

# William R. (Bill) Bright 1921 - 2003 & Campus Crusade for Christ



**Mr. Bright receives the "Templeton Award" for progress in Christless Pelagian religion.**



**(did the Lord Jesus Christ, the apostles, the Old Testament prophets ever receive awards from men for their deeds?, No they did NOT! ....so what is Mr. Bright doing here then? )**



Here is the greatest religious salesman in the history of mankind apart from Billy Graham. Mr. Bill Bright is the originator and the one responsible for the Arminian Pelagian methodology of the **"Four Spiritual Laws"**, which can be rightfully considered the Arminian Manifesto in North America. In small booklet form this simplification of the Gospel which is a blatant lie, began to take foothold in the 60's, and became popular in youth culture as a false method of literature distribution which many considered to be a relevant form of evangelism.

Dr. Bright spent more than five decades building and leading the Orlando, Florida-based Campus Crusade for Christ. As the world's largest religious ministry, Campus Crusade for Christ oversees people in 191 countries through a staff of 26,000 full-time employees and more than 225,000 trained volunteers working in some 60 niche ministries and projects ranging from military ministry to inner city ministry.

Bill Bright was a member of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and **one of the few prominent postmillennialists in recent years**. His efforts targeted colleges, high schools, athletes, and the military. He opposed the Lordship salvation movement in favor of a two-tiered salvation model. **Famous for The Four Spiritual Laws and similar tracts**. The fact that Mr. Bill Bright was a member of the Presbyterian Church and at the same time used such Arminian Pelagian methods, is a very interesting note in itself. Presbyterians do not promote this kind of rot historically.

## **Books Authored by Bill Bright:**

- Blessed Child (w/ Ted Dekker);
- The Christian and Giving;
- Come Help Change the World;
- The Coming Revival;
- Discover the Book God Wrote;
- First Love;
- Five Steps to Sharing Your Faith;
- God: Discover His Character;
- Handbook for Christian Maturity;
- Handbook of Concepts for Living;
- His Intimate Presence;
- The Holy Spirit: The Key to Supernatural Living;
- The Journey Home;
- A Man Called Blessed (w/ Ted Dekker);
- The Secret;
- The Transforming Power of Fasting;
- Witnessing Without Fear

Bill Bright also was instrumental in founding "**Campus Crusade For Christ**", a varsity university religionist youth ministry, which became involved in the goal to distribute "**The Jesus Film**" in every major language in the world. It has been come to be called "**The Jesus Project**."

## **'Jesus' Video Project to Cover the State Of Texas**

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the Editors of ReligionToday

by Richard Vara, Houston Chronicle Religion Editor

The 83-minute "Jesus" film will be mailed to more than 1.1 million Central Texas homes on March 26 by the Jesus Video Project of Texas, a ministry of Campus Crusade for Christ. It is expected that an additional 6 million videos will be mailed to the rest of the state on Oct. 1. The Texas project is only the second statewide mailing.

Twenty-seven of 46 Central Texas counties will receive complete mailings. In addition, 65 billboards promoting the video are scheduled to go up immediately in the region, according to Robby Carson, state director of the project.

More than 1,000 Central Texas churches are joining in the effort. The project asks churches to take on the cost of purchasing the cassettes at \$2.50 each, and mailing one to each home in a Zip code. The churches also are asked to contact the recipients to make sure they received the cassette and invite them to their church or a church of the resident's choice.

**The movie is a 1979 production that was released nationally by Warner Bros., but financed by Campus Crusade for Christ**, Carson said. The production, filmed in Israel, is based on the gospel of St. Luke, with extensive research to reproduce first-century details.

Campus Crusade and other missions groups, such as the Southern Baptist International Mission Board, have used the movie extensively for evangelism, especially in foreign mission field.

