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BY KEITH R. KEYSER

Thanksgiving's Missionary Force

In surveying his missionary labors and the accompanying sufferings, Paul declared, "For all things are for your sakes, that grace, having spread through the many, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God."¹ One writer describes thankfulness as "theology in microcosm—a key to understanding what we really believe about God, ourselves, and the world we experience."² The act of giving thanks reveals one's thought life and attitude toward the Almighty. Mankind's great descent into violence and immorality began with denying God His proper place and refusing Him due gratitude.³ As another writes, "Thankfulness is the joyful, humble response of a heart that has been transformed by grace."⁴ Paul never got over the wonder of the Lord's grace; as a result, it motivated him to do great things for his Savior. Divine grace is a circle that, through thankfulness, moved the apostle to sacrificial service for others, who, in turn, thanked God for the grace that they received. Grace impels every believer to participate—directly or indirectly—in the global building of Christ's church. For some, this means going; for others, it means giving; but for all, it means praying so that God may be glorified.

Praise Him for all that is past

The believers' chain of thanksgiving extends back to eternity past when God purposed to send His Son into the world to save us.⁵ It continues with the apostles and prophets who laid the foundation of the church.⁶ It progresses to the early saints who bore witness of their faith in Christ by suffering persecution, even unto death in many cases. It goes on to encompass the early missionaries—Columba, Patrick, and the like—who took the Gospel farther and farther away. Faithful translators like John Wycliffe, William Tyndale, Casiodoro de Reina, Cipriano de Valera, William Carey, Henry Martyn, and many others also merit

our thanks. We owe a debt of loving gratitude to the missionary-explorers, like Groves, Livingstone, Arnot, Crawford, and Zwemer, who left everything to carry the Gospel to unopened lands.

In North America, believers are indebted to church planters and Bible teachers like Donald Munro, Donald Ross, Alexander Marshall, F. W. Grant, Samuel Ridout, T. D. W. Muir, and J. J. Rouse. Later generations benefited from the pioneer evangelism of Lester Wilson, H. G. Mackay, Welcome Detweiler, John Bramhall, and Gordon Reager. Our spiritual heritage has also been enriched by missionaries who settled in Canada and the United States after fruitful ministries abroad; their experience and spiritual insight have been invaluable to assemblies on the home front.

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Trust Him for all that's to come

In light of "the indescribable gift" that God has given us in Christ (2 Corinthians 9:15), our thankfulness ought to be demonstrated in prayer and praise.⁷ Moreover, Romans teaches that the Gospel's divine mercies require us to present ourselves as "living sacrifices," which means we are available for the Lord's use however and wherever He desires.⁸ Our Savior's love moved former generations to, as William Carey stated, "expect great things from God; attempt great things for God." Is He calling me to go abroad? Or does He call me to build His work at home? If I stay, how can I help those that He sends to the foreign field? The answers depend on divine leading in accordance with the time and material resources entrusted to our care. But surely thankfulness impels every believer to be involved in God's global work. ■

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¹ 2 Corinthians 4:15; ² R. Albert Mohler, Jr., "They Did Not Honor Him or Give Thanks—Why Thanksgiving is Inescapably Theological," November 24, 2015. www.AlbertMohler.com/2015/11/23/they-did-not-honor-him-or-give-thanks-why-thanksgiving-is-inescapably-theological; ³ Romans 1:21; ⁴ Joe Thorn, *Note to Self: The Discipline of Preaching to Yourself* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Books, 2011), 44; ⁵ 1 Peter 1:20; ⁶ Ephesians 2:20; ⁷ H. A. Ironside, "Oct. 24," in *The Continual Burnt Offering: Daily Meditations on the Word of God* (Neptune, NJ: Loizeaux Brothers, 1994), 302.; ⁸ Romans 12:1–2

Hope for Broken Hearts

A HOME FOR ABANDONED WOMEN
AND CHILDREN IN THE PHILIPPINES

by Sharon Agnew

As a child, when Connie's father passed away, she and her four siblings were left in the care of their grandmother while her mother worked in Manila to support them. A few years later, Connie's mom also passed away due to cancer. While still in her 20s and single, Connie became pregnant. With no relatives willing to help her, she was forced to put her baby, James, into a children's shelter while she returned to work. She faithfully visited him every Sunday but stopped this routine after six months, knowing that since she was still unable to support him on her own, she would be asked to sign papers for adoption.

