

as things develop so rapidly it is very important that we plan in such a way as to be effective in the next few years. Who knows how much time we have? Who knows how soon conditions will be like they are today in Cambodia or in Laos or in Vietnam, in Russia, in China, in Uganda, etc. will come here? Who knows how soon it will be impossible to be a Christian without being bitterly persecuted. "In the world you shall have tribulation." Everyone who follows the Lord Jesus will suffer persecution. We don't know how much life is ahead of us, but it is tremendously important what we do. God put us here in order to spread his word. God put us here in order to make him known. If these things come there will be a period when they are coming when many people will have their minds open to eternal things more than ever before. When many people will be willing to listen. How many of us will be ready to speak effectively? How many people will we train in the meantime to speak effectively if the Lord gives us a period of effectiveness.

The early Christians went out and spread the word wherever they went. Some were killed, some were tortured but they worked and spread the word of Christ. Time is short; eternity is long. God is giving us a tremendous gospel, he has given us a marvellous opportunity. May he enable us ~~to~~ each one to make ~~it~~ our lives count for Him while our Lord tarries. Let us pray: Our Father, we thank you for Jesus Christ. We must recognize that though as a result of the Christian attitude of our forebearers we in U.S. today enjoy a privileged position, a position possessed by hardly any other nation in the world. Tho we enjoy what most other countries would consider great luxuries, yet our time here is short; eternity long. We don't know how soon these things may come upon us. If our Lord tarries they may come in 10 years; they might wait 50. We don't know. But the way they are speeding up lately it looks as though it would