## **Bill Bright Receives Templeton Prize For Progress In Religion**

A committee made up of leaders from the world's five major religions ("Christianity," Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam and Judaism) meet annually to choose a recipient for this prize worth over \$1M. **The prize was established in 1972 by John Marks Templeton. He is aptly described as a "New Age pantheist/science-of-mind Universalist/investment guru." (BDM).**

**Acceptance of this Prize is in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Parliament of the World's Religions**, whose goal is to seek to encourage understanding of the benefits of each of the great religions and ultimately, to bring all the world's faiths together as one.

Bill Bright, in announcing his acceptance of the Prize, said he was glad it was not like the other prizes (Nobel, Pulitzer), which are merely secular. This prize, said Bill, is spiritual.

**Previous recipients were Billy Graham and Mother Teresa. In 1993 it was given to Chuck Colson. He said, "I salute Sir John for establishing this award..." [Dave Hunt asked, "Would Elijah have complimented the priests of Ashteroth, Baal, Dagon, Molech, et al, for establishing a progress in religion' prize and have accepted it?**

Dave then asks the question of Colson that MUST be asked of Bill Bright, "Is Christianity merely another religion?" He then makes a true but shattering observation, "To accept an award from Christ-rejecting Muslims, Hindus, et al, for 'progress in religion' is to deny Christ and His gospel."

This is not a peripheral unimportant issue. **This is evidence of serious apostasy on the part of Bill Bright, who still tries to justify his signing of the ECT.** No one who has any part in the ministries of Campus Crusade can afford to be silent. If we do not stand up to this tragic betrayal of Christ, are we not by our silence consenting to this travesty of truth? Should our hearts not burn in righteous indignation that the Name that is above every name is now being equated with Buddha, Mohammed, and the million Hindu gods? Dare we be silent?

## **Bill Bright's ECT Statement**

*From a letter written by Bill Bright himself, January 1995*

Please allow me to update you on a most wonderful breakthrough and act of healing and understanding in the Body of Christ. Key Christian leaders who had been in disagreement over the 1994 statement with certain Roman Catholic believers have been reconciled by our most gracious Lord.

According to our records, several communicated with me or my office regarding my signing, with other evangelical leaders, along with certain Roman Catholic believers, the statement called Evangelicals and Catholics Together: The Christian Mission in the Third Millennium, referred to as ECT.

In some detail, I shared with many as to why I felt the Lord lead me to sign the document. Among other things, I pointed out there was absolutely no compromise on biblical truths, and that it would in no way prevent us from sharing the gospel with Catholics any more than with Presbyterians, Methodists, Episcopalians, or Baptists. There are nonbelievers in all denominations. It has, in fact, already helped us to reach Catholics with the gospel in predominantly Catholic countries where we have staff. Now in 161 countries, Campus Crusade has a world perspective not shared by many U.S. Christian leaders, and our international leadership has affirmed how this agreement has already helped open doors and facilitated our evangelism in Catholic countries.

However, not all evangelical leaders were in favor of the agreement. A few Christian leaders whom I greatly respect told me they thought my signing it was a mistake. After some initial dialogue did not resolve the disagreement, several of those who opposed the statement and some who signed it were jointly concerned that such conflict might cause discord in the Body and do damage to the cause of Christ. To avoid this, we agreed to meet together in one place, to pray and share and to seek God's

mind and will.

We met in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, the home of Dr. D. James Kennedy's Coral Ridge Ministries, on January 19, 1995. The meeting included three signers of the ECT document: Chuck Colson, J.I. Packer, and myself. Leaders present who did not sign it were John Ankerberg, John MacArthur, R.C. Sproul, Joe Stowell, John Woodbridge and D. James Kennedy.

There is no doubt that the presence of the Lord was there. He guided our dialogue by His grace. I was so deeply impressed by the loving spirit within these leaders and their desire to truly hear from God and do what was right in His sight.

