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Just as this issue of Discovery was going to press, we learned of the sudden passing of our beloved Board Emeritus, Gordon Haresign. Gordon faithfully served on the SU-USA Board for over a decade, finishing his service to the Board as Chair this past October. We grieve his loss with us, but rejoice with him that he is now in the presence of Jesus. Gordon was surely a servant of His like Muriel (see Final Note) who loved God’s Word and lived it out in the world. We honor him and dedicate this issue to his memory.