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SIM
By Prayer

2018 GLOBAL ASSEMBLY

The background of the entire page is a photograph of a rugged landscape. In the foreground, there's a winding river or stream. A concrete bridge spans across one of the river's curves. The middle ground is filled with large, layered rock formations and green hills. The sky above is filled with soft, white clouds.

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INTRODUCTION

Welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus to SIM's historic 2018 Global Assembly in South Africa.

I am delighted that you've joined us—and consider it a privilege to have each one of you with us for this special time.

We have an engaging programme filled with opportunities to worship and learn together. My prayer is that we will all grow in ministry competence, in spiritual vitality, and in our identity as disciples who are making disciples of the Lord. In other words, my prayer is that each of you will flourish.

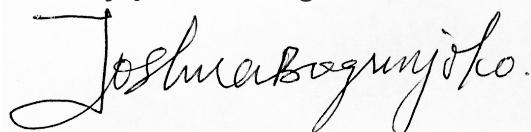
During the week we will be equipped by Seminars and Training Tracks on topics of timely mission importance. These opportunities will help us to be a future looking organisation, investing in ideas and people that represent older and new generations and contexts.

It is my desire that this be a time when we glimpse the great heritage we hold in common and gain a fresh understanding of our oneness in a Vision stretching across time and many nations. May new relationships be kindled as you share stories, challenges and opportunities with co-workers, some of whom you will meet for the first time. May SIM be marked as a friendly organisation that is welcoming and collaborative across generations and cultures.

And of course, we gather to celebrate the mighty works of God through SIM past, present and future.

So, welcome! I sincerely appreciate your willingness to take time away from your busy schedule and to travel many miles to spend these days together.

Let's enjoy our time together!



A large, handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joshua Bognjiko".



PURPOSE

**Convinced that
no one should live and die
without hearing God's good news,
we believe that He has called us
to make disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ
in communities where He is least known.**

MISSION

Therefore, compelled by God's great love and empowered by the Holy Spirit...

- **We cross barriers** to proclaim the crucified and risen Christ, expressing His love and compassion among those who live and die without Him.
- **We make disciples** who will trust and obey Jesus, and become part of Christ-centered churches.
- **We work together with churches** to fulfil God's mission across cultures locally and globally.
- **We facilitate the participation** in cross-cultural ministry of those whom God is calling.

VISION

The vision of SIM is to see **a witness to Christ's love** where He is least known, **disciples of Jesus** expressing God's love in their communities, and **Christ-centered churches** among all peoples.

By faith we see...

- **in the world:** A vibrant testimony to the gospel through character, word and action among communities where currently Jesus is least known. Followers of Jesus living out the gospel in unity and in the power of the Holy Spirit, making disciples who trust Him, obey him, and play a full part in church life. Churches serving their communities and reaching out with the gospel locally and globally.
- **in SIM:** A community growing in faith, in obedience to Jesus, and in ministry competence. Workers crossing barriers with the gospel, being and making disciples of Jesus, expressing His love and compassion. Multi-ethnic and multi-skilled teams serving together in love and harmony. Courageous leaders investing in the development of others for life transforming ministries. Effective partnerships with Christ-centered churches and organizations facilitating the spread of the Gospel.
- **in eternity:** The redeemed from all tribes, languages, peoples and nations worshipping the Living God.

CONVINCED:

An **in-depth Bible study** on our Purpose, Mission, and Vision statements.
To download, go to: www.sim.org/convincing

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FOR THE LOVE OF
CHRIST COMPELS US

CELEBRATE

Let's give thanks

as a global mission family during our anniversary year—2018. I would like to take this opportunity to not simply suggest that we celebrate, but to affirm that celebration has long been a natural rhythm and discipline of communities that follow Christ. In Exodus 5:1, we find the first indication that God wants his people to celebrate and hold festivals. God spoke through Moses to Pharaoh saying, “Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, ‘Let My people go that they may celebrate a feast to Me in the wilderness.’” (Exodus 12:48)

