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Dr. Robert N. Lytle



Robert Lytle went to be with the Lord July 26th. Louise, his life long companion in the missionary journey, preceeded him there on November 24, 2009. The Lytles served as cross-cultural missionaries in South America and Dr. Lytle served as General Director of World Missions (now Global Partners) from 1972 to 1984. Dr. Wayne W. Wright wrote the following tribute for the memorial service held for Dr. Lytle at Indiana Wesleyan University Monday, August 1st.

“Working as Dr. Lytle’s assistant for twelve years was one of the greatest privileges of my life. Among the several people who have had significant impact on who I am and what I have done, he would be among the top few.

“There is one admonition he made to his missionaries long ago that still rings clearly in my mind. As he was emphasizing the importance of one’s personal life, he said, “Remember, the medium IS the message.” He wanted the missionaries to remember that who they were was in reality the display of their message. Dr. Lytle could say those words because that is what characterized the message of his life.

“That one comment epitomizes for me the true person of this man. It represents his intellectual grasp of Truth with a capital T and truth with a small t. He was wise in things of the Spirit and in the human.

“It also represented his integrity in living what he preached. He was unwavering in his commitment to what he believed regardless of who it involved. He was unflinching in his faithfulness to Policy and Principle. He did not believe in short cuts or a quick fix. He believed in building on strong foundations and not over-extending known resources. He was prudent in financial management.

“In terms of the day to day routines of administration and communications he was one of the world’s best proof readers – a skill he acquired from his English professor at Houghton. I still remember his correction of some of the common mistakes we all make.

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“As I have the privilege of being here today I represent many who could not. I represent the retired missionary family in Brooksville among whom Dr. and Mrs. Lytle’s influence still lives on. I would like to mention the names of the many who were blessed by his life, but I promised especially to bring loving condolences to family members by name from Paul and Nancy Swauger. Paul also served under Dr. Lytle for many years, and they had common family history as well.

“For several years I have been anticipating this day, and I am so very thankful for the opportunity given to me to express these thoughts about one who though now promoted to a better world, had a significant impact on this present world.

“In his personal relationships he urged me to just call him “Bob.” But for me, he will always be “Dr. Lytle.” That is not because of his insistence on status or degree, but because of my insistence in honoring him as “the medium of the Message.””

-- by Dr. Wayne W. Wright, General Director of Global Partners Emeritus.

A Global Partners' Minute

with Dr. Wilson



Recently I returned from a meeting with nearly all our personnel in Asia. It was the first such gathering held in our Asia Area where Dr. Romy Caringal is Area Director. It was a well-planned and successful retreat. Hopes are to have such a meeting annually, which is the model followed in other parts of the GP world. Thank you for praying for and supporting the tough work being done by our people. It is appreciated and they are worthy.



-- by Dr. H. C. Wilson, General Director GP

Voices of Hope Prison Ministry

In July, we took into the prison nine volunteers from a Wesleyan church in North Carolina. They provided music and a powerful drama. About 50 women watched as the drama team depicted the struggle for our souls that is being waged between Jesus and Satan. After discussion, an invitation was given. There was no hesitation as some 30 women stood to their feet. Such was the response that those who didn't understand Spanish thought we had asked everyone to please stand for prayer! The women know they have failed. They know it is a struggle to do right. They know they need help. And they are seeking it in the right place. Praise God!

One volunteer talked to the women about the power of the words they say to God, to themselves and to others. She encouraged them to say YES to God, to give up negative "self talk" and fill their minds with what God's Word says about them, and finally to give up gossip and negative talk about each other. We were very pleased that 34 women participated. We are now compiling for each woman all the positive comments that were made about her and will present them next week. Pray this will solidify in their hearts the truth they heard about their great value in God's eyes and the power of the words they speak.

Eulalia, an inmate, said, "I need help. I have a struggle just as big as witchcraft - unforgiveness. I do not want to go back to my old life, but I need help with this. Please come and talk to me." She, like many others, need individual help that we have not been able to give them. We can always use more women to visit in homes, counsel and disciple, so beg the Lord of the harvest to call them.

