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**Subject:** Operation Mobilization Outreach.

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Dear Saints

Below please find a letter by Dorothy Graham concerning a forthcoming Operation Mobilization outreach. Intercessors are needed for this event.

Eben Swart

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300+ people are coming from around the country and the world, and will be involved in an evangelistic outreach through churches.

These 300 people will be housed and trained at Pen Tech from 1st to 4th July and I have promised prayer cover for this.

The training will begin on Thurs at 2pm and end on Sunday at 2pm. (On Friday and Saturday they will run from 9am to 9pm.).

I have attached further information about this outreach and if any one can help they can contact me on email or 531 5205.

Regards Dorothy Graham

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## Press Release

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### 1. Background of Operation Mobilisation

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Operation Mobilisation (OM) is an international, inter denominational, Christian missions organization that works in over 100 countries across the world.

OM's role in the body of Christ is to motivate, develop and equip people for world evangelism, and to strengthen and help plant churches, especially among the unreached in the Middle East, South and Central Asia and Europe.

The Global Challenge office in Pretoria which for the most has to do with organizing and the co- ordination of short term outreaches from and to South Africa, neighboring countries and overseas.

We believe that Global Challenge is a wonderful tool that God is using to mobilize young and old and give them some exposure to world missions. Global Challenge is also responsible for outreaches inside the borders of South Africa for which participants from all walks of life are recruited from all over the country as well as internationally.

### 2. The purpose of the Cape Challenge outreach

OM is planning a major outreach during the July school holidays of 2004, which will be focusing on the Cape Penninsula but will also be active in the Southern- and Northern Cape. The outreach will be called the Cape Challenge.

During July 2002 OM's ship the Doulos visited the port of Durban. To coincide with the Doulos visit OM took hands with 36 churches in the Durban area to organize a major outreach in that region.

The outreach was such a success that we felt that the Lord had given us a model on which we can base future outreaches. Subsequently it was decided that OM will have one major outreach each year which will this year focus on the Cape Province and hence the Cape Challenge.

The concept is basically that OM will recruit participants from all over the country as well as internationally who will then be divided into teams of 10-15. All the participants will come together on 1 July at the Peninsula Technikon in Bellville for a three-day orientation period. During the orientation the participants will be equipped with evangelism skills and taught in subjects such as the biblical basis of missions and much more. After orientation the actual outreach will begin on 4 July when the different teams will be picked up from the orientation venue by their so-called hosting churches. The teams will then serve in and with the churches to bring hope to the community.

The purpose of the outreach is to make an impact on the area through the different programs that each church would have worked out in conjunction with OM for their respective teams.

Statistics show that 85% of missionaries on the field are there because of some or other exposure to missions through short-term outreaches. Cape Challenge is therefore an opportunity through which prospective missionaries can take a first step towards missions. It also creates an environment in which participants are a bit out of their "comfort zone" and where the Lord can do His work in the lives of such participants. We receive many fascinating testimonies from churches and participants alike at the end of outreaches such as this.

In short the purpose of the Cape Challenge would therefore be inter alia:

- Evangelisation and an impact on the Cape region.
- Service and assistance to churches/ congregations in the region.
- Mobilisation and exposure of churches and participants to world missions.
- Spiritual growth of participants
- To show God's love to the community
- To give participants and churches some exposure to cross-cultural relationships
- To train and equip participants.
- To give students an opportunity to utilize their vacation towards the honor and service to the Lord.

### 3. How, what, where and when of the outreach

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Cape Challenge will be held from 1-12 July 2004

As mentioned the participants will gather together at the Peninsula Technikon in Bellville. Registartion will take place from 14h00 to 17h00. The orientation programme will commence at 18h30 and will run through to Sunday 4 July at 14h00. The orientation will consist of lectures, praise and worship, team building exercises, personal devotions, prayer blast etc. and are intended to equip and train participants. After the orientation the teams will be picked up from the orientation venue by the different churches with which OM have liased to act as hosting churches. The respective churches will then host the teams for the duration of the outreach. Each team will work in and with each respective church to serve and have an impact on the community through whichever outreach programme they have in place.

On Monday 12 July all the participants and churches will gather again at the Peninsula Technikon to take part in the " final celebration" which is in essence a feedback session and thanksgiving service.

The age restriction for participants is 17 but children younger than that are also welcome provided a responsible adult accompanies them.

Please contact us should there be anything not clear and should you need more information.

Kind Regards.

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