When I first came to the Philippines in 1990 to teach at Faith Academy, a school in Manila for missionary children, I had no idea that the Lord would eventually lead me to minister to women and children in situations like Connie's. Feeling led to work more directly with Filipinos, I resigned after five years of teaching and became involved with women and children's ministries in the assembly where I fellowshiped. At the same time, I was able to take a Christian counseling course at a seminary and start language study. After two years, I saw that the local believers were ready to take over the church ministry, so I began praying about what the Lord had in mind for me next.

THE BEGINNING

One day, I was talking with a missionary friend who managed a home for abandoned babies and children, and she shared with me her concern for single mothers who are forced to surrender their children because they lack family support or the means to care for them on their own. Then the Lord started to lay on my heart the idea of having a temporary shelter to help these women keep their children. I began to pray and seek advice from others. Several months later, after having received confirmation, I rented a house for the shelter and welcomed

Connie and her son as the first mother and child in the home. She was able to continue her work, and, after a year, she was able to rent her own place. We continued to help by providing day care for James. Now, he is 20 years old.



Through the help of Shepherd's Home, mothers can see their children graduate high school, just as Connie and James did.

OUR HOME

Shortly after a friend suggested "Shepherd's Home" as a name for the shelter, I read Isaiah 40:11 which confirmed the name and became an ongoing encouragement, as well as a challenge, in ministering to those that come under our care:

He tends His flock like a shepherd;
He gathers the lambs in His arms
and carries them close to His heart;
He gently leads those that have young.

Our mission is to show God's love in a practical way by offering pregnant and single mothers and their children temporary support and shelter, like Connie's story. While these women live in the home, we care for their spiritual, physical, and emotional needs, which often result from abandonment, interpersonal relationships, or struggles with parenting, homemaking, and budgeting. We seek to help them take advantage of opportu-

From left: Moms receive spiritual guidance and encouragement at Shepherd's Home; Shepherd's Home loves seeing proud mamas of newborn babies, many of whom are born at the nearby birthing center; The outside of Shepherd's Home.



nities to further their education and their livelihood projects or employment so that they can become self-supporting. Above all, we want to present Christ as the ultimate Good Shepherd who loves them unconditionally and promises to meet all their needs. While some of the women come as believers who are open to spiritual restoration, we have the joy of seeing many others trust in Jesus as their Savior. We also have the privilege of helping them grow in their faith, as well as their relationship with the Lord, through Bible studies, one-on-one discipleship, and involvement in a nearby assembly.

In 2012, after being forced to leave the original house we rented, we were grateful for the Lord's provision of funds through Christian Missions in the Philippines Inc. for purchasing a house. At any time, we can ideally accommodate six mothers with children. The length of their stay with us depends on their individual situation and needs. Some are able to reconcile and return to their families, while others, like Connie, are able to work to support themselves. We are thankful to be located beside a medical-missions clinic; it has been extremely helpful in meeting the health needs of the mothers, children, and staff. We are also within walking distance from a missionary-run birthing center where pregnant ladies receive excellent prenatal care and a comfortable place to give birth. This loving center is quite a contrast to the overcrowded, impersonal public hospitals. For example, due to a medical issue, one of our ladies had to give birth in a hospital while sharing a bed with two other ladies.

women process and work through some of their personal issues. I often recall the words of my friend who planted the need for this ministry, "Be prepared to mother the mothers." We certainly rely on the Lord for wisdom in providing the emotional and spiritual healing needed.

THE CHILDREN

The Lord has also brought to us some women who have children with special needs that require constant care. Angie, who was born prematurely, came to us from a hospital with her mom when she was three months old. Brain damage resulted in extensive cerebral palsy that requires total care even now at age 17. Her mother works shifts at a children's home and comes to be with and help care for Angie on days off. Meica came to us suffering from congenital rubella syndrome, which left her with profound deafness, impaired eyesight, and a serious heart defect. Presently, she is living with family in the province.

