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It helps now and then to step back and take the long view  
The Kingdom is not only beyond our efforts,  
It is even beyond our vision.

We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction  
of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work.  
Nothing we do is complete, which is another way of saying  
That the Kingdom always lies beyond us.  
No statement says all that could be said.  
No prayer fully expresses our faith.

No confession brings perfection.  
No pastoral visit brings wholeness.  
No programme accomplishes the church's mission.  
No set of goals and objectives includes everything.

This is what we are about.  
We plant the seeds that one day will grow.  
We water seeds already planted,  
Knowing that they hold future promise.  
We lay foundations that will need further promise.  
We lay foundations that will need further development.  
We provide yeast that produces effects  
Far beyond our capabilities.

We cannot do everything and there  
is a liberation in realising that.  
This enables us to do something, and to do it well.  
It may be incomplete, a step along the way.  
An opportunity for the Lord's grace  
To enter and do the rest.

We may never see the end results,  
but that is the difference between  
the master builder and the worker.  
We are workers, not master builders,  
Ministers, not messiahs.  
We are prophets of a future not our own.