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A Man and a Vision

Gunnar Olson
Chairman and Founder of ICCC

It was in the late seventies and early eighties that the vision was formed and plans were made to lay the foundation of the International Christian Chamber of Commerce (ICCC). ICCC was registered in Brussels, Belgium in July 1985 as a Non-profit International Association (AISBL).

The aim is to put the Kingdom of God as the first priority in our business lives and to teach and train men and women to respond to the Biblical challenge of a walk with Christ in the Marketplace.

Drawing on insights and wisdom from walking with the Lord in my own business life, coupled with the foundational Word of God, I often speak on "a release under the Lordship of Christ" showing that through the redemptive work of Jesus, there is indeed a freedom from the drudgery of business to be experienced in our professional and business lives. The door into that freedom is Jesus and is accessed through faith in Him.

There were a series of prophetic confirmations, which led to the initiation of ICCC. The Bible tells us that *we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them*. I experienced the truth of these words; everything was prepared beforehand for the birthing of ICCC.

When looking back on the short history of ICCC, I feel as if I have had to run as fast as I could in front of a big train, so as not to be run over. Today

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Message from the President

Dale Neill, *International President, ICCC*

All of us at some point find ourselves in difficult situations, but let us receive encouragement in learning to be overcomers during those seasons.

Let us be reminded of Paul's words to the believers at Lystra shortly after he had been stoned and dragged out of the city and left for dead. As the believers gathered around his body to begin the mourning process, he rose up and continued to fulfill his ministry responsibilities!

After first visiting the city of Derbe, he felt compelled to go back through Iconium and Antioch to re-visit the believers at Lystra to deliver a prophetic word. After exhorting them not be discouraged by what they had seen him go through, he explained, "*We must through many tribulations enter the Kingdom of God*". (Acts 14:22).

Make no mistake; Paul was not speaking to them about receiving their salvation. For our salvation is a free gift provided by the blood of Jesus, which we receive through our faith in His finished work as He endured those hours of passion for us that resulted in His death and resurrection. Rather, Paul was speaking of what Jesus continually referred to in His teaching as the "Kingdom of God" or "The Kingdom of Heaven".

This prophetic word from Paul, like most true prophecy, was direct and to the point telling the people what they needed to hear. The true prophet must not engage himself or herself in simply communicating an encouraging word that conveys only wonderful positive things about people that they want to hear. The responsibility to deliver a true *prophetic* word is to tell people what they need to hear, not necessarily what they want to hear. God's true prophets want to please God, not men.

Therefore, I would like to pass along a

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Conference Reviews ICCC

Following on from last years ICCC International Prayer Conference a new conference was convened 19-23 May in Örebro, Sweden, assembling approximately 1000 delegates.

The conference was arranged in partnership between ICCC Sweden, the church Kristet Centre, Cross Sweden and the Swedish National Prayer network. Among the speakers were Rev. Ed Silvoso, USA/Argentina; Rev. Thomas Muthee, Nairobi, Kenya; Dag Wilund, ICCC Pres. Sweden; Jan Sturesson, ICCC Vice Pres. Sweden; Fredrik Forslund, ICCC Sweden; and J. Gunnar Olson, Founder and Chairman of ICCC.

"*The task is not to get the people into the church, but to get the Kingdom of God into the world*", Rev. Ed Silvoso said. "We must use the keys of the Kingdom, find the keyhole and unlock the doors, this is how we attack the gates of hell," he said. The whole aim of the conference was summed up through the conference theme; "The Kingdom of God – and the Transformation of the Society". It was evident that the conference a year ago laid a solid foundation for effective steps to cover the whole nation with prayer.

Today over five hundred "Lighthouses" of prayer have been registered throughout Sweden to intercede for the nation. By now many church leaders are joining the Cross Sweden initiative and approximately ten new "Lighthouses" of prayer are registered every week, and next year in May the Olympic Stadium in Stockholm is booked for a national manifestation in prayer with an expected crowd of over 10.000 intercessors participating.

It has become very evident that the church Kristet Centre, Örebro, has been really challenged through hosting these two conferences. It is going through a revolutionary change in which the church is being challenged to nourish a much wider spectrum of ministry callings.

There are those in political and civic leadership who are now finding a home in the church. This means that the Gospel of the Kingdom is now permeating the city hall and other assemblies of authority in an entirely new way. This is more than the gospel of salvation! As a visible manifestation this conference also featured an excellent exhibition in a special hall of 1.500 square metres featuring the products and services of 33 businesses. Among the featured products was a new electric car, IT-related products, fine art, electronic products and industrial plastic products. It was in this very stimulating atmosphere several excellent business seminars were also held.

We believe that this exhibition represented a prophetic step toward a much bigger event in the near future, perhaps in conjunction with the national Day of Prayer in Stockholm when we expect some three hundred businesses might be given the opportunity to exhibit their glory. Jesus has come to town – and it was demonstrated in power as people were delivered from bondage into the glorious freedom of the Kingdom!