We were also able to love and provide medical care for Rex-ton, who came to us with a rare disease, osteogenesis imperfecta, that left him severely deformed and disabled from multiple bone fractures. For six years, we cared for him until the Lord took him home during a severe case of pneumonia last year, just before his 10th birthday. We were comforted in knowing that everyone at Shepherd's Home loved and cared for him, and, now, he is enjoying heaven without pain and suffering. Presently, we are providing shelter and help for a young mother whose three-year-old daughter shows significant developmental delay, having just started to walk and say a few words. Her slow development is likely the result of brain damage, possibly at birth, that has not been officially determined yet. Both she and Angie receive physical therapy at a children's hospital twice a week.

Leisurely afternoon walks are times when mothers and staff can connect with one another.



THE WOMEN

Women are referred to us by friends, acquaintances, birthing centers, and government social-service agencies. They have come from a variety of backgrounds, including poverty, broken families, rejection, and often disturbing physical, emotional, and sexual abuse. Over the years, counselors have helped the

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY

We keep in touch with many who have left Shepherd's Home but remain part of our extended family. They often join us for special celebrations, Bible study and sharing times, and kids' club and youth fellowship, all of which provide continued encouragement and support. Life is particularly difficult for those who still do not have family support and are raising their children on their own. Most mothers in contact with the home receive salaries that are inadequate to meet their basic needs. So, a sponsorship program has been developed to offer these women some financial assistance, which can help offset the

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cost of rent, schooling, and medical needs for their children. Four of the older children receive sponsorship funds to attend Lyncrest Christian Academy, a ministry of our assembly, Hillcrest Christian Church, and Shepherd's Home provides day care for young children who live nearby.

in your name. Soften our hearts to love others as freely and graciously as you have loved us. Let us be your hand extended.¹ ■

Top: Children participate in vacation Bible school and receive awards for their hard work.



Bottom (L-R): Kids with special needs, like Angie, receive therapy from child care workers and therapists who work alongside Shepherd's Home; At the home, children play with one another, and all are excited when new toys arrive from friends around the world, like those in Canada.



Sharon Agnew was commended in 1992 by Shoreacres Bible Chapel in Burlington, Ontario.

Points for Prayer and Praise

Please pray for . . .

1. Consistent, practical presentations of the Gospel.
2. Healing for those with deep emotional scars.
3. Wisdom in promoting unity in the home and in resolving the conflicts that arise.
4. Reconciliation with families where possible and employment opportunities for mothers needing to work to become self-supportive.
5. Decisions that must be made in more difficult situations, particularly where surrender for adoption needs to be considered.
6. Continuous wisdom and encouragement for our Filipino workers.
7. The youth who were in the home as babies as they face challenges and temptations in their walks with the Lord.

Praise God for . . .

1. The many who have been open to their spiritual needs, making professions of faith in Christ.
2. Our prayer warriors and the Lord's faithful provision of practical support through His people in operating the home.

THE STAFF

Shepherd's Home would not be possible without our faithful, capable Filipino staff. They manage the physical maintenance of the home, schedule and complete household tasks, care for the children when mothers are busy or working, and drive to various locations as needs arise. We also employ a secretary, a counselor, and a social worker part time. I thank the Lord for their significant part in ministering to those who come under our care.

As we look to the future of Shepherd's Home, we are thankful for the possibility of coworkers and seek the Lord's will for eventual transition of leadership in taking over the administration of the ministry. Our ongoing goal is best expressed through the following prayer in Max Lucado's devotional book *Live Loved*:

Lord, we are surrounded by hurting people who have no hope. They are miserable and lost without your mercy . . . May our hearts be broken with the things that break your heart . . . teach us to touch desperate lives with works done

¹Max Lucado. *Live Loved*. Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 2011, 85.



Home with the Lord

John Edward Ferwerda

May 20, 1930 – April 14, 2017 • Missionary to the Middle East

Our dad, John Edward Ferwerda, went home to be with the Lord while eating lunch at his home in Idaho on April 14, 2017, after having served faithfully for more than 56 years in the Middle East. The youngest of seven children, Dad was born in Connecticut on May 20, 1930, to a Presbyterian minister, Floris, and his wife; however, he grew up in Ardmore, Pennsylvania. From a young age, Dad sang beautifully and played the piano skillfully, so he attended St. Peter's Choir School. He considered becoming a composer, but later, he decided to study history at Wesleyan University. Upon graduation, he served as a chaplain's assistant for two years in the Air Force.

