



From the President's Desk...

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Establishing the Foundation for a Future of Ministry Multiplication

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Dear Friend,

I was in my garden recently. I applied pressure with my foot to the garden fork and lifted the dirt. To my delight, several large red potatoes appeared. I never cease to be amazed at God's creation! In the spring I had placed only a small piece of one potato in the ground and now there were several whole ones in its place.

Then it hit me. That's what God has promised as we lay the foundation for "Extending the Vision!" For the next three years, 2005-2007, we are planting the seed and nurturing it—anticipating God's creative blessing on the future multiplication of our ministry's spiritual impact.

What is the Seed?

The seed is the **FaithSearch** message—the Gospel with evidence that we proclaim. This unique presentation has been tested and proven for over 25 years to bring skeptics to faith in Jesus Christ and give spiritual strength, encouragement and boldness to believers. Its most visible form (among several) is the *Surprised by Faith* book. Even as I write, I am preparing to depart for another trip to India, where Denny McKeever and I will continue training others to use **FaithSearch** in ministry there.

What are the 2005-2007 Extending the Vision 'Seed' Goals?

1. Translate the *Surprised by Faith* book into Spanish, Russian, Arabic, Chinese and eight languages of India—twelve languages total representing 3.8 billion people.

How are we doing so far? Spanish has already been published, the Russian translation is done, and three Indian languages plus English have already been published on the subcontinent.

2. Write and release three new publications that embody the **FaithSearch** message:

- A new **FaithSearch** Discovery student guide for group and personal study of the **FaithSearch** message in *Surprised by Faith*. (A Leader's Guide will also be available.)
- Release of the **FaithSearch** Discovery PowerPoint® Presentation as an inexpensive product available to anyone for teaching ministry.
- Write and publish a **FaithSearch** Discovery curriculum for Bible college and seminary faculty to equip their students (the future generation of Christian pastors) how to use the **FaithSearch** message in their ministries.

How are we doing so far? The new **FaithSearch** Discovery student guide for group and personal study will be completed this fall, the PowerPoint is already being used in test groups in its pre-published form, and the pastoral training curriculum will be completed by the end of the year.

How are we Nurturing this Seed?

Here are the 2005-2007 Extending the Vision 'nurturing' goals:

1. Establish at least five extended campuses of the **FaithSearch** Center across the USA where individuals and churches will be equipped to use **FaithSearch** tools ("seeds" described above) in the proclamation of the **FaithSearch** message
2. Establish disciplers in every place to nurture new believers in Bible study, prayer and fellowship. Translate the *Growing Faith* discipleship manual into new languages as resources and opportunity afford.



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Help Us Plant Seeds to Multiply the Spiritual Impact of FaithSearch

- YES, Don, I want to continue partnering with you in the Extending the Vision campaign, to establish the foundation for a greater future spiritual harvest through FaithSearch.**



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How are we doing so far? Arizona Community Church in Tempe has become our first *FaithSearch* Center extended campus, with two more in process—Grand Rapids, MN, and Chicago. There is also interest from additional locations. A Twin Cities network of disciplers has begun with nearly thirty already trained. The extended campus at Arizona Community has initiated *Growing Faith* training.

3. Have a full time evangelist on staff who can minister in Spanish, Russian, Arabic and Chinese who will reach that language group through personal proclamation and through multiplication training of indigenous people in the USA and countries around the world.

How are we doing so far? Carlos Fernández began full time August 15 in Spanish ministry.

4. Equip at least 350 pastors and lay people in the USA to use the *FaithSearch* Discovery PowerPoint Presentation for outreach and discipleship ministry.
5. Have at least thirty India CCC staff who are actively teaching *FaithSearch* Discovery throughout India
6. Equip at least 15,000 current Indian pastors to facilitate *FaithSearch* Discovery in their churches.

How are we doing so far? About forty in the USA have already taken the Discovery teacher training and fifteen in India (with about twelve more being added this month). About 7,000 current India pastors and 2,000 students have already taken the *FaithSearch* Discovery facilitator training.

What is the Expected Fruit?

1. Multiplication of effective Christian proclaimers and disciplers—among established and new pastors, lay teachers, and Christians in every church
2. Training centers for the *FaithSearch* message across the USA and in each country and language group
3. Larger numbers recording salvation in several languages, races and cultures
4. A Church equipped more effectively to refute heresies like *The DaVinci Code*

How are we doing so far? We are already seeing the “first fruits” of Extending the Vision. Trained teachers in India in their first year have presented *FaithSearch* Discovery to nearly 1,000 people with about 300 (thirty percent!) making a new commitment to follow Jesus Christ. Bangalore, India, has become a training center for all new India Campus Crusade for Christ staff. We have recently had our first recorded Spanish commitment to Christ. We have almost forty newly-trained Discovery teachers in the USA. An extended training campus has been initiated.

What will Extending the Vision cost? How will it be Funded?

Considering the incredible potential, the projected costs are not what would be expected. This is because of cost-conscious and cost-effective measures. For example, when possible we publish in lower cost countries; our translators often ask far less than the market rate; and we are frugal in our lifestyle, management and compensation decisions.

It is estimated that *FaithSearch* will need to **increase income by \$200,000-275,000 each year 2005-2007**, to accomplish all the Extending the Vision goals. This is above the base of \$450,000 received in calendar year 2004, which is needed just to maintain the current staff and operational expenses.

The Board of Directors has recently met for an evening of prayer on this matter. They then approved the initiation this fall of the Extending the Vision Fund Challenge campaign. Each friend of the ministry will be contacted about attending a small group in their community. **Please pray about your involvement and for us as we plan and prepare.**

Harvesting potatoes from my garden which I personally planted and nurtured is fun and rewarding. But it's “small potatoes” compared to the spiritual and eternal harvest of people's lives—hundreds of thousands of men and women of several races, languages and countries, here and abroad, changed forever. JOY!

Everyone a Partner—Each One Counts!

I have a sincere question: **Can I count on you to help us build the foundation for a future of ministry multiplication?** Seek God's guidance and the Holy Spirit's conviction through prayer about the amount you will trust Him to provide in each of the next three years. Ask God to prosper you so that you can be more generous in your investment for spiritual harvest through *FaithSearch*.

In the meantime, would you send a gift now to enable us to aggressively pursue the training, translation and publication goals of Extending the Vision? Your gift will be planted and nurtured immediately, and I'll give you reports so you can share with us in the joy of seeing spiritual fruit from your investment.

Partnering with you in spiritual gardening,



Dr. Don Bierle