

Billy Graham Among Most Admired 56th Time

For the 56th time since 1955, Billy Graham has made the USA Today/Gallup Top 10 list of Most Admired Men in the World.

Mr. Graham tied for third in this year's voting, along with presidential candidate Mitt Romney, former President George W. Bush and Pope Benedict XVI. President Obama topped the list, followed by Nelson Mandela.

According to Gallup, the survey began in 1946 and simply asks Americans an open-ended question to name, without prompting, the most admired person living in any part of the world. This year's survey took place Dec. 19-22.

The founder of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association in 1950, Mr. Graham was one of three in this year's Top 10 without ties to the U.S. government or politics.

After releasing his 30th book, *Nearing Home*, in October of 2011, Mr. Graham is currently working on his 31st book, expected to be released this year.

He also has a burning passion to reach this country for Christ and is championing *My Hope with Billy Graham*, a nationwide outreach to be held in November 2013, in conjunction with his 95th birthday on Nov. 7. Find out more about how to get involved with *My Hope*.

"Only the Gospel, God's Good News, has the power to change lives, heal hearts, and restore a nation," Mr. Graham wrote in a recent letter. "It is my passionate, heartfelt desire to see God change hearts and lives in every community in America, and I pray He will stir the same desire in you."

Mr. Graham, who has proclaimed the Gospel in 185 countries to

nearly 215 million people, stands alone in number of years in Gallup's Top 10. Second to his 56 years is Ronald Reagan (31 times), Pope John Paul II (27 times) and former President Jimmy Carter (27 times).

Most Top 10 Finishes for Most Admired Man

1. Billy Graham (56)
2. Ronald Reagan (31)
3. Pope John Paul II (27)
4. Jimmy Carter (27)
5. Dwight Eisenhower (21)
6. Richard Nixon (21)
7. Bill Clinton (21)
8. Harry Truman (20)
9. Nelson Mandela (20)
10. George H.W. Bush (20)

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