



MASTER BUILDERS FELLOWSHIP QUARTERLY NEWS LETTER

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VERY IMPORTANT PASTOR'S CONFERENCE MARCH 11 & 12:

Neil says about it,
 "Let me take this opportunity to tell you how important this time will be. We are calling this a 'working retreat' as we are asking all of the leaders who will be coming to brainstorm with us as we plot our course for the future. We recently met (MB Leadership Team and Strategy Team) in Knoxville for two days and realized that God was calling our network to embrace real

changes in the future. We sense that God is calling us to be part of a worldwide church planting, kingdom advancing movement that is changing the face of the church in this new decade! it is so important that Pastors come. We are going to have sessions where we break off into groups and strategize regarding these things. Your presence is important."

DETAILS

- We will be staying at The Wellesley Inn Atlanta Airport. Try to be present by 5:30 to fellowship with others around the dinner table before the meetings begin at 7. We will conclude by 3 p.m. on Friday.

- Room rates are \$69 for a single and \$79 for a double (This includes hot breakfast bar for one, and additional people in the room will be charged for their breakfast). Of course, there are applicable taxes.

- Reservations for the Event will be made by individual attendees directly with the Wellesley Inn at 404-762-5111

or by email address:

marquitha@wellesleyinnatlanta.com.

Reservations must be made by March 5th. **PLEASE CONFIRM WITH JOE BROWN (pastor@thechurchoflife.org) WHEN YOU MAKE A RESERVATION AND WHETHER OR NOT IT IS A SINGLE ROOM.**

COMMAND FOR 2010 AND YEARS TO COME

Matthew 28:18 “ And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.



HONORING

SID STETSON, PATRIOT AND MAN OF GOD

Sid was born March 30, 1924, Bakerstown, Pa., a small farming community. While a high school senior Sid enlisted in the Marine Corps. in Feb.'42, six weeks prior to his 18th birthday. Sid's father had been a Marine during WWI. After boot camp he was shipped to New Zealand, regrouped, and then to the pacific islands.

Several of us have gotten to know Sid Stetson pretty well over the last few years. Sid is still a Marine at heart (once a Marine, always a Marine). He served in harm's way in the pacific during WW II. Sid will talk about some of the funny things that happened in

those days, but not the bad. He was involved in several invasions including Guadalcanal and Palau, and was one of the first released after the war because of combat points.

(The Japanese presence made Palau a major target for the Allied forces in World War II. Palau was a scene of intense fighting between American and Japanese forces in 1944. The battle ended in an Allied victory, but at a high cost for both sides. All surviving Japanese were repatriated after the end of the war. There are still about 100 American servicemen listed as Missing In Action in Palau. Starting in 1993, a small group of American volunteers called The BentProp Project has searched the waters and jungles of Palau for information that could lead to the identification and recovery of these remains.)

Sid returned stateside in Sept. '45, and was then discharged in Oct. '45.

Sid went to school the next year to further his aircraft and flight licenses. However, there were too many fly boys, too few jobs.

He took a job with Aetna Casualty Insurance Co., as an adjustor trainee. He worked in the insurance claim field until 1968 as a VP when the company was sold.

Sid was living in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. At the time of the charismatic outpouring. His two teen age boys were responsible for leading Jean, his wife, and Sid to the Lord and into the baptism in the Holy Spirit. He immediately became involved with the five teachers, Bob Mumford, etal. Sid has served in ministry ever since.

Sid married in 1946, raised three boys and one girl. All have committed their lives to Jesus. He now has 7 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

Sid's wife, Jean, developed breast cancer in '73 and fought the battle un-

til Sept. '92 when she went to be with the Lord.

After spending 4 years with the teachers at Ft. Lauderdale in on the job training he went to Tampa Fl. For a short time, then to Minnesota to teach at a camp meeting for a week. He was asked to come back and teach through the winter. It became a church which he pastored for 10 years.

During those years Sid helped start 4 other churches in central Minn. When Ascension Fellowships International was formed in Colorado, Sid became part of the ministry. Sid was set in as an apostle in 1983 and functioned as the General Secretary until the Counsel retired him in 2001.

Sid became part of the Master Builder team in Knoxville, shortly thereafter through his relationship with Neil Silverberg and served as Administrator for several years. He still actively helps Joe Brown with administration, while serving as an Elder in the church in Madisonville, TN.

Heb 10:23 "Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, 25 not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching."

