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Dedication

This volume is dedicated to God's Glory and His many quiet, committed servants in Canada who think, pray and work almost continually to reach, touch and love – usually one at a time - those millions of Canadians who are yet outside of Jesus Christ.

You may be, for the most part, unknown to the majority of us - but not to the Most High God! May He encourage and empower you daily from the riches of His grace.

Thank you for your love also for His Church, in all its forms, called to reflect Christ's grace, healing, and saving presence until He comes.

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- Murray Moerman, editor

Preface

Why this book?

Ultimately our desire is to contribute motivation, means and updates to those who share our sense of divine call to mobilize the whole church in Canada to reach out in love to disciple the whole nation, bringing blessing to the land it can find from no other source and hastening the day of our Lord's return.

This compilation has a context: it stands third in a series and, we trust, reflects a progression in thought and maturity while holding firmly to foundational passions.

- Arnell Motz, then co-director of Outreach Canada, served as editor of Reclaiming Our Nation which was released at the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada (EFC)'s "Congress of Evangelism" in Ottawa in 1990. We owe him a great debt of gratitude.
- A follow-up volume included updates based on 1996 census data with a wider range of chapters appeared in 1998 as Transforming Our Nation. While out of print, this volume is largely available in electronic form at www.outreach.ca/ton.
- The current volume, Discipling Our Nation, reflects 2001 Canada census updates, further missiological thinking, as well as recent developments in the EFC's Leadership Roundtable for Evangelism Ministries: "National Evangelism Partnerships".
- National Evangelism Partnerships¹ was birthed by a 1997 affiliation agreement between Canadian tracks of the international "AD 2000 and Beyond Movement" and, at that time, the "Vision 2000 Evangelism Task Force" of the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada.

Several chapters in this volume are authored by National Evangelism Partnership track leaders developed since the publication of Transforming our Nation, as well as a challenging chapter contributed by Geoff Tunnicliffe, previous chair of EFC's Roundtable for Global Mission.

As you read, please allow also the suggestions for prayer offered in the closing chapter of encouragement shape and give confidence to your heart as we look to the Lord for His gracious purposes to be accomplished in our land.

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¹ Initially "Vision 2000," after the turn the decade "Vision Canada," and, following threat of legal action from Canadian optometrists, "National Evangelism Partnerships" – which expresses perhaps more precisely the nature and purpose of our vision.