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Champion of the World

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DAVID BUSSAU: ...I know that whatever I dream will come to pass. And it frightens me sometimes, to the point where I don't want to dream, because I think anything is accomplishable...

REV DR SAMUEL, Mission Study Centre, Oxford: ...His significant contribution globally is that he highlighted not social or government solutions to poverty - those are all important - but the importance of enterprise solutions to poverty and, more particularly, enabling the church, which works a lot among poor people, to accept the enterprise solution to poverty...

DAVID BUSSAU: ...Then your values start changing once you have access to too much money. And so I was starting to question whether I was making a contribution to society or whether I was just building my own kingdom.

DAVID BUSSAU: God had created me to be an entrepreneur, and I realised that the best thing that I had to contribute to society was those entrepreneurial skills. The problem is that the poor have never had the assets to be able to go to the commercial sources of finance and, in fact, they don't even have the sandals on their feet to be able to get into the door of the bank.

DAVID BUSSAU: The only criteria that we have for a person to access a loan is that they come to us with a business plan. We expect that the business plan would have a dimension of expansion so that they would repay the loan and want to come back and get a repeat loan, a larger loan, so that they would grow that enterprise. Our goal is the community and to create employment in the community. The other aspect which is important is that we support every client that we provide capital to with training.

ANDREW TYNDALE, Opportunity International: Last year, in the year 2000, we created 360,000 permanent jobs, and the year before that it was 260,000 permanent jobs...In the last two years alone, Opportunity has probably taken 3.5 million people out of poverty on a permanent basis...

DAVID BUSSAU: ...I think often God uses the simple to confound the clever.

ANDREW TYNDALE: He's a unique individual who has impacted, and will continue to impact, far more than political leaders, far more than strong men, people who are seeking their own fame and fortune. I would say that maybe five million people have benefited on a permanent basis from his ideas and commitment and input. And the job's not finished. He's still running 100 miles an hour, and he's still out there doing it.

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