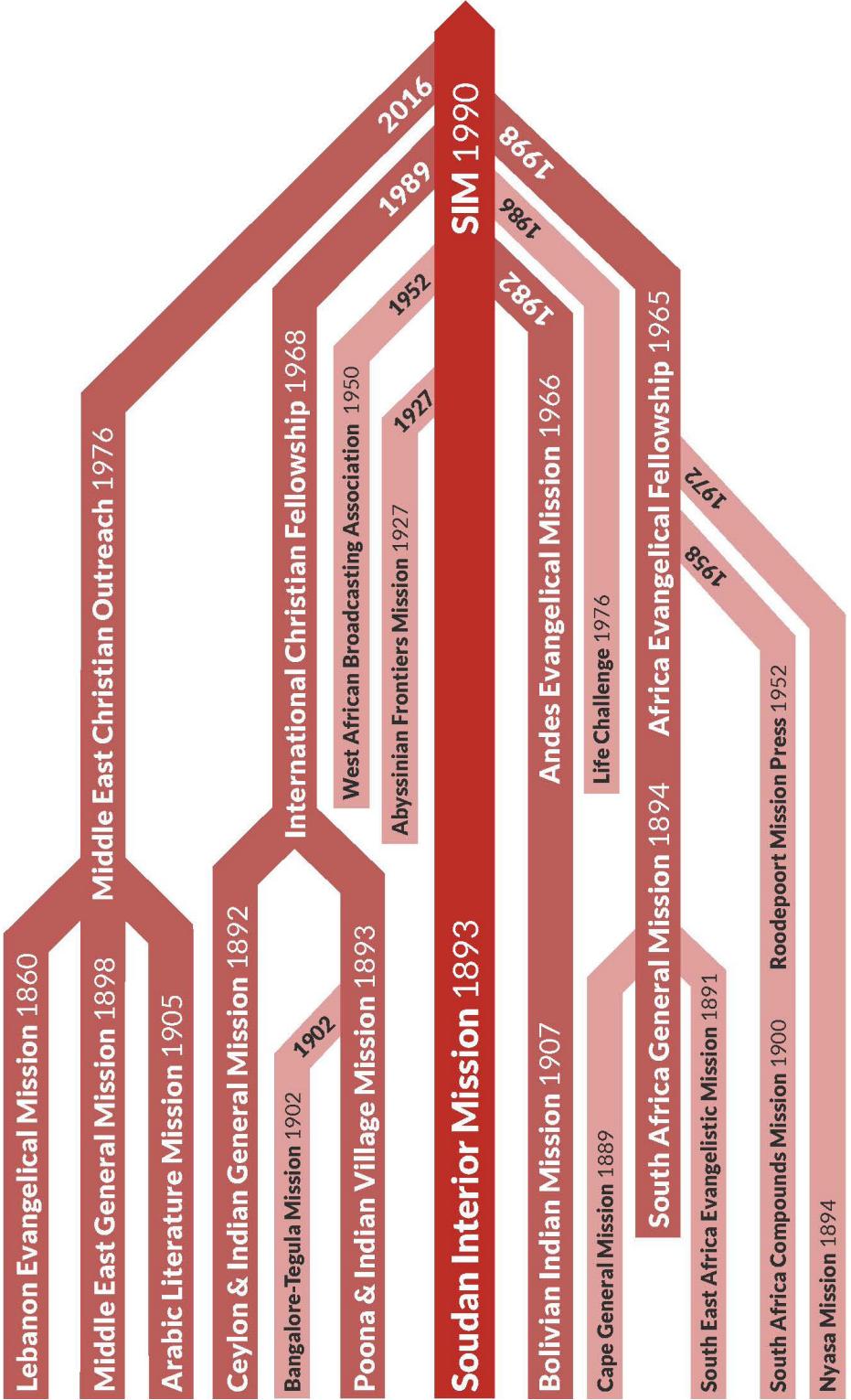
Jesus described the response in heaven to one sinner’s repentance on earth using words that conjure up in our minds a great celebration: “In the same way, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents” (Luke 15:10). Surely untold numbers of people walking in darkness have repented of their sins and turned to Jesus directly and indirectly because of the work of SIM. What would it feel like to stop and allow ourselves corporately to experience the elation that the angels feel? In Acts, we see people breaking bread from house to house. It isn’t hard to imagine the atmosphere of joy and wonder as these sinners saved by grace from diverse contexts became one in Christ around the Table. What a celebration of life and light!

