

Missionary Spotlight

Missionaries to Brazil - Don and Flo McMillan



Laborers Together

Don and Flo McMillan faithfully served for many years as missionaries to Northern Brazil just outside of Belem, the capital of the state of Para. Shirley and I had the privilege to work with them during our years in that area, and they were always ready to be a blessing to us and our ministry. Much has been done to evangelize Northern Brazil, but it is a vast area, and there are still multitudes of people in the lower Amazon that need the Gospel. May God encourage you as you read this brief account of their ministry. *...other men laboured, and ye are entered into their labours.* John 4:38

John Peoples
IBFI Mission Director

Ministry of Don & Flo McMillan

While members of Worth Baptist Church, we were called to be missionaries to the country of Brazil. In May of 1976, we graduated from Bible College and were approved as missionaries to Brazil in August the same year. After almost two years of deputation, we had our support raised and arrived in Brazil in June of 1978 to start our thirty-year ministry there.

Our first year in Brazil was language school. During this time, we started our first church, Calvary Baptist Church in Santa Isabel do Para. During the next few years, as the church was growing, we helped in three other churches where either the missionary that started it was on furlough or the church had no leadership and was about to close.

The church in Santa Isabel continued to do well and called a Brazilian pastor. We started a new work in a town about 15 miles away. In less than a year, that pastor decided to return to the state of Sao Paulo to continue his seminary studies there. He took with him the only capable leader. At this time, the new work had about twenty people but no building. We knew we needed to return to Santa Isabel. Another missionary offered to take the new work and we agreed. This work was later

organized into a church. They built a nice building and continue to this day.

During the following years, I helped in a seminary with other missionaries and later started a Bible institute in Santa Isabel with classes two nights per week.

The Lord made it possible to buy land with buildings and to build more buildings for a youth camp. This venture was joined in by other missionaries, and they are doing a good work.

Two of our churches, Calvary Baptist and Bethel Baptist, are at present starting new churches. Since we left Brazil, I have prepared several hundred sermons and lessons for workers there. Please pray for these works in Brazil. They have been such a great part of our lives.

After retiring as missionaries to Brazil, we joined the Shenandoah Baptist Church in Cleveland, Tennessee, and are now working in various ministries: (1) teaching a Sunday school class for adults with special needs, (2) Helping Hands Ministry with the sick, elderly and shut-ins, (3) preaching in a nursing home twice each month, (4) serving in the nursery (Flo), (5) helping in the Rock of Ages Prison Ministry Discipleship Institute by grading lessons.



A Word From The President

Dr. Jerry Siler

MARK THE DATE

I was thinking yesterday about how important it is to have a watch and a calendar. I was leaving for our teen camp and realized that my cell phone would not be practical to carry all day at camp, and I would need a reliable watch. I found four watches in my office at home, but all of them needed a battery. One of my good men at church, Morgan Diedrich, offered to let me use his watch and get a new battery for mine while I was at camp. This plan worked great...except that I broke his watchband! He was very forgiving, and I appreciated having a timepiece on me at camp.

Another important item for us to have is a calendar. Many folks, more computer savvy than I, use their laptop or even their phone to keep up with dates and appointments. This type of instant knowledge and

information leaves me way behind. I have never sent an e-mail, never taken money from an ATM, never taken a picture with my cell phone, never paid a bill online, and never bought or sold on Ebay. I do not file my taxes electronically. I do not do on-line banking. I don't own an iPod. I've never downloaded anything. I don't Skype, nor type. I'm a mess...please pray for me!!

On a positive note, I did do a Google search for the first time a couple of months ago. It was actually May 13, 2011. I marked it on my calendar, right there on my home office calendar. I had already noted my wife's birthday, our anniversary, and my kids' and grandkids' birthdays. Memorial Day, Labor Day, Sweetest Day, Easter, Valentine's Day, President's Day, Father's Day, Mother's Day, and Veteran's Day were all marked. With God as my witness, October 27 is listed as Cranky Co-Worker's Day on this calendar!

Some of the marked days on my calendar have certificates to validate them. My birth certificate, our marriage certificate, a copy of our children's birth certificates are all proof of the days that these events

had occurred. As I was looking at that calendar yesterday, I realized that some of the most important days in my life were not listed. The day I got saved was not remembered on the calendar. It was the most important day of my life!! I put a star on my office calendar marking July 17 to remind me never to forget that summer in 1959 when I received Jesus Christ as my Lord and Saviour.

We can mark the day of our birth, our marriage, our graduation, our salvation, our baptism, our call to His service, and many other notable days in our life. We will not be able to mark the day of our death. Someone else will have to mark that for us. As a child of God, however, a very special verse, Ecclesiastes 7:1, reminds us that the day of our death will be better than the day of our birth.

I ask you to mark on your calendar the dates of October 11-13, 2011, and plan to be with us for our fall meeting at Faith Baptist Church in Dearborn Heights, Michigan. The date will be easy to remember. It is sixteen days before Cranky Co-worker's day!

