

Charisma News – Harald Bredesen Dies

Harald Bredesen, known by many as “Mr. Charisma,” died Dec. 29 in an Escondido, Calif., hospital following complications from a fall at his home on Dec. 26. He was 88. An ordained Lutheran minister, Bredesen was baptized in the Holy Spirit in 1946 at a Pentecostal camp meeting. He later led many prominent figures into a charismatic experience, including entertainer Pat Boone, author John Sherrill and Christian Broadcasting Network (CBN) founder Pat Robertson. “He served the Lord in a global ministry, leading many into the fullness of the Holy Spirit, and set an example for us all in his boldness and perpetual joy,” Robertson said. “He was a dear friend and beloved brother in Christ.” Also known as a minister to world leaders, Bredesen founded the Prince of Peace Prize, which was given to Billy Graham, Mother Teresa and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, who said the award was more important than his Nobel Peace Prize. Bredesen is also credited with coining the term “charismatic renewal” and was involved in the founding of CBN, Trinity Broadcasting Network and 100 Huntley Street in Canada. He is survived by his wife, Genevieve; his four children and five grandchildren.