So, why do we celebrate? Like the Israelites and the early church, we celebrate to acknowledge as a community that God is engaged and performing amazing acts in and for us, bringing life and love where death and disease once reigned. We celebrate because God answers prayers, removing barriers to places where many still live and die without his Good News, bringing lush fruits out of the dry ground.

We celebrate because over the past 125 years, at times when all was dark and uncertain, when bombs fell or earthquakes shook, when floods rose or famine spread, when mobs approached or friends fled, when seasons of chronic discomfort tempted us to doubt, in all of these, God did not fail us. Like the Psalmist we can say, “It is good to give thanks to the LORD and to sing praises to Your name, O Most High” (Psalm 92:1).

SIM, let's celebrate our God!

Joshua Bogunjoko



OVER 125 YEARS OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

The **Lebanon Evangelical Mission** was founded in 1860 when Elizabeth Maria Bowen visited Syria on a relief effort trip and recognised the need for permanent Christian work. In 1898, after hearing about Egypt from missionary Annie Van Sommer a group of seven young men from the YMCA in Ireland sailed to Egypt to form **Middle East General Mission**. Seeing the rise in literate Egyptians, in 1905 Annie Van Sommer recruited Arthur Upson to lead an intermissional ministry called **Arabic Literature Mission**.

Middle East Christian Outreach (MECO) was formed in 1976, as a result of mergers with the Lebanon Evangelical Mission, Middle East General Mission, and the Arabic Literature Mission.

In 1892, the **Ceylon and India General Mission** was founded. A year later they began work among Ceylon's (Sri Lanka) Sinhalese Buddhists and Tamil Hindus. The mission founded by Scottish businessman Benjamin Davidson expanded from Ceylon into South India. Eventually the ministries reached across the subcontinent and to the Philippines.

In 1893, Charles F. Reeve and E.W. McGavin left their homes in Australia for India. They were influenced by a Eurasian Christian who went to Australia in search of missionaries for his home area and by J. Hudson Taylor. Reeve and McGavin answered the challenge and set sail under the name **Poona and Indian Village Mission**.

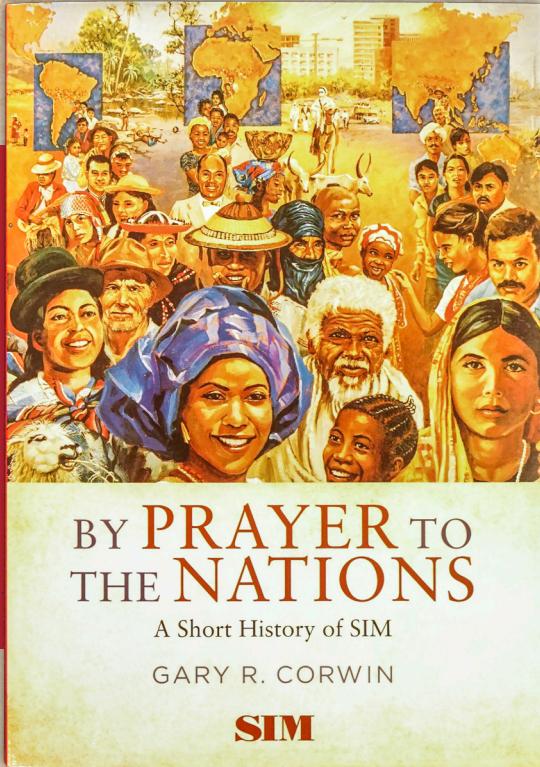
In 1968, Ceylon and India General Mission and Poona and Indian Village Mission merged to become the **International Christian Fellowship**.

Sudan Interior Mission (SIM) began in 1893. Canadians Walter Gowans, Roland Bingham, and American Thomas Kent had a vision to evangelise the 60 million people of the Sudan. Unable to interest established missions—most of which said reaching the Sudan was impossible—the three set out alone.

