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British Four Star General Shares “My Hope for Peace”

General Sir Richard Dannatt is one of the most respected leaders in the world today yet he has been controversial at times. He has been in the army for forty years now - a far cry from the three years that he had originally signed up for. He now serves as the Chief of the General Staff, the professional Head of the British Army. His 2006 comments on the future course of British operations in Iraq, that the British Army was in danger of over-staying its welcome and becoming part of the problem in southern Iraq rather than the solution, were very controversial. Yet time has shown that these refreshingly honest remarks were also wise. The security transition in southern Iraq over the past two years (and indeed more widely in the country) has since proved that it needed Iraqis to deliver the desired result - an Iraqi solution to an Iraqi problem, albeit with coalition assistance. No foreign Army could have delivered such an outcome. Major General Patrick Cordingley DSO describes him as “an honest man who knows what he is talking about. He is a man of commitment.”

General Sir Richard was recently a guest on the “Principles of Leadership” TV / DVD series currently being broadcast worldwide and produced by Harvest Fields Commissioning International and its production arm OLI Productions. He was asked the question of what the General’s hope is for peace. The General commented:

“I think one has to look at two levels. Speaking from the perspective of being a Christian we live in a world inhabited by evil and that manifests itself in many ways leading to conflict between state and state and people and people. I think that’s an enduring characteristic of the world. It’s imperfect. In whatever position of leadership one is in, one does one’s best to try and improve circumstances and you’ll have periodic successes and you’ll have periodic failures. That’s at one level.” General Sir Richard continues “I think at the other level is the level of real utility. I think it’s the influence that you or I can perhaps have on other people. Christ set about changing the world through recruiting twelve individuals - His disciples. They lived with Him, they learned from Him. He sent them out. The disciples made other disciples but their world was one-to-one and therefore I think the significant contribution that one can, perhaps, make in life is doing something for this individual or for that individual. If that is also bringing them to a knowledge of the Christian faith and the person, and promises of Jesus Christ then that’s really a worthwhile contribution to make. I think that’s where lasting success comes from.”

The series “Principles of Leadership” is currently being broadcast on 16 Christian and independent television networks around the world including SAT 7 (the Middle East), CNL (Russia and worldwide), Gospel Channel (Scandinavia), The Australian Christian Channel, the Alfa and Omega Network (Romania and worldwide), The Miracle Channel (Canada) Doers TV (U. S. A.), Premier TV (U.K.), Shine TV (New Zealand), U Channel (Indonesia), the Family 7 Network (Holland), and IFBN (Israel). It features other well known Christian leaders such as New York Times best selling author Joyce Meyer, Dr. Luis Palau, Andrew Wommack, George Carey, George Verwer, Lisa Bevere, Loren Cunningham, Brother Andrew (author of the best selling book “God’s Smuggler) and Brother Yun (author of the best selling book “The Heavenly Man”) . Harvest Fields Commissioning International is a U. K. Registered Charity with the purpose of assisting in raising up and encouraging churches and leaders in over 45 countries and on all 5 continents for work in churches, charities and other humanitarian assistance groups. Its websites are at: <http://www.agapelive.net> and <http://www.hfci.net>.