UPCOMING INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:

- **Mar del Plata, Argentina November 5-12, 2004**
- **ICCC Business Congress and International General Meeting Cairo, Egypt, Feb. 21-26, 2005**
- **ICCC Asian & Pacific Rim Conference; Vancouver, Canada, May 2005**
- **ICCC International Conference Switzerland, Summer 2005**

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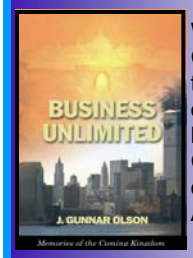
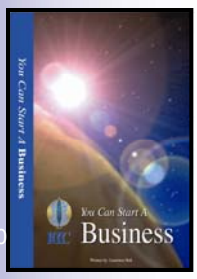


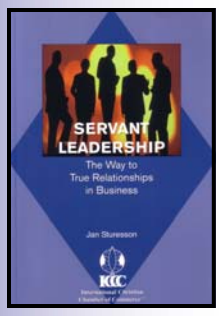
Written by ICCC's Chairman and Founder, this book is a biography of J. Gunnar Olson's life and the International Christian Chamber of Commerce. A must read!

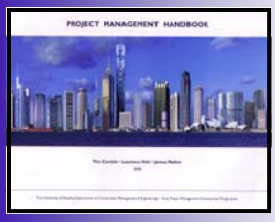
This Video Series of Biblically based Business Principles has been broadcast on public television in many nations. The Study course is now being utilized in hundreds of Universities, resulting in over 40,000 business start-ups.



This comprehensive teaching series was written and produced by ICCC to transform your working life from the drudgery of the world's system to the vibrant, unlimited resource available through the Kingdom of God.

A comprehensive Study Guide for multi-dimensional Leadership integrating God's Kingdom management process. Another must read!





Project Management Handbook, Written primarily by Laurence Holt, Chairman of the ICCC Teaching and training Domain, this handbook provides management insight based on Kingdom Principles to manage any type of project.

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word of encouragement I picked up from David Davis in His book, "The Elijah Legacy". As you endeavor to discern the will of God for your life, a primary scripture you should continually refer to is I Thessalonians 4:3, "*For this is the will of God for your life; YOUR SANCTIFICATION."* A clean vessel will be able to clearly hear God's voice. Character before commission is the Lord's way. Purity always precedes power.

Ambitious, self-willed people seek the opportunities for prominence and promotion. Derek Prince once said before he passed away that in all his decades of ministry he had come to realize that selfish ambition was the most grievous sin among leaders in the body of Christ. "*For where envy and self-seeking exists, confusion and every evil thing are there."* James 3:16.

I thank God for each of you and pray that your faith and obedience will grow exceedingly. May your love for each other and those you are called to serve in deed and power be released in true wisdom. *"But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. The fruit of righteousness is sown in peace, by those who make peace"* James 3:17-18.

Please allow me to close this brief word with an excerpt from the prophecy that God provided at the beginning of ICCC. "*This new thing is to be a plantation which is clean and pure. I see great trees and many smaller trees and bushes. The big trees will protect the plantation (not the small trees and bushes), when the storm is breaking loose. Here is neither high nor low… only Jesus. The Lord will use these for many remarkable miracles. The trees and bushes are full of fruit and berries containing great power*."

Please allow me to encourage you to realize that as those associated with His Kingdom through ICCC, God wants you to be fruitful. This fruitfulness is to contain great power, regardless of whether you consider yourself to be a tree or a bush. In ICCC, there is to be no high or low, only Jesus. Your responsibility is to step out, be fruitful in your area of influence by taking responsibility without reaching for power. Bring the Kingdom into your Marketplace just as if the Marketplace was in heaven. The Kingdom should not be communicated through you in word only, but in deed and power.

May your joy and peace be full as you increase in your obedience to God's Kingdom principles. □

-Dale Neill

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ICCC is represented on all continents of the world with members in over 95 nations. ICCC is world-wide network enabling national and international ties with Christian business men and women and provides channels for the distribution of products and services. God has given us a calling for our present time and for the time to come.

It is wonderful to see how the Lord is raising up apostles, prophets, shepherds, evangelists and teachers among the businessmen carrying the message of Christ into the Marketplace. And Yet we have only seen the humble beginning of what I believe will be a great manifestation in this area.

During the initial period of ICCC, certain principles were crystallized. They could be expressed as excellence, stewardship and righteousness. It is evident that old concepts relating to work and professional life, leadership and the economy are being filled with new and fresh biblical revelation.

It is just like a walk into the unknown, full of new discoveries. A walk of faith in obedience to the Word of God without losing sight of professional excellence. The experience of following the Lord Jesus in this walk is as dramatic as it must have been for the Jews in slavery under the Egyptians. They were to walk out of slavery, passing through the desert into the Promised Land. As with the Israelites under Moses, we find that the hardest part of this walk is to get the "slavery mentality" out of us. But also to discover that the freedom under Christ is real, not just religious jargon.