Although his parents were believers, Dad went on his own journey in search of the truth and came to know the Lord in Texas, at which point he had a strong calling to missionary service. Dad went to Lebanon in 1954 and majored in Arab Studies at the American University of Beirut, while also discipling young men with the Navigators. During this time, Dad met Marian Gailbreath Lopstson and her husband, Mel. Soon after, Mel died in an airplane crash. Marian left Lebanon, but Dad felt the Lord telling him to marry her. So, Dad married Marian, our mom, and adopted her two sons, Paul and David.

In 1961, Dad received his Master of Divinity degree from Fuller Seminary. A chapel in Louisville, Kentucky, commended Dad and Mom at this time and, some years later, Village Bible Chapel in Framingham, Massachusetts, also commended them. Dad and Mom studied Arabic and served the Lord in Jordan from 1962 to 1964, and their daughter, Ruth Anne, was born in 1963. They moved to Lebanon where Dad became the director of Operation Mobilization Arab World Team (1964–1977), a training organization for young missionaries. Many of those trained went on to serve all over the world. Shortly after Steve was born in 1966, the family moved from Beirut to East Jerusalem.

After losing their home in the Six-Day War in 1967, they returned to Lebanon, and in 1970, Dad started a book company. Well-known Christian books were translated into Arabic and distributed throughout the Middle East and North Africa. In

1971, Dad helped spearhead the project of translating the Living Bible into Arabic and was the Middle East director of Living Bibles International from 1972 to 1976. Around the time of the Lebanese Civil War, he and several others formed Middle East Media, an organization involved in publishing and video production.

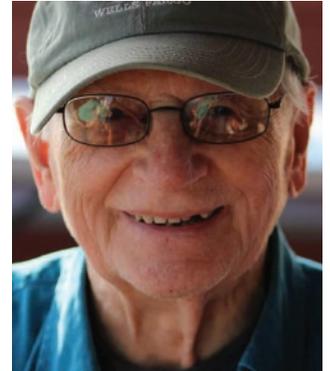
The team evacuated to Egypt in 1976, and the family stayed there until 1977, then returning to Lebanon where Dad started a ministry called Middle East Publications. After more turmoil in Lebanon, he and Mom moved to Egypt in 1985 where they worked together until Mom passed away in 1999 in Lebanon where she was receiving treatment for cancer. Dad worked in Egypt until 2010 when he moved to Beirut for three years. Then, in 2013, Dad moved with Ruth Anne and her daughters to live with Steve in Northern Idaho.

Dad was always thinking of new projects and ways of doing things. He and Mom served under difficult circumstances in the Middle East, but they never gave up their hope or purpose. Dad was friendly, generous, gentle, and passionate about reaching the lost. One of his favorite books was *Like Christ* by Andrew Murray, and he particularly appreciated the following passage:

The spirit which will enable one to live such a life of loving service can be learned from Jesus alone. . . . For love nothing is too hard. Love never speaks of sacrifice. To bless the loved one, however unworthy, it willingly gives up all. It was love made Jesus a servant. It is love alone will make the servant's place and work such blessedness to us, that we shall persevere in it at all costs.

Although Dad suffered from dementia in his final days, he still loved to read and would spend hours looking through old CMML handbooks. He also could be heard in the middle of the night breaking out into song, praising the Lord.

Paul, David, Ruth Anne, and Steve



MK Corner

MISSIONS Magazine Chats With Missionary Kids

Interview with the Rogers siblings—Day 24, Ecuador

BY SARAH DUNLAP

Recently, we had the chance to sit down with Andy and Carolyn Rogers to discuss life on the mission field in Ecuador. Having been born and raised in Ecuador, the siblings consider themselves Ecuadorians with American roots. In fact, being on furlough feels more like vacation to Andy and Carolyn since Ecuador is their home. Because the longest they have ever been in the US is four months, they find it difficult to compare life in Ecuador to life in the States. Please pray for the Rogers siblings as they continue growing up in Ecuador and begin to consider college and their futures.