Illness overtook all three. Gowans and Kent died in 1894, and Bingham returned to Canada. On his second attempt, Bingham caught malaria again and was forced to return home. Unable to return to Africa, Bingham sent out a third team. They successfully established a base 300 kilometers inland at Patigi, Nigeria, in 1902. From there, the work of SIM began in Africa.

The **South African General Mission** was founded by Martha Osborn, Spencer Walton and Andrew Murray in 1889. Murray, a well-known author who founded a university and a seminary, always considered missions “the chief end of the church.” Together Martha Osborn and George Howe formed the **South East Africa General Mission** in 1891. These two missions merged in 1894. Because their ministry had spread into other African countries, they changed their name to **Africa Evangelical Fellowship** in 1965.

In 1893 British Keswick evangelists visited South America and published a report called *South America: The Neglected Continent*. New Zealanders George Allen and Mary Stirling read it and felt God calling them to ministry. In 1907, they founded the **Andes Evangelical Indian Mission**. Bolivian Indian Mission grew in the years that followed to become the **Andes Evangelical Mission** in 1965.



This timely book tells the story of generations of ordinary and imperfect people who were used by God to take the gospel to those without Christ.

“Drawing from a stunning collection of bibliographical resources, missiologist Gary R. Corwin presents a welcome and timely volume on SIM’s long history. He sheds significant light on the evolution of the Faith Missions Movement from the late 19th century until today. No recent work comes close to matching the insights Corwin’s book provides on the topic.”

Ayman S.Ibrahim, Ph.D.
Director, Jenkins Center for the Christian Understanding

Available now on Amazon

COMING SOON:

Transforming Africa's Religious Landscapes: The Sudan Interior Mission (SIM), Past and Present

Co-edited by Barbara Cooper, Gary Corwin, Tibebe Eshete, Musa Gaiya,
Tim Geysbeek, and Shobana Shankar
Africa World Press/Red Sea Press

This book will be the collection of 17 scholarly papers presented at the International Conference on SIM History in Africa, held in Ethiopia in 2013. Case studies explore efforts by missionaries and African believers to confront challenges to the gospel and to ministries of compassion in the wider Sudan (spanning East and West Africa). A broad sampling of the history and present activities of SIM and related African churches showcases the dynamism of African Christianity.

INTERNATIONAL ARCHIVES

At **SIM International Archives**, our job is to house, preserve, and display priceless pieces of our missions past and history. From fragile, original photos of our early missionaries to Walter Gowans' hand-written letters in quill-pen script to copies of modern magazines and meeting records, we've got them—all stored for posterity in a temperature and humidity-safe vault that is easy to access.

Our twofold aim at Archives is to make these valuable records available to SIM and others as we go forward into the future, and also to offer historical depth and administrative continuity that keep our ongoing operations, goals and objectives clear. Since we need to acquire the mission's hardcopy and digital items before we can make them available for others, would you please send us any important records that you no longer use?

Find our site, Archives, on Port! Be sure to check out our 37 historical videos on Vimeo: <https://vimeo.com/simarchives/videos> and like us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SIMInternationalArchives/>.

ALL PRAISE TO GOD ALONE

Written by: **Eric Schumacher & David L. Ward**
Arrangement and vocalist: **Christabel Khiangte Corazza**

HYMN



With thanks we look behind us
And see what God has done
Redeeming us from sin and death
Through Jesus Christ, his Son.
In faith, we look before us
And trust what God will do
As we are sent throughout the earth
Proclaiming the good news.

In love, he left his Father
To seek and save the lost,
Exchanging Heaven's pleasure for
The anguish of the cross.
In love, we leave our comforts
And count this world as loss
To share with those who have not heard
The wonders of the cross.

All praise to God; All praise to God alone!

By prayer, he faced affliction,
Fulfilled his Father's plan,
Knowing in the face of death
That he would live again.
By prayer, we cross the barriers
Of nation, tongue, and tribe
And make disciples of the Lord
To see Him glorified.

All praise to God; All praise to God alone!

In hope, we trust his promise
Our mission will not fail
For Christ the King will build his church
And hell cannot prevail
In hope, we see the ending,
The Lamb upon his throne,
And all the saints before him sing,
"All praise to God alone!"

