



“Let the earth hear His voice!”

A Tribute to Billy Graham from the German Lausanne Movement

As the chair of the German Lausanne movement, I want to express my personal and our collective gratitude to God for Rev. Dr. Billy Graham.

Amongst so many other things, Billy Graham was instrumental in birthing the global Lausanne movement through his leadership of the first Lausanne Congress in 1974 in Lausanne, Switzerland.

Under the Biblical call: “Let the earth hear His voice!” and with the vision to bring the “Whole gospel to the whole world through the whole Church”, the Lausanne Movement has since shaped evangelical thought, prayer, and action.

The emphasis on equipping the world wide church and especially younger leaders, which has been at the heart of the Lausanne movement ever since, was aptly described – and lived out – by Dr. Graham, and the leaders after him who took up the baton, amongst them his brother-in-law, Dr. Leighton Ford.

We in Germany are thankful for both the direct evangelism of Billy Graham, which over the years reached hundreds of thousands in our country, and for the in no way less important legacy of a network of evangelists, theologians, missionaries and leaders brought together under the umbrella of Lausanne.

Also, we are thankful that through Dr. Graham’s 1993 evangelistic meetings in Essen, Germany, known as “Mission Europe” and in Germany as “ProChrist”, a movement of succeeding ProChrist missions has been birthed, with Rev. Ulrich Parzany as the main speaker. Since then, ProChrist has reached millions in Germany and Europe, with satellite-broadcast crusades in Leipzig (1995), Nuremberg (1997), Bremen (2000), Essen (2003), Munich (2006), Chemnitz (2009) and Stuttgart (2013). As we are approaching our next ProChrist mission in March 2018 in the East German city of Leipzig, with a new set of speakers, and again up to 500 linked cities and towns, we are aware of the wonderful legacy that we inherit.

As Lausanne Germany and as ProChrist, we praise God for Dr. Billy Graham and his example, his vision and service, and his focus on Jesus Christ, and Him alone, the author and finisher of our faith.



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