

It helps, now and then,  
to step back **& TAKE A LONG VIEW.**

THE KINGDOM is not only beyond our efforts,  
it **IS EVEN BEYOND OUR VISION.**  
We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work.

Nothing we do is complete, which is a way of saying that **THE KINGDOM** always lies beyond us.  
No statement says all that could be said.  
No prayer fully expresses our **FAITH.**

No confession brings **PERFECTION.**  
No pastoral visit brings **WHOLENESS.**  
No program accomplishes **the Church's mission.**

No set of goals & objectives includes **EVERYTHING.**

This is what we are about.  
We plant the seeds that one day will grow. † We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise. We lay foundations that will need further development. † We provide yeast that produces far beyond our capabilities.  
We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of **LIBERATION** in realizing that.

This enables us to **DO SOMETHING**, and to do it very well.  
It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the LORD'S grace to enter and do the rest.  
We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker.  
We are workers, not master builders; **MINISTERS**, not messiahs.

**WE PROPHETS**  
**ARE OF A FUTURE NOT OUR OWN.**