--by Tom & Lydia Hines, GP missionaries to Ecuador

Paramakatoi July 2011

Hurrah! The Patamuna New Testament has finally been typeset. The financial goal for printing was reached. Wycliffe sent the electronic copy to Korea to be printed and we turned our minds to other things.

Some time ago I dreamed about delivering a baby as a midwife. It was an easy birth but the afterbirth did not come and we waited a long time. I awoke and prayed. Lord help us to birth this NT and let the afterbirth come too so it will be over!

The typesetter formatted the Patamuna NT and I went through it and made hyphenation decisions. This turned out to be premature as the translators, Molly and Ruth, came to the city to read it through one more time to check for errors. To my surprise they found many changes they wanted to make to clear any misunderstanding or make it more natural speech or consistent. This was after reading it through many times at Paramakatoi! The typesetter allowed them the time to make these changes in our computer program. I checked each change. Three weeks later they had gone thought the NT and the typesetter again reformatted our text and I again checked hyphenation. However, we had fallen off the typesetter's priority list so we had to wait until he had time for us. For every delay, the translators would say, "We are still waiting for the afterbirth, but it will be finished." The typesetting was done via the web. We prayed at every stage and kept doing what we had to do next.

You have truly been partners in this long process. There is a 'well done' for all of us. He who began a good work was able to complete it though us. We plan dedication of the NT in January 2012.



--by Doris Wall, GP missionary to Guyana

in Kamakwie, Sierra Leone

In our first Bible Study last week, we studied about the Temptation of Adam and Eve. Ruth asked the question, "How are you tempted?" One lady said, "I have tried to find my joy in things and circumstances." Now she has victory over that by letting Jesus be her joy.



In 2005 a medical team from World Hope Canada came to Kamakwie. They were moved by the malnutrition of some of the children on the peds ward. They set up a mission called the **Alpha Project** for these malnourished children. Today the program is going strong under the leadership of *Mrs. Kadiatu Bangura*, pictured above left.



Bethany Morse in Peds Ward

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Kosovo – Hungry for Real Friendship & Faith



Kosovo declared its independence from Serbia Feb. 17, 2008. These Albanian and Serbian people have endured 650 years foreign domination.

Our mission, centered in Mitrovica, Kosovo, opened in early 2000. The ministry of GP began in cooperation with World Hope Int. These included English classes, workshops for the medical community, a dairy cow distribution to farmers in one village and a three---year program of one---week teacher training workshops each summer. In 2006 three home---cell groups called Word and Worship Fellowships registered under the title of World Hope Fellowship with the Kosovo Protestant Evangelical Church. One believer's cell is in the photo.

There's an open door for the gospel when carefully presented to hungry hearts earnest for faithful friendship and an honest faith based lifestyle. Thanks for your prayers for the work and workers!

---by Dennis Jackson, European Area Director, GP

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General Conference 2012 Alumni

The 12th General Conference of the Wesleyan Church will convene in Lexington, KY (June 2-6). The WMAF plans to have an informative display table at the Conference to highlight its diverse activities.

A video display will portray missionaries when in active service and as they are today. Please send your pictures and info to: Philip Myers, 8056 Luke Court, Brooksville, FL 34601. Send digital photos to wmyers113@tampabay.rr.com (after tampabay it is rr as in road runner). Include a note about where you served and the years you were active on the field.

You may contact Phil or Elsie Myers at (352) 397-3049. Thank you for your attention to this big undertaking.

-- by W. Philip Myers, WMAF Committee

Digital LINK

To improve our newsletter, we've begun sending the LINK via email to all who have provided their email addresses. Our records currently list 180 correct addresses from a total list of 480 alumni. If you have not received an email copy and wish to, please write a brief email and tell me you want the digital copy. I'll see your address in the header.

We've redesigned the back page to save on mailing costs. With this issue, we'll send the digital copy to your email address and not send you a hard copy in the postal mail. This will also help reduce costs. A plus for you with email – the copy is in full color and we hope more readable.

We don't foresee a day when we'll stop the hard copies, for there are several alumni who don't have email connectivity and don't intend to. One way or another, we'll send you the LINK with GP news.

--- by Paul Turner, LINK Editor