Do you enjoy being on furlough in the US? Or do you miss Ecuador?

Andy: Going to the States is like going on vacation. It's not home, but it is fun [and] interesting. You get to see family and friends.

When someone asks you where you're from, what do you say?

Carolyn: Ecuador. Because we were both born there.

Can you tell me about the area where you live in Ecuador? Is it city or rural?

Carolyn: It's kind of in between. We live about 45 minutes to a half-hour, depending on traffic, from the city. We live near to the institute where my parents teach.

Do you speak Spanish?

Andy: Yes, we both speak Spanish.

Carolyn: The only people we speak English with is ourselves or our grandparents.

Do you help with your parents' ministry in Ecuador?

Carolyn: I cook Ecuadorian meals at our church on Thursdays.

Andy: We have prayer meetings on Thursdays, and we have a dinner afterward, so that's what she cooks for.

Carolyn: Sometimes I'll help serve the snacks at my dad's class.

Andy: I help with odd things here and there, but nothing regularly.



Andy (17) and Carolyn (13)



What activities or hobbies are you involved in?

Carolyn: One thing a lot of people do in Ecuador is soccer, but both of us kind of stink at it!

Any favorite Ecuadorian foods?

Carolyn: Mine is seco de pollo. It's chicken with a tomato-based sauce and rice.

Andy: I like churrasco, which is just a slab of beef, and usually it has a fried egg on top, and as any Ecuadorian food that's not soup, it comes with rice. I also like cuy but that's more of a specialty food. That's guinea pig!

Do you celebrate holidays differently in Ecuador?

Carolyn: For Thanksgiving, nobody [in Ecuador] celebrates it, but we usually go to the beach. So, we usually have the beach to ourselves because no one else is on vacation.

What's the best part about being a missionary kid?

Carolyn: It's fun because you get to see a lot of different cultures and places.

Any difficult parts to being a missionary kid?

Carolyn: It's sometimes hard for me to make friends when there aren't other English-speaking girls my age.

Any ideas of what you want to do when you're older, and where you would want to live?

Andy: That's a doozy! I'm not certain, but I have thought about going back to Ecuador. I think I would enjoy it.

Carolyn: I'm planning to go to at least one year of Bible college at Emmaus. After that, I don't really know.

Any prayer requests?

Andy: I'm going into my senior year of high school, which means I have to start thinking about college. I'm pretty sure I've picked one out; [I'm thinking of] Emmaus Bible College. ■

European Christian Workers' Conference

40 YEARS OF ENCOURAGEMENT AND RENEWAL

BY PHILIP C. PARSONS



For 40 years, assembly commended workers throughout Europe have set aside a week for spiritual enrichment, mental restoration, and physical well-being. More than 100 workers and their families from many parts of Europe assembled in a quiet suburb of Annecy, France, to continue this well-loved tradition, which was started in 1978 by veteran missionaries Richard and Marina Haverkamp (MPH Day 11, Belgium) and Joe and Lois Black (Lois, MPH Day 12, France). This year's retreat was a time of refreshment, renewal, rest, and encouragement.

Ministry

Mary and Phil Parsons of CMML led the morning prayer times. Mary focused on aspects of "joy" while Phil seized the opportunity to identify significant elements of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation and the impact it has had on Christianity.

Music and worship was led by Pablo Calderon and Daniel and Georgiana Eakins (MPH Day 15, Romania). Together, they form the music ministry group The Ineloquent, a ministry begun in the United States and now having an impact for Christ in Romania.

Dr. Ian Burness, former general director of Echoes of Service and missionary physician in Zambia, presented nine teaching sessions highlighting the issues, challenges, failures, and victories in Christian service. A close examination of some of God's servants found in Scripture helped each attendee to better understand God's purposes in service today. Ian critically analyzed servants such as David, Elijah, Hosea, Habakkuk, and Paul by giving a detailed synopsis of their backgrounds, their time of service, the immense challenges they faced, and the victory that was theirs because of faith and obedience.

