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## Lausanne III: Cape Town 2010

**International Congress on World Evangelization  
Cape Town, South Africa (16-25 October, 2010)**

Lausanne III: Cape Town 2010 represents an exciting opportunity for Christian leaders around the world to come together to focus on global evangelization. The vision for Lausanne III was announced by Lausanne in May 2007, with Doug Birdsall, Lausanne Executive Chair, also noting that Lausanne III would be held in partnership with the World Evangelical Alliance (WEA).



*image taken from lausanne.org*

### The Movement Reborn

In 1974, Billy Graham launched the influential Lausanne Movement. The group helped reveal God's purposes for His church by bringing together 2,700 Christian leaders from 150 countries for the first Lausanne International Congress on World Evangelization. Time magazine called it "possibly the widest-ranging meeting of Christians ever held." The outcome of that historic gathering profoundly shaped global mission efforts on every continent. And the resulting Lausanne Covenant, whose chief architect was theologian John Stott, is considered by many to be one of the most important mission documents in recent church history. Today, more than three decades later, Christian leaders agree that it's time to revisit our approach to global evangelization — and to seek a united vision for the increasingly complex task of taking Christ to the world. In light of this critical need, the Lausanne Movement is announcing Lausanne III: Cape Town 2010. It will be the first International Congress on World Evangelization in the 21st Century, and will offer an opportunity for leaders to pray, plan and work together as they examine the challenges and opportunities now before the church with respect to world evangelization.

### The Purpose Refined

Today's world is radically different from 1974. Humanity faces challenges unique to our time, even as we benefit from unparalleled opportunities. Lausanne III will tackle the seminal issues — both theological and practical — concerning global evangelization, including:

- **The uniqueness of Jesus in a pluralistic, postmodern world**  
How can we encourage our world to view Christ as the ultimate answer to our challenges — and as the only way to God?
- **The problem of pain and suffering in our world**  
How do we take the lead in responding compassionately to HIV/AIDS, natural disasters, terrorism, hunger and poverty?
- **The lack of spiritual maturity and adequate discipleship in the church today**  
How do we deal with superficiality in modern Christendom and effectively disciple believers to spiritual maturity?

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For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

Habakkuk 2:14

This issue features the upcoming International Congress on World Evangelization, Lausanne III, to be held in Cape Town, South Africa in 2010. Though it is still a couple of years away, it is never too soon to start praying.

We want to thank you for praying with us in the last year. As this is our last issue of FIN News in 2007, we send you warmest Christmas greetings from the FIN office in Edmonton, Canada. We pray that you will have a meaningful time of celebration, and that you will have a blessed New Year.

From across the seas!

-the FIN Staff



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### The Vision Rekindled

The Lausanne Movement wants to once again connect Christian leaders from every corner of the globe to develop new strategies for bringing the Gospel to our lost and suffering world. Some 4,000 Christian leaders, representing the broad diversity of the global Body of Christ, are expected to attend Lausanne III in person in Cape Town, with many more participating in discussions and viewing sessions online during the Congress.

Lausanne III will facilitate the creation of a new and captivating vision to reignite the church's confidence that . . .

- the Gospel is the answer for every person.
- we can take Christ to the whole world.
- we can unite and work together in order to present an authentic testimony to the unity for which Jesus Himself prayed.
- our witness should be both incarnational and proclamational.

### The Call Renewed

2,000 years ago, God revealed His desire to save the world through His Son, Jesus Christ. Lausanne III will call together a new generation of Christians to prayerfully explore how God is calling them to show His Son anew to a humanity that is lost in desperation and sin.

We invite you to begin praying about this historic assembly in Cape Town, 16-25 October 2010.

We also invite you to look over the historic Lausanne Covenant, which continues to challenge Christians to work together to make Jesus known throughout the world. It's also available on the website: [www.lausanne.org](http://www.lausanne.org).

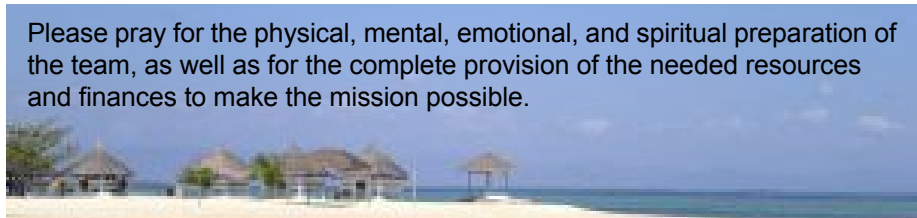
For more information about Lausanne III: Cape Town 2010 and how you might participate, please sign up for the Connecting Pointe newsletter at [www.lausanne.org](http://www.lausanne.org).

## Operation Cebu

### Touching Lives -- Sharing the Hope and Encouragement of Jesus Christ January 3-6, 2008

Thank God for His work through the diaspora Filipino congregations such as FFAC and their partner congregations in the Philippines. First Filipino Alliance Church in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada and the Alliance Christian Fellowship of Talisay, Cebu, Philippines are sponsoring Operation Cebu – a medical-dental missions trip and outreach among the children of indigent families of Talisay, Cebu, Philippines from January 3-6, 2008.

Over thirty team members will conduct medical and dental care, visit and pray with local impoverished families, provide resources (Bibles, Christian literature) for local Alliance workers, and show the Jesus Film.



### Quick Facts about Filipino Diaspora

The top 10 flag registry of deployed seafarers in 2006:

-  Panama
-  Bahamas
-  Liberia
-  Marshall Islands
-  Singapore
-  United Kingdom
-  Malta
-  Norway
-  Cyprus
-  Netherlands



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