Since the ECT statement had already helped us reach more Catholics in other countries, the Holy Spirit brought tears to my eyes as I explained that repudiating the agreement would probably cause tens of millions of Catholics to not hear the gospel and be eternally lost.

I pleaded that our meeting not be the cause of such an eternal loss. We prayed for God's wisdom, and His marvelous grace provided it in a final, unanimous accord that would not have the signers repudiate the ECT but would allow us to issue a clarifying statement. This clarifying statement should remove all doubt of the evangelical signers' purposes and unquestioned devotion to biblical Christianity.

As I believe was the case for all who were in attendance, I left the meeting with great joy, sensing that we had truly been in the presence of our wonderful Lord and Savior, whose Spirit had spoken to our hearts. The decision should enhance evangelism and unity among true believers while at the same time removing any doubt about where we stand on biblical truth as represented by historic Protestantism. We praise His mighty Name and thank Him for this historic accord among the brethren.

One of the leaders wrote later, "I will never forget Bill Bright saying that we don't want to be responsible for keeping millions out of the kingdom and being sentenced to hell."

No doubt, the decision of the leaders in attendance will, indeed, help reach millions more Protestants and Catholics with the gospel, who are Christians in name only.

I invite you to rejoice with me over the way our Lord worked all this out and the clarification that has been issued! I regret that the original statement was not more clear from the standpoint of the evangelical signers, but I am happy that the matter was resolved by men of good will, motivated by love, a pure heart and a desire for unity of the Spirit.

(Signed) BILL BRIGHT

## **Mr. Revolutionary (Bill Bright) and Campus Crusade**

*by* John Ashbrook

When Fuller Seminary opened its doors in 1947, one of the new students was a young businessman named Bill Bright. He had been steered to the seminary by Henrietta Mears, Christian Education Director of the Hollywood Presbyterian Church. He did not stay to graduate. Rather, he left school to found the ministry which he called Campus Crusade for Christ.

### **Up with Revolution**

Revolution was a popular word on campuses of the 1950's and 1960's. Bright latched onto the word with a vengeance and tried to fill it with Christian meaning. Bright's book, *Revolution Now*, was advertised by Campus Crusade with the following blurb:

**Revolution Now will introduce you to the greatest revolutionary who ever lived, Jesus Christ, and will challenge you to become a part of a revolutionary strategy to help change**

**the world.**

It is obvious that Jesus Christ never claimed that title for himself, but Bright liked it. When he wrote in *Collegiate Challenge*, Volume 6, Number 1, Bright titled his article, "History's Greatest Revolutionary."

**Are you interested in revolution? Do you want to help solve the social ills of the world? We invite you to join with us in following the Greatest Revolutionary of the centuries. He is alive.**

In a Campus Crusade paper called *Crusade in Action*, Bright is quoted as saying at a Berkeley rally that **"Jesus Christ is history's greatest revolutionist... If we follow him, we will become revolutionists too."**

The campuses Bright was addressing were aflame with students seeking revolution a la Lenin, Chairman Mao, Che Guevara and Herbert Marcuse. To speak in that context and call Jesus Christ "history's greatest revolutionist" seems out of place. None of the disciples, when seeking souls, tried to recruit revolutionaries. Jesus Christ invited idealistic young men to take up the cross and follow him. Revolution was never mentioned. They were not enlisted to join a crusade to help change the world. The modern-day appeal smacks of the social agenda of the National Council of Churches. After all, that was one of Dr. Ockenga's three main points.

*The Los Angeles Herald-Examiner* for March 25, 1969, in an article titled, **"Students Dig Christ but Hate the Church"** quoted Campus Crusade worker Eddie Waxer as giving the outworking of Bright's policy:

We're not hoot and holler types and we don't push the kids to go to church. That's the last thing we do... We tell them Christ was the greatest revolutionary that ever lived and He was the world's greatest non-conformist. This really perks up the kids' interest. They can identify with this kind of a Christ.