Dr. Paul Rabideau, a counselor, gave a two-part series on

burnout. By integrating clinical research (always changing) with biblical truth (never changing), Paul skillfully balanced the warning signs of burnout with coping strategies that can help prevent it. Later, a small group meeting gave ample time for others to share their experiences.

Other seminars included a review of research done by Ian Burness on pioneer assembly missionary Fredrick Stanley Annot, a quick but comprehensive historical summary of the Reformation by Dr. Tom Marinello (MPH Day 15, Netherlands), and a helpful seminar on finances and retirement by Kevin Shantz from MSC.

Activities

The afternoons were deliberately kept free so that families could spend time together and enjoy the variety of activities available. Kathy M. (MPH Day 13, Ireland) organized special outings in the local area that included a visit to the quaint city of Annecy and a walk to a nearby village. For experienced hikers, Matt Glock and David V. (MPH Day 12, France) led a trek through the mountains and valley surrounding the retreat site, while Tom Marinello led the annual hike that culminated in a stunning view of Lake Annecy. Dr. John Shields (Canada), making his last of 16 trips to the conference, joyfully gave of his afternoons to meet the steady demands of those needing chiropractic adjustments.

Children's program

A critical but foundational component for the conference is the carefully prepared program for children. Each morning Judy Gallagher (CMML volunteer) and Amelia Markey (Mountain Ridge Bible Chapel, New Jersey) presented powerful stories



Opposite page: More than 100 missionaries and children gathered for the 40th European Christian Workers' Conference. **This page: (top, L-R)** *Judy Gallagher and her students enjoyed learning more about God together; *Like all children, MKs enjoy having fun with one another; Missionary grandparents, like Mariana and John Dobrovat, appreciate extra time with their grandchildren; **(middle, L-R)** Ian Burness led practical lessons meant to encourage and challenge each worker; *Missionaries enjoyed the local natural beauty, especially Lake Annecy surrounded by the French Alps; **(bottom)** A highlight of each meeting, the music and worship times were led by The Ineloquent.

from God's Word on how the King of kings revealed Himself on mountains. The beauty of the French Alps visually enhanced the revelation of Himself on Mount Ararat, Moriah, Carmel, and the Mount of Olives. During the evening sessions, age-appropriate videos were shown featuring the life stories of Martin Luther, John Wesley, Corrie Ten Boom, Amy Carmichael, John Bunyan, and Augustine.

Sharing times

For the adults, the evening sessions provided time to hear reports and to pray for the work as each shared. John and Mariana Dobrovat (MPH Day 15, Romania) felt blessed by these times: "This is our second year attending the conference. We heard absolutely encouraging reports from humble missionaries who took no credit for their hard work and gave all the glory and honor to God. We also heard not so encouraging reports from missionaries who gave up everything, put in a lot of work, but things didn't work out that well. It was beautiful to see them being surrounded with love, prayers, and support from the rest of the group. The reports drew us closer to each other, helped us learn from one another's experiences, and gave us specific reasons to pray for one another until we meet again."

Blessing

Many arrived tired but returned to their ministries rested, energized, and committed to love and serve those to whom God has called them. David and Rachel V. (Day 12, France) shared, "The conference was influential in God's calling us to France. In 2012 we started out our summer with MOP (Missionary Orientation Program), then shortly after left for two months of service in France and ended our summer at the conference in

Annecy. It was there that we met many of the missionaries from Grenoble who told us about the FEU university student ministry where we now serve. The conference has been a highlight of the past three summers that we've been serving in France full time now, and we look forward to many more years there!" ■

Philip Parsons oversees CMMML's assembly relations and missionary care.

Home with the Lord

Fred Terino

May 15, 1930 – March 29, 2017 • Missionary to Italy

Fred was born and reared in a household of eight children in Auburn, New York, during the post-depression era of the 1930s. Recalling his many feats, his brothers later described him as “curious and fearless!” As a youngster, Fred never backed down from a challenge—a trait that characterized his long life.

The defining moment of his journey came in his teens when he was rushed to the operating room with a ruptured appendix. He vowed that if God spared his life he would dedicate the rest of his days to His service. Shortly after, he enlisted in the US Army at age 17.