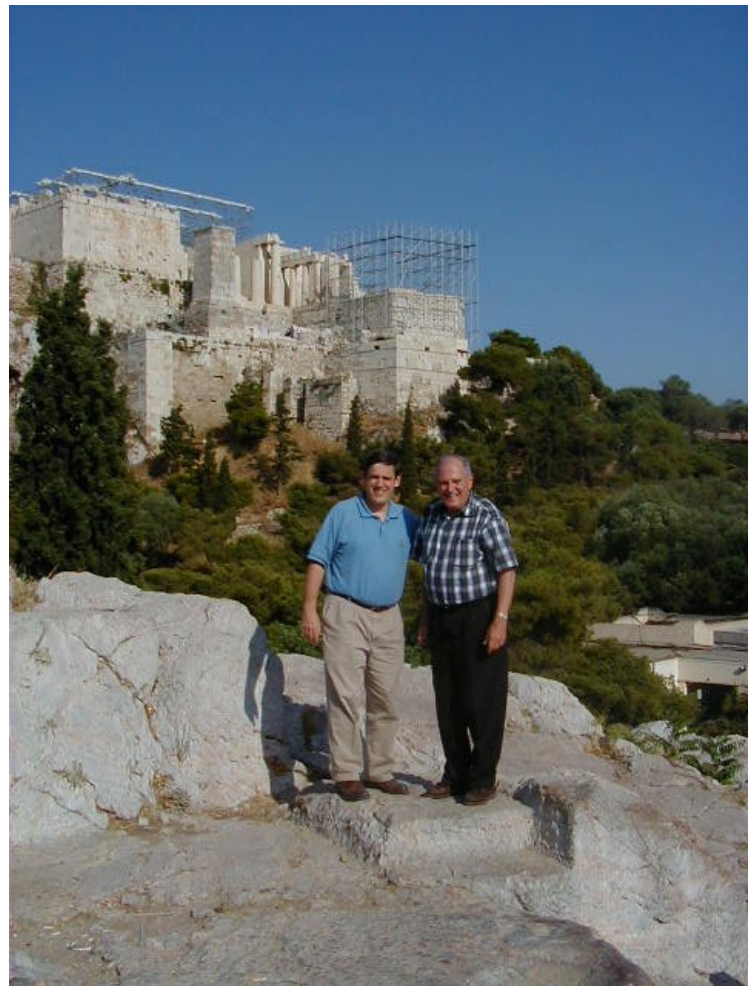
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SCENES FROM THE PAST

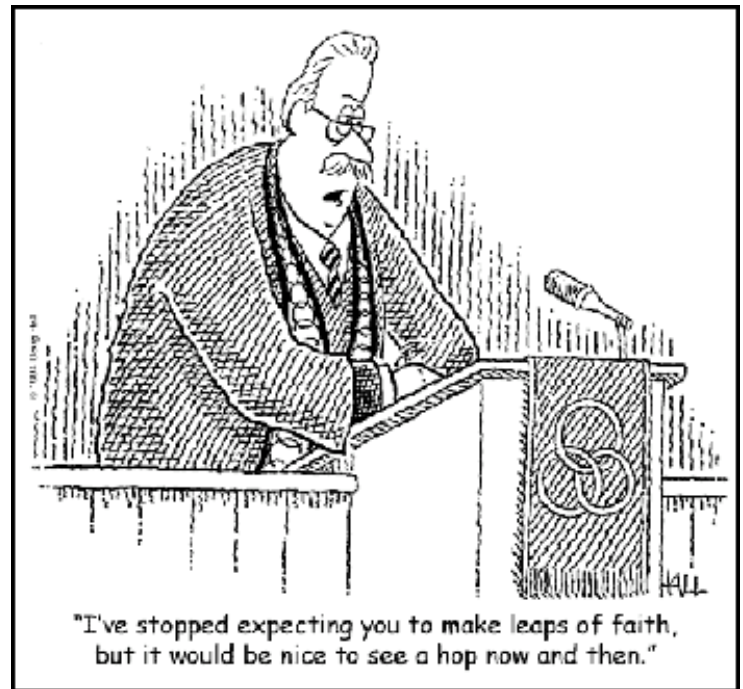
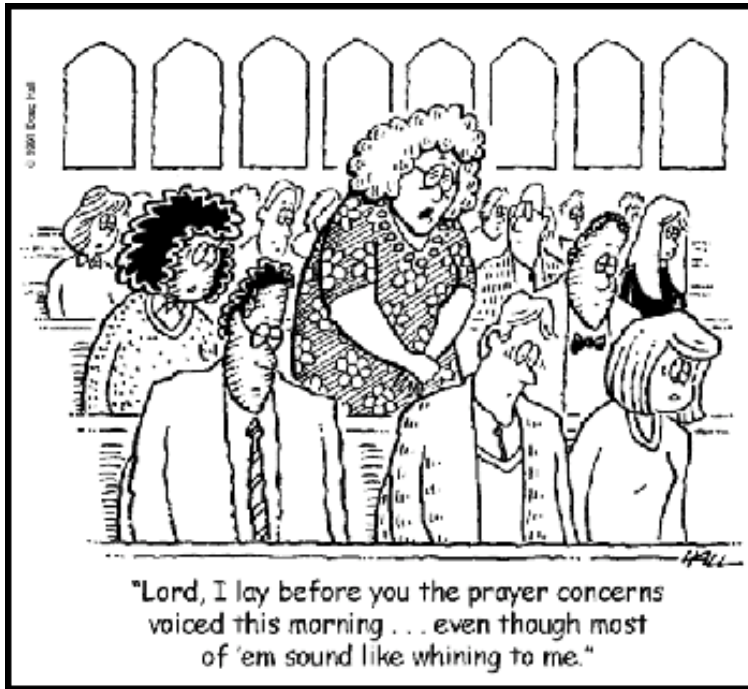
Mark Freer, Pete Beck and David Wilson made a ministry trip to Greece in July of 2003. We preached in a conference in the north, and ministered in several churches throughout Greece. We were graciously escorted by Vasilius Damavolites or “Bill Damas” to those who don’t speak Greek. Bill is from Crete originally. At right is a picture of Mark ministering in a church in Berea. Below is a picture of David and Pete standing on top of Mars Hill where the Apostle Paul delivered his apologetic/evangelistic message found in Acts 17.