But there is a great need for in-depth teaching in this area and today ICCC can offer a full program of seminars and materials inspiring executives and others to develop their companies with a totally new understanding from the Word of God, leading to the glorious experience of the pres-

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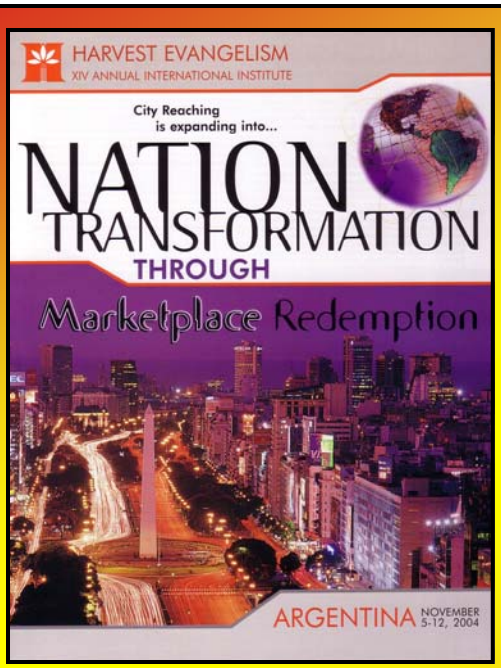

Can *a nation be changed*? Absolutely! This is the task for which we have been commissioned by the Lord Himself: to disciple *all* nations. (Matthew 28:18-20) Changing nations involves the same dynamics required to transform a person: a change of heart that translates into structural transformation.

Harvest Evangelism has developed a network of Christian leaders all over Argentina who have a vision and faith for nation transformation, focusing the Church outside of the four walls to pastor entire cities. God has given ICCC an extraordinary opportunity to co-host this strategic event with Harvest Evangelism to take the power and presence of God to the Argentine Marketplace to impact its key influencers.

Through this upcoming Trade Exhibition and Business Matchmaking Conference, you can be active participants in demonstrating God's love to this nation in trouble through your ambassadorship. Prayerfully go before the Lord and consider this opportunity. Consider being a wonderful part of this nation's transformation. Come with us and experience God's hand at work in your business activity as you reach out to see how you can help us serve this nation in transformation through its valley experience.

Our own team in the United States headed by Fred Trick and Jim Garvin, will be handling a significant portion of the matchmaking process. Feel free to contact them at 1-800-657-6233 if you have any questions or need assistance in registering your business or business activity. The leadership of ICCC is whole heartedly behind this strategic cooperation and considers it both an honor and a privilege to serve God's purposes through serving Harvest Evangelism.

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ence of God manifest in the Marketplace. There are also many national and international conferences organized for instruction, edification and inspiration within ICCC.

Often our business life is locally oriented, but our calling in the Lord is definitely international. Therefore we need to be known and recognized not only by God, but also by each other to function as members of one body called for the purpose of His Kingdom. One way of accomplishing this has been the encouragement of the Trade delegations visiting other nations and opening new markets. The greatest expression of this aspect of ICCC so far, is through our International Business Congress events. Trade Exhibitions have been held in Moscow, Israel, Poland, Sweden, Ghana, Sri Lanka, UK, Germany, USA, Argentina, and Egypt to name a few, resulting in very interesting business ventures, investments, etc.

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As we are projecting into the future, it is becoming evident that God's covenant people, the Jews, and a whole nation will once again be restored. The great changes which the world is undergoing, will require the quality of a Joseph once again. The problem is that so many Josephs are still trapped in a dry well, and the time is short.

The world is undoubtedly shaking like never before. Everywhere you look the evidence of shaking is there. The former Soviet Union, the Balkan Peninsula, former Yugoslavia, the Middle East, Africa, South America, 9/11, Afghanistan and Iraq. But this is just the small beginning. The world will experience an economic shock treatment in the future. The prophet Isaiah says in chapter 24:19-20, "..the earth is shaken exceedingly. The earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard, and shall totter like a hut…" We live in serious times, and that is one of the reasons why ICCC sounds a call to fall in line with God's plan for these times as the key to blessing and development and in order to rise victoriously above the encroaching tide.

Yes, there is a tidal wave coming and that is why the Lord is calling us out into a walk with Him, where we will experience His power and His glory. I believe God wants to show the world the glorious thing He has done through His son Jesus Christ, providing a better way through all of this through the Kingdom of God.

Religion will not help us to walk through the coming times, but praising the Lord, knowing the Lord and walking together with Him is to overcome. It requires a believing people with a personal relationship with God, a creative, professional and bold people who know their calling and their position as sons or daughters. *"Then you shall once again see the difference between him that serves the Lord and him that serves Him not…"* Malachi 3:18 □

-Gunnar Olson

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