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*Missionaries in His
service 'til He comes*

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Greetings! Years ago I started to write down some thoughts about my life to pass on to my four children so they would know a little bit about their parents. I didn't write too much and put this project on the back burner for many years. I saved this document on my computer and would notice it from time to time but never had time to develop it any further because other things were more important.

About two years ago when I was 79 the thought occurred to me that I better give this document some attention because of my age and still having a sound mind. Therefore I spent time that I had between my ministry work and caring for Carol, my dear wife, who has had Parkinsons, trying to complete my life's story for my children.

I asked a few of our friends to proof read it for errors in spelling and grammar and some of them made statements like "Once I began to read your story I couldn't put it down" and others encouraged me to have it published so others could learn from it and perhaps be encouraged.

Publish it? How could I do that? I know nothing about that sort of thing and I don't have the finances to do that. One good friend of mine, Dr. James Martin who has authored many books told me that Amazon.com published all of his books at no charge. So, to make a long story short I have enclosed the finished product for you as a gift from us to you.

My book has a lot of things that would be beneficial to families, pastors and missionaries. I have tried to be very transparent and candid and wrote it so it would be easy to read. I am not doing this for income but to share with others what God has done in and through our lives these many years.

A person can purchase my book at [Amazon.com/the dash between two dates](https://www.amazon.com/dp/B000APR000) for only \$10.50. Some of those who have read it would like to buy a number of copies to share with their friends, pastors and missionaries. That being the case, let me know and I can give it to you for \$4.19 (my cost from Amazon) plus postage. Perhaps you know of some missionary or friend you would like to share it with like I have shared it with you. This would not be a great expense on your part and it would not be a financial burden to you. Remember, I am not doing this for income.

I hope you will enjoy "My dash" as you read it.

May God bless you.

Please read this great opportunity on the back.



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I wish we had an open door like this in the U.S.A.

On July 31, 2016, I had the privilege of officially premiering the Papua New Guinea DVD at my sending church in Birmingham, Alabama. Since that time almost 450 DVD's have been requested. Every day the phone rings with requests or comments as to how excited people are about this project. I cannot help but believe that God wants to do a mighty work and a wonder in this country. At this writing, we have received over \$110,000 toward our phase one goal of \$810,000. That amount will purchase and deliver 270,000 to the secondary schools of PNG. Please continue to pray.

Now over \$300,000.00 has come in. PTL!

Many people ask what translation will we be using in PNG. All of the schools are required to teach the children English, therefore they have requested that we distribute King James Bibles. As a policy, we here at BIMI only use the KJV in English speaking countries. It is so encouraging to hear how enthusiastic that they are for the Word of God. Many have also asked when we hope to be in PNG distributing the Bibles. I wish I truly knew when, the time will be determined when the money has been raised. Please pray that it will come in as soon as possible. The longer it takes, the more students will graduate and be out of school. Please pray and give as God leads you.

Pastor Denny Patterson from Nolansville Road Baptist Church in Nashville, Tennessee, and I leave for PNG on September 7. Upon arrival, we will be meeting with multiple government officials concerning the logistics of the Bible distribution. We are also going to receive a list of all of the schools including their enrollments. This will give churches, schools, businesses or individuals the opportunity to personally sponsor a specific school. During this trip I will be speaking at several churches and then at a National Conference of Fundamental Baptists. This will be a great opportunity to organize much of the local help that we will need to accomplish the distribution. Please pray for our travel and speaking.

While praying concerning the different phases of the Bible distribution, God impressed on me the tremendous difference between the phases. It really struck me how the matriculation of each phase drops as the young people get farther along in the school system, especially from phase two to phase one drops so much. [Phase two (grade 4 through grade 8) = 910,000 students, Phase one(grade 9 through grade 12) = 270,000.] We are presently focused on phase one, but we really need to be able to do phase two before they drop out of school. In reality all the phases are important, but will you please pray for the funds to come in to BIMI as soon as possible. Send all donations to BIMI, PO Box 9, Harrison, TN 37341 Account #1319 or online at www.bimi.org/png. If your church would like a representative to come and personally share about this project, please contact Alan Brooks or call or text (423) 504-3132. We will also have a short DVD of this project that is available upon request or by Dropbox. Please check the site for updates and share BIMI on Facebook.



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