Praying to see you there!

NEWS & EVENTS

IBF of Texas & The Great Southwest

Sept. 12-13
Lighthouse Baptist Church, Grand Prairie, TX, Pastor David Grice (Host)

IBFI Fall Fellowship

Dearborn Heights, MI Oct 11-13, 2011
Faith Baptist Church, Pastor Barry Bedwell

Crown Southwest

Opening Rally on Campus, Sept. 2, 7pm
Classes Begin Sept. 7, 2011

Fort Worth School of the Bible

Starts Sept. 12, 7pm Southwest
Registration begins at 6:15pm

What A Wonderful...



Dr. Daniel D. Knickerbocker
Director of CSW/NS

SAVIOR- I remember the call for salvation in my life. As boy I heard an evangelist preach at our church in Cortland, New York. He spoke on the subject of Hell. It scared me and I went forward, but no one dealt with me. I returned to my seat lost, thinking because I went forward I was saved. At age 14, my father told me he did not see any indication that I was saved. I thought for a moment and I agreed. Later I got my Bible and led myself to Christ. I told my father and he said, "We'll see." He wanted to see

evidence I was saved. Is there evidence to prove that you are saved?

SURRENDER- I wanted to work for the New York State Police, drive fast, carry a gun, and pull people over. God, however, arranged for me to go to a preacher's meeting in Springfield, Missouri. At the end of the week God said, "You're driving down the road of your life, and you have come to a Y. If you take a left, you'll be a state trooper and be miserable, but if you take a right turn you'll be a preacher and be happy." I started to cry knowing God wanted me to take a right turn. This was one of the greatest decisions of my life. I surrendered!

SUPPLY- God has given me the joy of pastoring a church for 23 years, being in full-time evangelism for seven years, and

upon his entrance, the people grew silent. No one moved.

Norris spoke softly at first. Everyone leaned forward in the pews, straining to hear his words. Sixty-three years later, I can still remember that sermon. Norris was preaching on the evils of sin.

Before the message ended, I could smell the acrid smoke and feel the burning coals of Hell. I could see sinners who had rejected God's love twisting in agony and I could hear them moaning in pain and desolation. When Dr. Norris gave the invitation, the aisles filled instantly with men and women, boys and girls, all weeping, all moving forward to pledge their lives to Christ.

I was sixteen. I didn't cry in public in those days, at least not very often, but after J. Frank Norris preached, as the organ played and the choir sang the invitation, I stood there and cried like a baby.

"We Need Him Now!"

"We need him now" was Dr. Criswell's response to me when I mentioned Norris' name to him as we sat together at a

directing a Bible College for four years. What really excites me is seeing God call young people to surrender to the Gospel ministry, train in our Bible College, and then go into full-time ministry. This is all God's supply!

Jesus said, *Pray ye therefore, the Lord of the harvest that he would send forth laborers into his harvest.*

Do you have a testimony of Salvation you can share? Have you surrendered to know God's will and then done it? Will you trust God to perform miracles in your life by reaching others? As we enter a new semester, Pastors, please challenge your young people to give God an opportunity to do some miracles in their lives.

luncheon in Dallas in 1980. Dr. Criswell went on to tell me a story he said "would be of interest" to me.

"One day," he said, "I stepped out of my office door, and down the hall I saw an older gentlemen waiting to see me. My secretary escorted him into my office, and to my surprise, it was Dr. J. Frank Norris. We greeted each other, and then he put his arm around my shoulder and said, 'Wally we went in different directions in our ministries, but I want you to know that I thank God for what He has done through you in the city of Dallas.'" Norris turned around and walked out the door. The next day he flew to Florida and died a few days later at a youth camp.

Continuing our luncheon conversation, I said to Dr. Criswell, "Dr. Criswell, you and I know that some of your colleges and seminaries are embracing liberalism. What will happen to them?" Patting me on the cheek like I was a baby, he said to me, "Brother Barber, their kind (liberals) will die; our kind (conservatives) will live."

Now you know what these three giants of the faith— J. Frank Norris, John R. Rice, and W. A. Criswell— have in common.

Fall Fellowship Lodging Information

- Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites Dearborn West - Dearborn 800-718-8466, 24555 Michigan Ave, Dearborn, MI 48124
- DoubleTree by Hilton Detroit - Dearborn - Dearborn 313-336-3340, 5801 Southfield, MI
- Residence Inn by Marriott Detroit Dearborn - Dearborn 866-539-0036, 5777 Southfield Fwy, Detroit, MI, 48228

- Courtyard by Marriott Dearborn - Dearborn 866-539-0036, 5200 Mercury Dr, Dearborn, MI, 48126

- Super 8 Romulus 734-946-8808, 9863 Middlebelt Road, Romulus, MI 48174

- Quality Inn and Suites Romulus 734-946-1400, 9555 Middlebelt Road, Romulus, MI 48174

- Best Western Gateway International 734-728-2800, 9191 Wick Road, Romulus, MI 48174