We were looking for Apostolic contacts and scoping out the terrain for a ministry during the Olympics. David Wilson took a team there later on to witness during the Olympics in 2004. Pete’s advice is that you don’t go to Athens, Greece in July as it was as hot as blue blazes. The climb up to Mars Hill will test your heart. Paul must have been in marvelous condition.

David, Mark and Pete still believe Greece is an important last stronghold to be taken back for Christ before the coming of the Lord, and is a key to breaking open Turkey where according to the Revelation, Satan’s seat is. We are still waiting and hoping God will open a door to those two lands where the outreach to the west began by the Apostle Paul.



FUNNY STUFF



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By Pastor Wilson Caimares
The Iglesia Misionera de Jesucristo (IMJ) was established in January, 1994, in the State of New York in Queens by Wilson Caimares and other brethren. The Church started with about 15 members. Our first meeting place had capacity for 40 people. In May 2000, the Lord gave us a new house of worship. This place has capacity for about 300 people. That same year, we had the blessings of meeting Pete Beck, and hosting the first NY Master Builders conference. It was after year 2000, that we started combining our yearly missionary trips to Mexico and the Dominican Republic with a Master Builder conference. In 2007, we started a ministry called "Adopting a Family for Christ". This ministry consists on IMJ family's members supporting needy families in Mexico and the Dominican Republic on a monthly basis.

As of July 2009, we started pastoring another Church, in the Bronx, which is part of Master Builders. Our goal, God willing, is to help equip the future pastor and leaders of this Church. IMJ started as a Pentecostal Church. To-

day we consider ourselves as non-denominational Church, with a local-global vision.

My wife, Vilma, and I are the Senior Pastors at IMJ, and my brother Johnny Caimares is an associate pastor. IMJ has about 150 members.



Johnny

Vilma

Wilson

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

The Rescue

A teaching by Mark Freer

In Paul's salutation to the Galatians he says, "Grace and peace to you from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age" (Gal. 1:3-4). The word rescue hits the heart of the letter. It means "to pluck out" or "to rescue from danger". Jesus is completely unlike the leaders of any other religion. He doesn't simply teach the way to be saved, He saves us! If you were to approach Buddha or Muhammad and call them Savior they would tell you that they cant save you. They would point you to their teachings and make you responsible for saving yourself by fulfilling what they taught.

If a person is drowning and in need of rescue you don't throw them a manual on how to swim. Jesus didn't come to teach us how to swim but to rescue us from drowning. He didn't come to teach us how to live, but to live in our place. He rescues us not just because we were drowning but because we had already drowned and were completely helpless and lost. We are completely unable to remedy our condition.

Every other religion tells you how to be saved, so follow the path if you can. Here are the things you must do, now go do them. That's not how Chris-

tianity describes the human race, because the fundamental problem with humanity is our obsessive desire to save ourselves and act as our own messiah. The more we try the worse we get and the farther from God we feel.

Christianity doesn't overestimate man's condition and therefore it feels more pessimistic than other religions, because it shows the true reality of man's condition: "Dead in trespasses and sins". So God didn't send a teacher as if all we needed was more instruction, He didn't send a counselor as if all we needed was better coping skills. He sends us a Savior, someone who jumps into the water himself. Someone who jumps into our humanity, into the world He made, in order to save us and rescue us. And in the process he dies in our place so that we might live.

Jesus didn't die in some general way because we are sinners, he actually died in our place, on behalf of us. He stood in our place as our substitute. Because Christ died on our behalf, we can never fall back into condemnation, He secured our salvation for us. The Father accepted the work of Christ on our behalf by raising Him from the dead and by giving us grace and peace.