It is true that modern youth can identify with a rebel. But, suffice it to say that this is not the way the apostles presented the Saviour, To them He was the sinless Son of God who gave Himself for our sins. Rebellious man must repent and believe the gospel. Furthermore, the apostles always sought to make certain that every convert was left in a church with elders in charge.

### **Forward with Bigness**

The second hallmark of Campus Crusade is bigness. Bill Bright has never thought small. He has been a setter of goals and producer of "Explos." In a question and answer interview in *Christian Life* for February, 1987, Bright chronicled some of his goals and explos:

There has also been a series of significant events and programs which we call "strategies" There was EXPLOR '72 which filled the Cotton Bowl with 85,000 people for a week of training in evangelism and discipleship skills...

EXPLOR '85 was also a major building block for us. It was the largest closed-circuit television conference ever held. More than 250,000 delegates from 164 countries received training at 98 different locations...

We are planning EXPLOR '90 as a closed-circuit television satellite conference to launch these big plans. Eighteen satellites will be used to reach 5,000 locations. We expect five million participants, live, and millions more by cable and satellite.

Religious Broadcasting for November, 1980 reported on the "Here's Life, Korea" Crusade, terming it the "largest meetings in the history of Christendom." It reported an aggregate attendance of 16,750,000 people. That is big indeed. The report continued as follows-

Each night, in response to an invitation by Bill Bright of Campus Crusade for Christ, almost half of the audience arose from their places to indicate that they were making their first commitment to accept Jesus Christ as Lord.

On the closing night, when the audience was estimated at 2.7 million people, approximately 1.8 million stood up to pledge themselves for missionary service,

Bright himself was led to observe that "There is nothing in the history of the church that would even begin to compare with what we have seen this week."

I think that my readers must agree that that is Bigness with a capital "B." In a day when apostasy has seized much of the professing church, in a day when faithful pastors labor for every single soul, in the light of the fact that we cannot evaluate the reality of decisions until we see evidence of Holy Spirit change, does it not seem rather unwise to boast of our bigness until God proclaims His satisfaction with it?

The Bible is a record of small things. God's work has always been a story of despised minorities against overwhelming majorities. In these last days it promises to be more so. Man has exalted his methodologies - the four spiritual laws, Expos, teleconferences and forceful appeals. Yet God is still the God of theology Unless the Spirit of God has regenerated human hearts, all of the methodology comes to deceiving emptiness. Pentecost, the Reformation, the Great Awakenings - none of these came about by human methodology All were the result of direct divine intervention. The masters of bigness with their methodology would do well to allow God Himself to choose the greatest events of church history

One of the newest methodologies of Campus Crusade revolves around the film called, "**Jesus.**" **Crusaders usually refer to it as "the Jesus film," It is reported that Nelson Bunker Hunt, who raised one billion dollars for "Here's Life," gave six million dollars to produce the Jesus film. In the February, 1987 interview with Christian Life, Dr. Bright stated the following.**

We believe, too, that the Lord has provided ways for us to achieve our goals. For example, by 1995 we expect to have 5,000 teams presenting the "JESUS" film at least five nights a week to five to ten million people every night.

We are also establishing, 5000 training centers in both urban and rural areas throughout the world. We estimate that these bases can train 200 million disciples by 2000 A.D. These leaders will help plant between 10 and 20 million home Bible fellowships to sustain those who come to Christ through our outreaches.

In Luke 18:8 Christ asked a hauntingly rhetorical question of his disciples: "Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?" Is it right for men to placard their enthusiastic projections in the light of Christ's dire prediction for the end of our age? Would you prefer Bright's prediction or Christ's? To serve our present age aright, we must have God's revealed view of our times.

### **Accommodation**

The third hallmark of Campus Crusade is that classic aspect of neutralism, accommodation.

