used for the learning of English. The word of God would permeate the text of each module – 10% of each module will be actual Scripture. We believe that the greatest need for children in developing nations is education. God has given us a tool of evangelism, potentially in the form of this vision that will literally saturate the world as God multiplies it.

I believe that God wants excellence. He wants to take whatever we have and it will seem like you will come to places at times when you will wish you had never got involved in

it, yet you are involved in it, and it would be hard to let it go at that time. So you press on through; you die a little, then you die a lot. But God will resurrect it for you, and as it comes up refined, it comes out in such a way that you could present it to anyone in the world and be glad that God had given it to you.

Then noticing the modules, people will begin to look and say, “What’s that? Who wrote that? It’s terrific! What does this mean?” As we see all these things and the excellence of them, suddenly God will begin to raise up people of stature. He will release people with technical knowledge and people with money. God spoke to me from Isaiah 45:18 – Here God promises “the wealth of Egypt, the merchandise of Ethiopia and men of stature will come over you.”

Then He gave me Isaiah 45:3, “I will give you the treasures of darkness and hidden wealth in secret places, in order that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel who calls you by name.”

We are expecting Him to supply, when we need it, tremendous amounts of money to take care of the multiplication of the work that has to be done.

Don’t look at a module as though you’re writing for one person. See your ministry multiplied, not just added to, but multiplied to millions.

There will be need for someone to coordinate this whole thing. We’ve got Him – the Holy Spirit. As we obey the Lord we assume the coordination of God.

Rain passes and that which seems like a long delay shows itself to be just in the right time for God’s purposes. We must keep our vision clear, make it plain, write it down, then God will give it to those who will run with it.

There will be channels that simply flood Africa, Asia, Europe, North and South America. Though it goes out as an academic course, it will be totally loaded with who Jesus is, who God is, what the word of God is. Its foundation will be the word of God. Thus, no one could ever get through a module without knowing that Jesus really did come to live and die for the sins of every person. One way or another every module will present God to every person who reads the module. It is an evangelistic tool that I believe is the biggest tool I’ve ever thought about for world evangelism, outside of the word of God being shared.

God wants it to go as a parallel system, a dual system with the word of God throughout the world.