Fred was stationed in Alaska as a medic where he was introduced, as he would later recall, to the “fresh and exciting message of the Gospel.” His path became clear; he would spend his life proclaiming to others that there can be hope and redemption for all. With the aid of the GI Bill, Fred graduated from Prairie Bible Institute located in Alberta, Canada, and then from Columbia Bible College (now Columbia International University) in South Carolina.

He met his wife of more than 50 years, Jean Rebecca Plimpton, while pastoring a small New England church. Together, in the late 1950s, they founded the Northeastern Gospel Crusade, an organization that promoted a conservative approach to the Bible, and also the Bible Institute of New England where Fred served as president.

In 1964 Fred, Jean, and family voyaged to Italy where the couple lived for 50 years. They first settled in Perugia where they reared their six children and then relocated to Urbino. While remaining faithful to the pastoral calling, Fred continued his biblical studies at the seminary in Assisi and at the theological university in Urbino. He wrote three books. The recent reprinting of his theological books *Le Origini Bibbia e Mitologia* and *Chi Ha Scritto I “Cinque Libri Di Mose?”* is a testimony to his contributions to biblical studies. His books can be found in many Italian theological institutions, regardless of denomination.

Whether it was teaching Hebrew and Old Testament history to a small group or his weekly current issues conferences held

in a larger venue, Fred’s passion was interacting with university students. Fred and Jean’s home, or the “Casa Terino,” as it came to be known, became the welcoming center for college students from around the world.

For many years Fred and Jean endeavored tirelessly to bring their message to the people they came in contact with. Rarely has anyone witnessed such a harmony of purpose and dedication in any two people; they were inseparable. Their living testimony of love has left a lasting imprint on many people.

Their children fondly remember the centerpiece of our home’s unique furnishings: the pingpong table. Fred had a fun way of rattling their nerves with his quirky paddle movements—part of his winning strategy. Family Bible reading and prayer were a central part of their daily life, and music and books also occupied a prominent place in their home. All six children attended a music conservatory and were exhorted to perform for their guests, much to their father’s delight when such a request was honored. On many winter nights by the fireplace, they heard the tale of Frodo Baggins, of Toad from *The Wind in the Willows*, and the stories of Narnia read by Fred in his soft melodious voice. His fun-loving disposition was tempered by the serious nature of his vocation, but on the beaches of the Adriatic, on a long tour to Calabria, or on a mountaintop hike his children would revel in his contagious joy of just being together.

At age 86, he was a quiet man lost in the memories of his younger days, smiling with ease, capturing the hearts of those around him. He was the grandfather with the professorial white beard ready to sing “Praise the Savior” at anytime and anywhere. He was content in the simple pleasures of spending time with his family, never asking for anything, secure in the thought that in a new lightness of being, he would soon, once again, be embraced by his beloved Jean.



Daniel James Terino

May We Introduce

Whitney Landis

Serving in Mexico



At the age of seven, I sat listening to a missionary speak at our church. I was mesmerized. From that moment on, I knew that God was burdening my heart for cross-cultural work.

I was raised in a Christian home, and, convicted of sin at an early age, I trusted Jesus as my Savior. I grew spiritually through God's grace and the influence of different believers. In high school, I went on short-term missions trips to India, and, later, I went to Burundi. Through these trips, God confirmed my desire to serve Him overseas.

After high school, I attended Columbia International University where I graduated with my master's degree in teaching. I took a position teaching third grade in Columbia, South Carolina. Although there were difficulties in my first year of teaching, I learned to depend on God and His people in my weakness. I continued to pray that God would clearly show me where He would have me be.

In January 2017, I started applying for a variety of interna-

tional teaching jobs. I heard great reports about the Lincoln School in Guadalajara, Mexico, and after the application process, I was offered a position as a fourth-grade teacher, which I accepted.

The Lincoln School is an international Christian school that serves students of various nationalities. I arrived in Mexico during the first week of August, and, Lord willing, I will be in Guadalajara for two years. I am teaching English Language Arts to two fourth-grade classes, and the Lincoln School pays a stipend to cover the cost of living in Mexico. I am excited and nervous as I begin this new year, but I am thankful that I am not in this alone. I desperately need your prayers as I transition into this new ministry and country. ■

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