All praise to God; All praise to God
All praise to God; All praise to God Alone!

À DIEU SEUL TOUTE LA GLOIRE

Avec toute reconnaissance
Nous voyons le passé -
Par la mort de Jésus-Christ, Dieu
 Nous rachetant du péché.
Par la foi, nous sommes très sûrs
 De ce que Dieu va faire,
Nous proclamons la Bonne Nouvelle
 Aux quatre coins de la terre.

Par amour, il quitte son Père
 Pour les perdus chercher
Les joies célestes échangées pour
 La croix pour les sauver.
Par amour, nous laissons tout,
Les conseils qu'offre ce monde,
Pour dire à ceux qui les ignorent,
 Ses merveilles qui abondent.

Toute la gloire à Dieu ; toute la gloire à Di-eu, à Dieu seul !

Par la prière, il a souffert,
 Selon le Plan parfait.
Il savait, en face de la mort
 Qu'il ressusciterait.
Par la prière, nous dépassons
 Des clivages sans échoir,
Faire des disciples de toutes nations,
 Pour Lui rendre la gloire.

Toute la gloire à Dieu ; toute la gloire à Di-eu, à Dieu seul !

Pleins d'espoir en sa promesse,
 Notre mission réussit,
Car Christ-Roi bâtit son Église
 Et l'enfer dépérit.
Pleins d'espoir, voyons la fin,
L'Agneau, son trône, ses anges
Et tous les saints qui Le célèbrent
 « À Dieu seul toute la louange ! »

Toute la gloire à Dieu ; toute la gloire à Di-eu ;
Toute la gloire à Dieu ; toute la gloire à Di-eu, à Dieu seul !

A DIOS HONOR

Con gracias vemos atrás
la grandeza del Señor
Librándonos de la muerte
Es Cristo, el Salvador.
en fe, futuro vemos,
creyendo lo que hará
Enviados fuimos al mundo
Buenas nuevas predicando,

En amor dejó a su padre
al perdido redimir,
cambiando el Paraíso por
la angustia de morir.
en amor, hogar dejamos
seguimos al Señor
para en el mundo compartir
de su grandioso amor.

A Dios honor; ¡a Dios honor, honor!

en oración sufrió la pena
Cumpliendo todo el plan
Sabiendo de la muerte allí
nueva vida dará.
Venciendo las barreras
lengua, tribu y nación
y hacer discípulos de Él
a la gloria del Señor

A Dios honor; ¡A Dios honor, honor!

En fe, promesa vemos
la misión no fallará
Cristo el Rey su iglesia hará
Tinieblas huirán
en fe, el Reino vemos
El Cordero reinará,
y a los santos postrándose
A una voz cantarán

A Dios honor; ¡A Dios honor!
A Dios honor; ¡A Dios honor, honor!

주님만

우린 감사함으로
예수님 통해
죄와 죽음 앞에서
구원하심 보네
복음을 전하기 위해
우리를 세상에
보내신다는 것을
믿음으로 아네

주는 아버지 떠나
잃은 양 찾고자
하늘 영광 버리고
십자가 지셨네
우리는 집을 떠나
십자가 비밀을
듣지 못한 자들에게
복음을 전하네 전하네

주님을 찬양 주님만 찬양 찬양~!

고통을 당하시고
죽으셨었지만
다시 살아나시어
구원 이루셨네
기도로 우리들은
모든 장벽 넘어
주님 영광 위하여
제자를 삼으리

주님을 찬양 주님만 찬양 찬양~!

우리 승리하리라
약속하심 믿고
원수가 흔들지 못할
교회를 소망해
하나님 어린양이
보좌에 앉으시니
모든 백성 그분 찬양~
주님만 찬양해

주님을 찬양 주님을 찬양
주님을 찬양 주님만 찬양 찬양~!