The world, the flesh and the devil always have an agenda of things which appeal to the natural man, pervert the truth or divert the attention of believers from the things which are Scripturally important. A faithful pastor must identify that agenda and oppose it from Scripture. However, new evangelicalism has never been given to opposing. That is too negative for its positive image. Its policy has been accommodation. Its motto seems to be, "Don't fight it if you can join it."

### **Baptizing Rock Music**

The Crusade has always made an accommodation with rock music. Nothing is as opposed to the gospel as the ethos of rock music. However, rock is the beat of the campus today; from the first, the

Crusade has marched to a rock beat. My father, in *Evangelicalism: The New Neutralism*, pointed out the use of Paul Stookey, Peter Yarrow, Pat Boone, Andre Crouch and a host of rock performers at *Explo '72*. About 1984, Paragon Experience, a ministry of Campus Crusade, produced a multimedia production, "The Dreamweaver." A review of the production in *Good News Broadcaster* related the following:

Unlike traditional movie entertainment, 'The Dreamweaver' contains only two minutes of talking. Instead, the storyline is communicated through the use of visuals precisely synchronized to the lyrics of contemporary music from the Beatles, John Denver, Simon and Garfunkel, Kansas, Styx and others, blending this stereophonic music with drama.

How can the world's music communicate God's message? Answer- It can't..

### **Tuning in to Tongues**

**Another Campus Crusade accommodation is to the charismatic movement.** We have seen that this is a common adjustment within new evangelicalism. *Evangelical Newsletter* for May 27, 1983 contained the following item:

Campus Crusade for Christ, the conservative evangelical organization whose influence extends far beyond its original campus goals, recently lifted its ban on speaking in tongues by members of its worldwide staff. The ban had been imposed in the mid-1960's when the charismatic movement entered mainstream denominations. Some observers think that Bill Bright, Crusade founder-president, has been influenced by his oldest son, who attended Life College, a Pentecostal school in Los Angeles.

This move was to be expected. The large numbers claimed by the Crusade in its exploits and endeavors cannot be obtained in this day and age without charismatic participation, You cannot have this participation if you have staff rules against tongues speaking. Campus Crusade coordinated a large crusade in Kenya, Africa for German Pentecostal evangelist Reinhard Bonnke. In the "Here's Life, Korea" Crusade mentioned previously, Paul Yonggi Cho, pastor of the 150,000 member Full Gospel Central Church of Seoul, took a leadership role. Compromise with charismaticism is a necessary bedfellow of bigness in the ecumenical world of today.

### **Cozying up to Catholicism**

**The Crusade has followed the lead of Billy Graham in changing its policy on Roman Catholicism.** An outspoken and revealing article on this phase of accommodation appeared in *Pastoral Renewal* for April, 1986, The article was authored by Campus Crusade staff member John Nyquist, who had directed the Crusade's work in central Europe. Nyquist uses Crusade experience in Florence, Italy as an example to explain that there had been a problem because students evangelized by the Crusade began to distance themselves from the Catholic Church and did not feel comfortable joining Protestant churches. The article rejoices in the following solution:

As the Crusade team struggled with this problem, God provided a ray of sunshine. Through contacts gained in a Bible Study, the Crusade team scheduled a businessmen's banquet for the purpose of communicating the gospel in a helpful way. A parish priest who attended was very favorably impressed by the presentation. He saw that it was not designed to proselytize his people into Protestant churches but was rather a simple and direct appeal to them to open their hearts to Christ

The priest invited a Crusade staff woman to begin a women's Bible study in the parish, and as this work blossomed, he asked one of the men on the Crusade team to work with the youth of the parish. The parish's small struggling band of high school and university students responded with enthusiasm to the team member's challenge to take the Bible seriously by meeting to study it on a weekly basis. Thus the solution developed to the campus evangelism dilemma: a group of students and Crusade staff workers involved in Bible study and evangelism under the auspices of a local Catholic parish priest

After giving the details of this working arrangement, Nyquist lists a number of lessons learned from the experience. Among them are the following:

Protestants and Catholics can work together where the leadership is committed to the authority of the Bible and its relevance to the daily lives of both clergy and laity.

