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## A “Who’s Who” of Christianity Enters Its Final Season

A very unusual television series is starting to film the final 13 episodes of its final season. The producers have begun to reflect on many of their extraordinary guests. One is called “The Vicar of Baghdad” and lives in Iraq, Israel and the Palestinian Territories and with his family and home in England. Another guest, a Chinese House Church leader, had to be “smuggled” out of his home country because he is one of their “most wanted criminals”. Still another guest had to admit to the church that he Pastors that, according to medical science, he was struggling with hepatitis. Harvest Fields Commissioning International and its media production arm, OLI Productions have been filming a TV / DVD series that shares with Christian leaders worldwide the principles that are used by some of Christianity’s most well known and loved leaders and authors - from “God’s Smuggler” Brother Andrew to NY Times best selling author Joyce Meyer, from Hong King’s Jackie Pullinger MBE to Roy Castle’s widow author Fiona Castle MBE.

The series was actually started by, what some would call, “an accident”. HFC International’s Director, David Sullivan, explains, “We were producing a film about Sweden and contacted that country’s first non-denomational church - Livets Ord to get comments about their beginnings. The founding Pastor and author of several books, Ulf Ekman, although in Israel at the time, intercepted the e-mail and asked if we would like to interview him. We were excited to include some comments from this well know Christian. However, when we looked at the material we realised that we had almost 30 minutes of what could only be described as “Principles of leadership”. “After that we realised that there were so many Christian leaders who have influenced millions of lives and overseen thousands of other leaders that have used Biblical principles. They would, surely, like to pass these principles on to other new or young leaders.”

When completed there will be a total of 52 programmes / interviews which include authors and politicians, preachers and evangelists. What is in the works for any future series? HFC International and OLI Productions have already begun a “spin off” series called “Principles of Praise” which features a number of well known singers and songwriters who have influenced church music in many ways. From Graham Kendrick to opera singer Liliana Oliveri to country western singer George Hamilton IV the list is growing each month. “As another series of church resources and training materials they are invaluable,” David Sullivan comments.

HFC International’s leadership series are currently being broadcast on 15 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), Premier TV (U.K.), Shine TV (New Zealand), U Channel (Indonesia), the Family 7 Network (Holland) and IFBN (Israel).

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