颂赞归独一直神

以感恩回顾往事
看神一切作为
从罪恶死亡救你我
藉耶稣祂爱子。
因信，我们往前行
依靠上帝大能
被差遣到世界各地
传扬美好福音。

因爱，主离开天父
寻找失丧灵魂，
以天堂荣华与富贵
换十架的冤苦。
因爱，我们离舒适
看万物为有损
分享福音给未信者
宣告十架奇恩。

颂赞归神；颂赞归独一直神！

藉祷告，面临苦痛，
实现天父旨意
虽深知面对死亡
祂确信会复活。
藉祷告，跨越障碍
民族、语言、部落
又培训主忠诚门徒
得见主被荣耀。

颂赞归神；颂赞归独一直神！

因盼望，我们相信
使命不会失败
因基督必建祂教会
地狱不能得胜
凭盼望，得见结局，
羔羊在宝座上，
众圣徒都向祂欢唱，
“颂赞归独一直神！”

颂赞归神；颂赞归神；
颂赞归神；颂赞归独一直神！

TODO LOUVOR SOMENTE A DEUS

Com gratidão olhamos para trás
E vemos o que Deus tem feito—
Resgatando-nos do pecado e morte
Através de Jesus Cristo, Seu Filho.
Na fé, olhamos à nossa frente
E confiamos no que Deus fará
Ao sermos enviados a todo o mundo
Proclamando as boas novas.

Por amor, deixou Seu Pai
Para buscar e salvar os perdidos,
Trocando o deleite do Céu pela
Angústia da cruz.
Por amor, deixamos nosso conforto
E contamos este mundo como perda
Para compartilhar com aqueles que nunca ouviram
As maravilhas da cruz.

Todo louvor a Deus; Todo louvor somente a Deus!

Pela oração, passou por aflição,
Realizou o plano de Seu Pai,
Sabendo perante a morte
Que Ele tornaria a viver.
Em oração, atravessamos as barreiras
De tribo, língua, e nação
Fazendo discípulos do Senhor
Paravê-lo glorificado.

Todo louvor a Deus; Todo louvor somente a Deus!

Em esperança, confiamos na Sua promessa,
Nossa missão não falhará.
Pois Cristo o Rei construirá Sua igreja
E o inferno não prevalecerá.
Em esperança, vemos o final,
O Cordeiro sobre o Seu trono,
E todos os santos diante dEle cantando,
“Todo louvor somente a Deus!”

Todo louvor a Deus; Todo louvor a Deus
Todo louvor a Deus; Todo louvor somente a Deus!

PATHIAN CHAWIMAWI RAWH U

Lawmin kan thlir kir ṭhin a
Pathian hnathawh ropui,
Sual leh thihna ata min tlan
Fapa Krista hmangin;
Rinnaa hma lam thlira
Pathian hruaina ringin,
Khawvel hmun tina chanchin tha
Hril tura tirh kan ni.

Pa angchhung nuam a kalsan
Boralte zawng turin,
Van ropuina te kalsanin
Kraws hrehawm chu a tuar;
Nawmsakna te kalsana
Khawvel thil hnuchhawnin
Hrelote hnenah kan hril ang -
Kraws thilthihtheihna chu.