Men the local pastor priest, or bishop is convinced that there is no hidden agenda and that the ministry has integrity, work can proceed and God will receive honor and glory.

All participants in this ecumenical ministry must be willing to risk criticism from well-meaning relatives, friends, and colleagues, which is certain to follow.

If these principles are put into practice, the trend toward cooperative evangelism between Protestants and Roman Catholics, and between parachurch organizations and official church bodies, will continue to yield results in Europe.

*The Australian Beacon for May 1980* quotes Dr. Bright as saying that **"We do not attack the Roman Catholic Church. We believe that God is doing a mighty work in it and will no doubt use millions of Roman Catholics to evangelize the world."**

In the same article quoted above from *Pastoral Renewal*, some comments are made about the success of *Campus Crusade's "Here's Life" ministry in Switzerland*:

One of the reasons for this success is that the local churches - Reformed, Roman Catholic and Free Church - have participated from the start. This has helped draw in people, because most of them have some kind of relationship, even if only a tenuous one, with one of these local church communities.

The established churches, namely, the Reformed and the Roman Catholic, have taken the leadership in this movement, and they are the ones that are reaping the harvest in terms of inner renewal and excitement.

These quotations show the accommodation to both Roman Catholicism and ecumenism in the Crusade's ministry. The natural course of new evangelicalism always leads onward to ecumenism.

Dr. Bright's latest expo is called *New Life 2000*. The "Jesus film" is a key ingredient of this project. **Billy Graham is the honorary chairman of the effort. Ted Engstrom of World Vision is chairman of the International Committee of Reference. Dr. James Dobson, the psychologist, and Dr. Charles Stanley of the Southern Baptist Convention serve on an advisory board.** So goes the networking of neutralism,

### **Rescheduling the Rapture**

Dr. Bright shows another accommodation, which may be more troubling to many since it is an accommodation in doctrine. In an official letter launching *The Agape Movement*, a ministry of *Campus Crusade*, Bright wrote:

I believe that we are now experiencing the greatest spiritual awakening since Pentecost, The opportunity today for saturating the world with the joyful news of God's love and forgiveness is greater than ever before.

This sounds wonderful, but how does it square with the Biblical picture of a worsening world ripening for judgment as we approach the end of the age? Bright gave an answer in an interview with *Christianity Today*, *September 24, 1976*:

Question: Scriptures seem to teach that at the end of the age the world situation will get worse, and love among Christians will grow cold. So it appears that if this great awakening you anticipate does happen, then the coming of the Lord may not be imminent.



Answer: **I do not personally believe that the Lord's return is imminent. I think that the current teaching that it is imminent is leading many, many Christians to fold their hands and disobey what Jesus said to do. Jesus said we should work for the night is coming when no man can work, According to Scripture, He has delayed His return in order that more people may have a chance to hear**

Dr. Bright apparently decided ex cathedra that the imminent return of Christ did not fit with his agenda.

*The Blu-Print for February 12, 1980 quoted from the June-July, 1978 Wittenburg Door as follows:*

Also in terms of Bill and Vonette's vision, there is a very strong radical element in it. Basically, **Bill is opposed to millennialists**. It's the truth. I've never asked him and I'm sure that he would never say that he is, but he is. What do I mean by that? Unlike people who think that you have to win the world in this generation before the Rapture (**You know Hal Lindsay had to leave Campus Crusade because Bill didn't want dispensational theology taught in the organization - it's too negative**). He feels that once the world is saved there will be an important second step (which links him up with Charles Finney much more than Billy Graham) in the sanctification sense. Believers will automatically reconstruct society. They are going to end war, racism and everything else.

