Going the Distance: Taking Action NOW for the Future of the Global Church

Dear Friends,

This year, John Stott released his final collection of writings, *The Radical Disciple*, to bring to focus certain “neglected aspects of our calling.” Among John Stott’s messages to us is a call for mature discipleship. “[The Apostle Paul’s] great longing,” John Stott writes, “is to go beyond evangelism to discipleship, and to present everybody mature in Christ. And because this is the goal on which he spent his energies, so should we!” At John Stott Ministries (JSM), this year has encapsulated that challenge that John Stott himself has laid before us: to be radical, to do something – and do something NOW to have the greatest impact on the future of the Kingdom. And we congratulate all who have taken up this cause to go the distance and do whatever we can, with whatever we have, for the prize: going to all ends of the earth to keep people deeply rooted in God’s Word.

We invite you to celebrate with us as we reflect on God’s work this year that, despite struggles with economic downturn and stories of political and personal strife, enabled Christians all over the world to go the distance.

In Asia, despite the rise of radical Hinduism and Islam, JSM has taken big steps to help transform the region, not the least of which is progress on the *South Asia Bible Commentary*, and catalytic preaching training events in hard-to-reach places such as Cambodia, Papua New Guinea, and Vanuatu.

In Africa, we connected and equipped great shepherds of the Kingdom in Tanzania, Uganda, Ghana, Liberia, and Rwanda. With JSM’s help, these leaders have started grassroots movements to train pastors and ensure biblical truths are reaching their congregations. JSM also contributed to the production of the Kiswahili version of the *Africa Bible Commentary*, which allows the overwhelmingly successful volume to be available in a language spoken by 50 million Africans.

In Latin America, JSM has witnessed the growth of “escuelitas” or “little schools” which are engaged in a movement all over the continent. We also saw the next stages of the

Latin America Bible Commentary take shape, with many contributors growing in their scholarship through JSM sponsorship.

In the Middle East, JSM has contributed to the publication and distribution of many resources in Arabic for influential pastors and scholars in places like Sudan, Egypt, Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq, Syria, Palestine, and Kuwait.

And in Eastern Europe, we’ve sponsored scholars and authors who are reaching people in the classroom and in print, opening up the Gospel to thousands in Romania, Lithuania, Bulgaria, Poland, Russia, and Estonia.

Dozens of JSM’s scholars, ministry team members, and colleagues wrapped up the fiscal year planning their participation as delegates, expositors, and executive leaders for the Lausanne Congress, arguably the most diverse gathering of Christians ever held in the history of the church. These men and women are inspiration for the leaders of John Stott Ministries to go the distance for the passion that John Stott sparked decades ago, to take the ministry a distance that extends beyond John’s lifetime, beyond our lifetimes, and for generations to come.

As we look ahead into the goals and accomplishments we’d like to achieve in 2011, we reflect on God’s work done this past year: preaching seminars in new regions that will continue on for years to come, unprecedented resources in heart languages that pastors so desperately need, and newly graduated scholars returning home to plant God’s Word soundly and truthfully.

The board and staff of John Stott Ministries see God in action, equipping leaders in the Majority World to be effective Bible teachers. We are grateful for your partnership which makes our work possible. Thank you for your financial support and your prayers. May God bless you.

Benjamin K. Homan
President
John Stott Ministries
INCOME

Individuals ..............$1,063,444
Churches ..................$155,228
Foundations.............$807,392
Investment Income.......$80,049
Total Income .............$2,066,113*

EXPENSES

Scholars ......................$762,090
Literature .....................$364,027
Preaching .....................$93,304
International Ministry Support..$129,857
Fundraising....................$415,437
Administrative................ $479,533
Total Expenses ...............$2,244,248

*The income reported in this annual report is based on cash accounting whereas accrual accounting methods were used to report income in JSM’s audited statements and tax return; hence some differences exist in comparison. Actual income received on a cash basis in FY2009 was $1,984,791. Actual income received on a cash basis in FY2010 increased by $81,322.
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