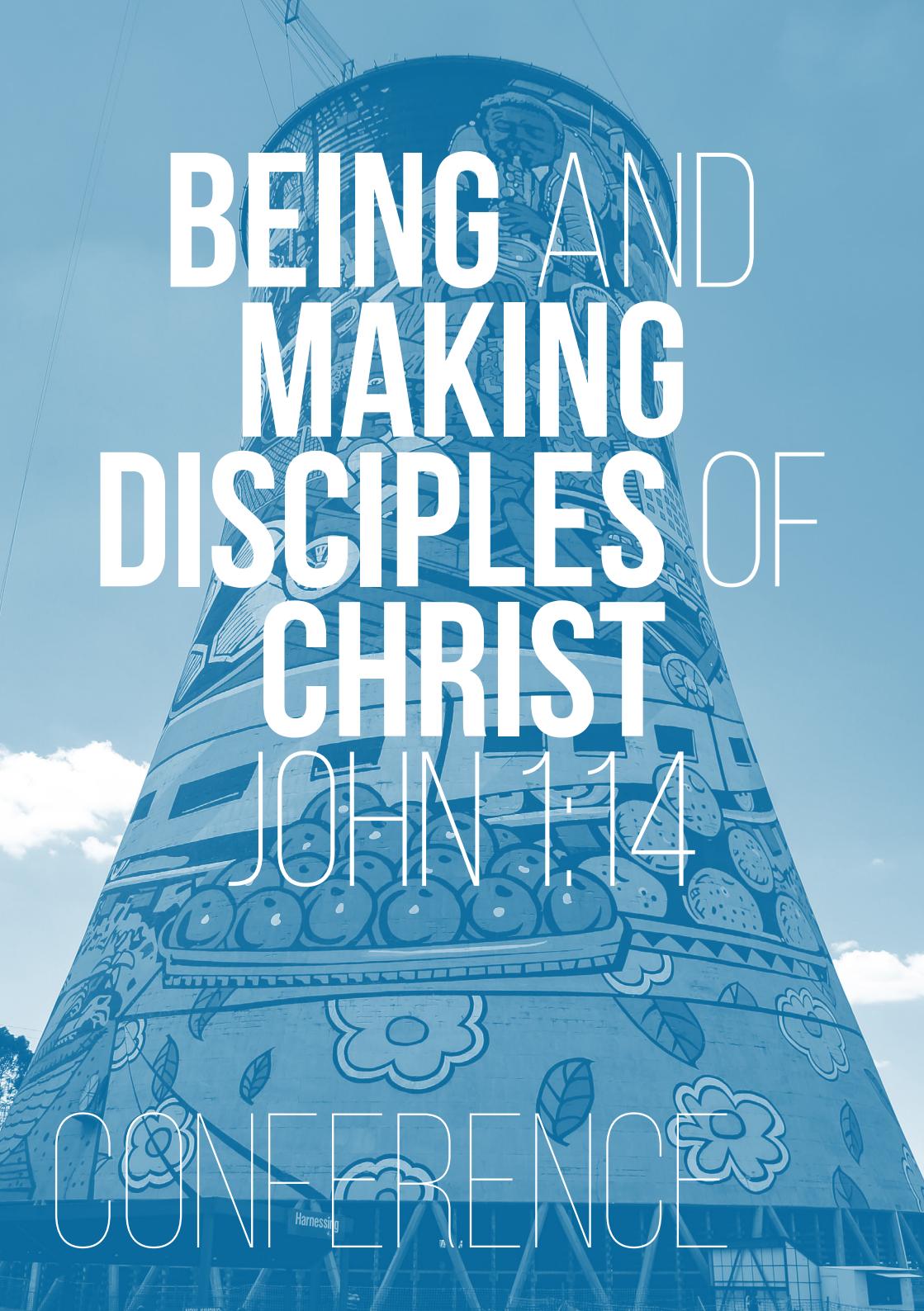
Pa-thian chawimawi (2) rawh u.

Tawngtaiin, buai a hmachhawn
A Pa remruat zawmin,
Thihna kawngah kal mah sela
A hria - A tho leh dawn;
Tawngtaina nen kan hril zel
Hnam tin chi tin hnenah
Lalpa zirtirah te siamin
A ropuina turin.

Pa-thian chawimawi (2) rawh u.
Beiseia, thutiam ringin

Kan hna hlen zel ang u,
Lal Krista ram a zau zel dawn
Sualin a ngam lovang;
Nakinah kan la hmu ang -
Beramno ropui chu
Mi thianghlimte'n fak zai sain,
"Pathian chawimawi rawh u".

Pa-thian chawimawi (4) rawh u.



BEING AND MAKING DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

JOHN 1:14

CONFERENCE

SPEAKERS



Ramez Atallah

Ramez was raised in Egypt during the time of the Nasser Revolution. Shortly after the new socialist government nationalised his family's properties in the 1960s, they escaped to Canada to begin again. During these early years in Canada, Ramez developed a personal relationship with God through a local church. He was discipled through the ministry of McGill Christian Fellowship and the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship (IVCF) of Canada.

After graduating with a Master of Social Work, Ramez and his wife, Rebecca, moved to Boston. There Ramez completed a Master of Divinity at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, which later awarded him an honorary Doctorate of Divinity in 2011.

