

LETTER OF RETIREMENT FROM BILL HORAN

I met Pat Robertson in 2002 when he and Dede visited Grand Cayman for a five-day vacation. My wife Laura and I had a home there and were spending the winter. A mutual friend and long-time Operation Blessing board member introduced us to Pat. We hit it off right away, and during four days of intense conversations we became friends. Besides friendship, Pat also became my spiritual mentor. A few weeks later he called and asked me to visit him in Virginia Beach.

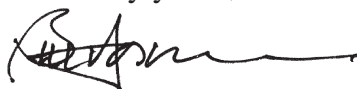
When I arrived Pat explained that Bob Fanning, the man running OB, was retiring in three weeks and that it was “a perfect job” for me. I was shocked and thought maybe he had me mixed up with somebody else. I told Pat that I was flattered, but that I wasn’t looking for a job. He looked me in the eye and said, “You are looking for a job—you just don’t realize it yet.” I cannot explain what happened next, but when I got to my room at the Founder’s Inn and started praying about it, I felt a profoundly deep conviction that I should accept his offer—and I did. I started at OB 16 years ago this month.

The past 16 years have been the most meaningful and exciting time of my life. I feel that everything I ever did was practice for my job at OB. I love the ministry and I love the work, but when I turned 74 in December, the realization of how old I really am hit me hard, and I have been soul-searching since. I am still blessed with good health and energy, but when you get as old as I am and an ever-increasing number of lifelong friends and relatives depart to be with the Lord, you start wondering how much sand is left in the hourglass. Laura and I want to spend more time with our daughters and grandkids who all live in Austin, Texas.

Effective today, I am retiring from Operation Blessing. Gordon Robertson will run OB from now on. With Gordon’s anointed guidance and with the continued favor of the Lord, OB will soar to new levels of excellence and untold millions of people currently suffering from hardship all over the world will be blessed by Operation Blessing for many years to come.

It has been a rare privilege to work with the Robertson family and everyone on the OB and CBN team. I am especially grateful to the faithful and hardworking OB staff. Each one is an unsung hero who plays a critical role in OB’s mission to alleviate suffering, change lives, and save lives in the name of Jesus Christ. Laura and I will be praying for your continued success.

Faithfully yours,



Bill Horan