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## **“Billy Graham: God’s Ambassador” to air on PBS 45 & 49**

KENT, Ohio — April 26, 2006 — PBS 45 & 49 presents “Billy Graham: God’s Ambassador,” a new one-hour television special that will air on Sunday, May 14 at 10 p.m. The special features rare archival footage of Graham’s early life, ministry and worldwide evangelistic efforts. Hosted and narrated by world-renowned journalist Sir David Frost, this special also presents interview footage with President George W. Bush, NBC news anchor Brian Williams and others.

Billy Graham Evangelistic Association opened its storied archives to allow Gaither Film Productions to document the extraordinary life and ministry of Billy Graham. “Billy Graham: God’s Ambassador” is the only video biography of Graham authorized by his evangelical association. Award-winning producer/director Michael Merriman spent more than five years delving into the Billy Graham Archives at Wheaton College as well as crisscrossing the country conducting interviews with Graham’s family, friends and associates.

For the past 60 years, Billy Graham has preached the Gospel to more people in live audiences than anyone in history — over 210 million people in more than 185 countries and territories. He has been a confidant and counselor to every U.S. president in the past 40 years as well as to kings, prime ministers and leaders throughout the world. He is regularly listed as one of the 10 most admired men in the world. Although he has graced the covers of magazines the world over, he has always preferred that the spotlight focus on Jesus Christ.

“I hope this documentary reminds people of the significant contributions Billy Graham made to the cause of human civil rights and to the downfall of communism around the globe, but what is most remarkable is that this man and his ministry have profoundly changed millions of lives throughout the world, regardless of language or culture,” said gospel music pioneer Bill Gaither, who for several decades has had a friendship with Graham. “God has seldom had a more effective instrument than Billy Graham in spreading his love and forgiveness and in preparing the hearts of thousands of believers around the world to reach their own people for Christ.”

### **About PBS 45 & 49**

PBS 45 & 49 is owned and operated by Northeastern Educational Television of Ohio, Inc., a private, nonprofit corporation. A trusted community resource, PBS 45 & 49 uses the power of non-commercial television and related services to enrich the lives of people through high-quality programming and educational services that teach, illuminate and inspire.

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