Ramez and Rebecca developed the *Groupes Bibliques Universitaires* student ministry in Quebec in the 1970s. In 1980, Ramez and Rebecca, with their two children, Joel and Leila, returned to his native Egypt. There he served as the Regional Secretary for the Middle East of the International Fellowship of Evangelical students (IFES).

In 1990, he was appointed to his present position as General Secretary of the Bible Society of Egypt.

His other primary ministry has been with the Lausanne Movement since its inception in 1974. He served twice as its Vice-Chairman and was Program Chairman of the Cape Town 2010 Congress.

He is an elder at the Heliopolis Evangelical Church in Cairo.



Rebecca Atallah

Born to missionary parents in Haiti, Rebecca moved to Montreal, Canada, with her family in the mid-1960s to attend university. There she met and married Egyptian-born Ramez Atallah. They had two children and ministered with Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship among French Canadian students in the 1970s where she also pioneered the work of World Vision in the Province of Quebec.

In 1980, the Atallahs moved to Egypt. Rebecca began her ministry among children of garbage collectors at the Mokattam Garbage Village, which is now world famous for its large Cave Churches. She eventually helped establish the Center of Love for Special Needs Children, where she continues in active ministry.

Rebecca also ministers extensively among Sudanese refugees in Egypt. She heads a weekly Sudanese Assistance Program at her local church. She is also Board Chair of the Sudanese Displaced Children's Learning Center, which provides a full educational program for nearly 300 Sudanese children of all ages who would otherwise be unable to attend school.

SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

FEB 25



18 Welcome and opening dinner

TUESDAY

FEB 27

MONDAY

FEB 26

7	Prayer	7	Prayer
7:30	Breakfast	7:30	Breakfast
8:45	Plenary	8:45	Plenary
10	Group time	10	Group time
10:30	Tea/Coffee	10:30	Tea/Coffee
11:15	Training Tracks	11:15	Training Tracks
13	Lunch	13	Lunch
14	Free Time	14:30	Business Meeting
16:30	Seminars	16:30	Seminars
18	Dinner	18	Dinner
19:30	Celebration	19:30	Celebration
21:30	Social Café	21:30	Social Café

We would like to extend special thanks to the Global Assembly Work Group led by Marcus Baeder, including Katrina Conley, Emma Brewster, Daniel Hopley, and Michelle Klakulak. We also thank the 125th Media Work Group led by Christabel Corazza. Special thanks to the worship team, the IT and technical team, the communications team, those who arranged set up, interpretation, translations, logistics, and many more. We could not have done this without you.

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WEDNESDAY

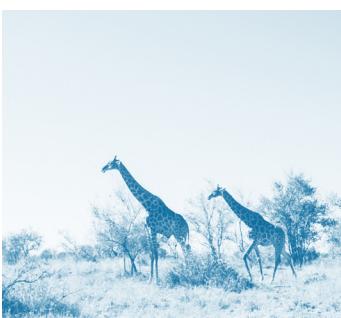
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THURSDAY

MAR 1

FRIDAY

MAR 2

7	Prayer	7	Prayer	7	Prayer
7:30	Breakfast	7:30	Breakfast	7:30	Breakfast
8:45	Plenary	8:45	Plenary	8:45	Plenary
10	Excursions	10	Group time	10	Group time
		10:30	Tea/Coffee	10:30	Tea/Coffee
		11:15	Training Tracks	11:15	Training Tracks
		13	Lunch	13	Lunch
		14	Free Time	14	Free Time
		16:30	Seminars	16:30	Seminars
18	Dinner	18	Dinner	18	Dinner
19:30	Worship	19:30	Celebration	19:30	Closing Ceremony
21:30	Social Café	21:30	Social Café		



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SIGNATORIES

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	Bangladesh		Benin
	Bolivia		Burkina Faso
	Canada		Chile
Continental & South East Asia			China
East Africa		East Asia	
	Ecuador		Ethiopia
	France		Ghana
	Guinea		India
	Côte d'Ivoire		Kenya
	Korea		Liberia
	Malawi		Mozambique
	Namibia		Nepal
	New Zealand		Niger
	Nigeria		Pakistan
	Paraguay		Peru
	Senegal		South Africa
	Sudan		Switzerland
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