Earlier in this book I commented on the social agenda of new evangelicalism. It appears to me that Bright has allowed his social agenda to revise his eschatology. Lest you think that this is a revolutionary step in new evangelicalism, it is not. New evangelicalism began out of pre-millennialism but has had a major shift to a-millennialism or post millennialism.

Much more could be said about Mr. Revolutionary and Campus Crusade. It is impossible to over estimate the influence of Dr. Bright in current new evangelicalism. He is one of the shakers and movers. He personifies neutralism in action. Revolution, bigness and accommodation - there you have Campus Crusade, the most influential campus organization in the stable of new evangelicalism.

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## **Bill Bright Retires From Campus Crusade ...**

Campus Crusade's Bill Bright Is Retiring  
*Religion Today July 27, 2000*

Bill Bright, a man known for his seemingly boundless vision and ideas, is retiring as president of Campus Crusade for Christ International after nearly five decades.

...Bright, 78, who founded the ministry and helped build it into one of the world's largest interdenominational evangelism and discipleship organizations, will be succeeded by Steve Douglass, 55, a longtime ministry official.

...Campus Crusade is multifaceted, making an impact not only on college students but also on political leaders, business executives, and influential people from other walks of life.

...Douglass will work with Bright in a transitional role and assume full authority by Aug. 1, 2001, when Bright will retire as president, the ministry said. Bright plans to remain as chairman of the board and will devote his time to promoting an emphasis on fasting and prayer for spiritual revival and fulfillment of the Great Commission, Jesus' call for Christians to share their faith throughout the world. He also will write curriculum and produce training videos for Campus Crusade's International Leadership University.

...The announcement was made July 26 in Amsterdam, Netherlands, where Bright and about 150 Campus Crusade officials and staff members from a number of countries were gathering to attend Billy Graham's Amsterdam 2000 conference for itinerant evangelists July 28-Aug. 6.

...Bright and his wife, Vonette, have been close friends of Graham and his wife for more than 50 years, and will speak during the conference.

..."I had thought and prayed about this decision for many years," Bright said. He described Douglass, with whom he has worked for 30 years, as "a strong, devoted man" who "genuinely seeks to honor our Lord in his actions and decisions."

...Douglass asked for prayers for the task of running the organization. "Only God could equip a person for this task, and I am well aware of that." He also asked for prayers for his wife, Judy, and all Campus Crusade leaders "as we embrace the new opportunities" God gives. Judy Douglass is founding editor of Campus Crusade's Worldwide Challenge magazine and the author of three books.

...Douglass is executive vice president and director of U.S. Ministries. He is a graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, received a master's degree from Harvard Business School, and is an author, Bible teacher, and evangelistic speaker. He was recommended by Bright for the job and was approved unanimously by the ministry's board of directors in June, according to the organization.

...Douglass complimented Bright recently as a man of character. "There don't seem to be many people of integrity, vision, and unshakable faith to hold up as an example," he said, but "Bill Bright is such a man."

...James Dobson of Focus on the Family said of Bright that it would be difficult to name another person whose "contributions to the spiritual progress and growth of mankind can be more suitably described as original, innovative, and dramatically effective." Ted Engstrom, former president of World Vision, said Bright is a gentleman and has "exemplified personal integrity, living out moral values which govern his life." Tom Landry, a former Dallas Cowboys football coach, said, "There is no one else I know in this world who has lived the Spirit-filled life so consistently while maintaining a high level of humility."

...Bill and Vonette Bright founded Campus Crusade in 1951. Based in Orlando, Fla., it has 22,000 full-time staff members and 489,000 trained volunteers, with 60 ministries in 186 countries.

...Bright said in his biography that as a young man he was a "happy pagan" until he crossed paths with several visionary Christian leaders of the day, including Henrietta Mears, Billy Graham, Dawson Trotman, Richard Halverson, and Charles Fuller. Shy and intense, Bright started a college ministry that took on a worldwide focus. He was awarded the Templeton Prize for Progress in Religion in 1996.

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