

Last week, I was in New York City for the **Lausanne 4 New York** (L4NY) gathering. This event is in preparation for the upcoming 4th Lausanne Global Congress to be held in Seoul, Korea, in September of 2024. The Lausanne Movement was started in Lausanne, Switzerland, in 1974 when thousands of Christians from around the world gathered to seek the Lord and generate a movement to explore ways to work together to complete the Great Commission. That gathering produced the Lausanne Covenant, which is a very important document in the history of the global church and world missions. Two other global gatherings since then—one in Manila in 1989, and one in Cape Town, South Africa, in 2010—produced additional historical statements to unify the global church on mission theology and strategy. The 2024 gathering celebrates the 50th anniversary of the Lausanne Movement and hopes to accelerate collaborative action and partnership within the global church so that the Great Commission will be accomplished soon with the help and guidance of the Lord.

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My Lausanne boss, Dave Bennett, speaking at the L4NY conference.

In New York, Lausanne leaders such as issue network catalysts, regional directors, board members, and staff gathered together to fellowship, pray, and listen to the Lord through the public reading of Scripture, through listening to one another, and through listening to global voices in preparation for 2024. The desire of Lausanne leadership is not to just hold another global conference, but to hear from God so that the gaps, issues, and missteps that occurred in the past to accomplish the Great Commission can be addressed. The Great Commission, after all, was given by Jesus to everyone, not just missionaries. All Christians have a role to play in proclaiming the Good News of Jesus. I enjoyed meeting people from around the world who are on the Lausanne journey with me. I also

made connections to do 10 more Global Classrooms in the next two years! Together with doing translations of the existing 17 episodes into Spanish, French, Korean, and Portuguese, I will have my plate full. But introducing the world to these gospel issues is such a vitally important part of helping the church be more effective in participating in global evangelization. Please pray for me and Yaksan as we work on these new episodes. Pray for the Lausanne 4 Congress in 2024, and for all the preparations made this week. We live in exciting days. God is moving in amazing ways.

I have a big event happening in my life on July 3. I turn 60 years old! To celebrate, I am taking a camping/cycling trip out west to see my brother in Wyoming and visit Kim's family in Utah. I will drive my truck carrying my bikes and camping gear. My brother Todd and I will ride for a few days in the mountains in Wyoming, then I will drive to near Bryce Canyon, Utah, to ride. Kim will fly in to meet up with me there as she has to work. Drew and his family will also make the trip. After the family reunion, Kim will fly back to Charlotte, and Drew's family and I will visit the Grand Canyon and Zion national parks. I am thankful for good health, a wonderful family, and the opportunity to make some memories. Turning 60 is a significant milestone in age. I am officially turning old! But I know God is not finished with me yet. I have many more Global Classrooms

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to produce, students at Gordon-Conwell to teach, and Lausanne conferences to attend. I have a wonderful wife to share life with, grandchildren to enjoy, and sons and daughters and their spouses to mentor. I am so thankful for every opportunity God has given me to be part of what he is doing on the earth. I know that will continue for many more years. I am also thankful for your partnership in prayer, finances, love, and involvement with Kim and I these past thirty-two years of global ministry. As long as I am able, I will continue to serve the Lord with all I am and have in these capacities.



Thank you for your prayers for us and our family, support for our ministry, and love.

We love and appreciate you!

Brent & Kim

To contribute to our ministry or send a special gift in honor of Brent's 60th birthday, please visit <https://onemissionsociety.org/missionaries/detail/Burdick>

Additional prayer points:

- Pray for Devri and the safe delivery of her baby any day now.
- Pray for Kim who had COVID when I came home from NY.
- Pray for provision for another video editor to help with the Lausanne Global Classroom production.