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CITATION FOR LARRY E. DIXON
WHEATON COLLEGE
SATURDAY, MAY 7, 1994

Presented By
C. William Pollard

Dr. Litfin, it is my privilege and distinct pleasure to present Larry E. Dixon for the degree of Doctor of Letters.

Larry Dixon is a dedicated servant of our Lord Jesus Christ and has devoted his life to supporting health care for the needy and desperate people of this world. For over 25 years, he has participated in the development and growth of MAP International, serving as its President and CEO for the past 14 years. Under his leadership there has been remarkable growth in the grants and worldwide distribution of medicines and medical supplies. Over \$70 million of such supplies are now distributed each year to those who are without any other source of life-sustaining treatment. People from Croatia to Somalia and Bolivia to Bangladesh are benefitting from MAP's innovative programs. Over 100 million people have been served.

Under Larry's leadership, MAP has also initiated innovative economic and community development programs in over 136 underdeveloped areas of the world with the objective of helping people to help themselves.

As Larry has given his life in seeking to respond to the physical needs of others, he has also given of himself to respond to their spiritual needs. Larry's love for his Lord and Savior is the reason for his passion to help others and provides the strength and inner encouragement for his tireless efforts and worldwide travel, serving "the least of these my brethren."

Larry has been supported in his ministry by his loving wife Agnes and his two children Jodi and Janet. As a family, they have been an example of love and concern and have provided a witness to others of their common faith and trust in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

In addition to his leadership of MAP, Larry was also a founding member of the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability. He has served on the Board of the Association of Evangelical Relief and Development Organizations as well as on the Board of Health, Education, and Economic Development of Bangladesh and the Association of Christian Resource Organizations Serving Sudan. He has served on a number of community organizations and was recently honored by being appointed an elder of the Luhaya tribe of Kenya because of his leadership and support in providing their health care needs.

Mr. President, in granting this degree today we do not just honor a man; we honor the Lord he loves and the Lord he seeks to serve. We recognize that learning a lifelong experience and that the value of knowledge is not limited to the classroom but is to be found in the giving and sharing with others. In so doing we further the mission of this school, For Christ and His Kingdom.

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