

### *Mr. Wesleyan Missionary Meets Jesus*



Robert E. Smith, known as “Bob” by most of us, was born in a pastor’s home and grew up with four sisters and a brother. He first heard about Jesus in neonatal times when his mother Ruth, sang the hymns of faith and life. Church services amplified the joy of knowing Jesus as Savior and Lord, and at age six, Bob gave his heart to Jesus. Soon he and his sister Rosie were baptized by their father, Rev. Ralph Smith. From that day until September 17, 2016, Bob lived and breathed loving to tell the story of Jesus. It’s also his theme now in glory where he rejoices with the saints of the ages.

Bob had a wonderful manner of talking of Jesus in a narrative way. Powerful illustrations and stories flowed out of his sermons, lectures, and conversations. You couldn’t miss the point or not understand the reality of walking the Christian life to please the Lord. It seemed to be the most reasonable and joyful thing we could do.

A gifted builder, Bob oversaw the construction of the Manila mission residence and the first buildings for the Mountain Bible College in Sinipsip, Benguet, Luzon, Philippines. In Indonesia, he constructed the campus buildings of the Magelang Bible College. An accomplished educator, he authored a programmed instruction book on Bible Interpretation for the extension seminary work in the Philippines. Students came away from his classes with smiles

and laughter on their faces, for he always taught in pictures and stories. In one sermon given in Ilocano dialect, he had Jesus inside the tree speaking to Zacchaeus. Never fear though, he cleared up those words for next time!

A beloved husband, father, and friend to every person he met, Bob Smith showed us all the face of Jesus, Son of God, and Son of man. He was the servant of Jesus and wanted every person to also know the Savior of the world. He walked his earthly journey scattering the seed of hope and salvation in Jesus. How nice Bob now sits at the feet of Jesus at the Father’s throne.

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## *Condolences. . . . Robert E Smith*

Bob Smith was born in Fall River, Kansas, on February 25, 1937 to Rev. Ralph and Ruth Smith. On September 16, 1955, he married Julia Burchard, and they prepared for a career in missionary service. They both graduated from Frankfort Pilgrim College, Frankfort, IN, in 1959 with bachelor of religion degrees, and Bob continued to finish a bachelor of theology in 1960.

From 1960 to 1975 Bob and Julia were missionaries to the Philippines under Wesleyan World Missions (now Global Partners). In 1975 with their children, Becky and Jonathan, they were appointed to Indonesia to help establish The Wesleyan Church and served there until 1988. From 1988-1992 Bob was assistant to Dr. Wayne Wright, General Director of Wesleyan World Missions, in the Indianapolis office.

From 1992 to 2004 Bob was District Superintendent of the South Carolina District of The Wesleyan Church. In 2004 he retired and they moved to Wesleyan Village in Brooksville, Florida. Bob served as the Brooksville church office administrator for six years, and was a member of the building committee for the church relocation. In June 2006, he was appointed as president of Wesleyan Alumni Missionary Fellowship and served until July 2014.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, and a brother-in-law. He is survived by his wife Julia of 61 years, his daughter Becky (Marc) Watkins, his son Jonathan (Abigail); a brother and two sisters; seven grandchildren, and loving nieces and nephews.

## *William Dennis Engle*



William Dennis Engle passed away October 23, 2016. He was born August 8, 1948 in Cincinnati, OH to Ethel and Dillard Engle. The family moved to Michigan and Dennis graduated from John Glenn high school in Westland in 1966. He studied at Eastern Michigan University and graduated from Bartlesville, OK Wesleyan College (OWU) in 1982 with a Bachelor of Science in Theology. He also did some graduate work at Wheaton College in Illinois. During college in Bartlesville, he was founding pastor of Mountain View Wesleyan church.

Married to Jean Whetstine on March 4, 1972, they enjoyed 44 years together. They served as Wesleyan missionaries in South Africa and Zimbabwe for fifteen years. Returning home in 1999, Dennis pastored the Kansas Hall and Lakin Wesleyan churches and was hospital chaplain for some time in Minneapolis, KS.

He is survived by his wife, Connie; his children, Jonathan, Jennifer, and Jessica; two grandchildren; a daughter-in-law; a sister; and other family members.

## *Beatrice W Dodge*

Pastor Beatrice W. Dodge, 105, of Hillcrest, NY, went to be with the Lord on October 23, 2016. She was born October 13, 1911 to Frank and Charlotte Dodge. Her siblings were Edith, Anna Mae, Ina, Mary, Lena, Eva, Katherine, Alice, Bob, John and Frances. She graduated from Allentown Bible College in Allentown, PA.

From 1936 to 1959, she served as a missionary of the Pilgrim Holiness missions (now Global Partners of The Wesleyan Church) in Barbados, East Indies and Guyana, South America. She also ministered in Port Jervis, NY for some time before returning home to Hillcrest. She once wrote that when the angels come for her, she wanted them to find her work for her Master finished and complete, and to hear Him say the words, "Well done."

She was predeceased by her parents and siblings. She is survived by many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews; and great-great-nieces & nephews.



## *Frances Mary Winter*



Frances M. Winter, 72, of Salt Springs, New Brunswick, Canada, passed away October 23, 2016. She was born December 15, 1943 to Boyd Waddell and Martha McQuinn. She graduated from Canadian Nazarene College in Winnipeg, Manitoba, and married K. Howard Winter in 1966. After teaching in Christian schools, working as a secretary, travel agent, horticulturist, and Bible study leader, and with their children raised, she and Howard went to Mozambique, Africa under Global Partners to teach and supervise building construction from 2001 to '05. Fran loved learning and walking with the Lord, had an indomitable spirit and a gracious, nodding smile for everyone. She is survived by her husband Howard; sons Boyd and Jeffrey, and daughter Anita; and 7 grandchildren. Her memorial service was held Oct. 27th.

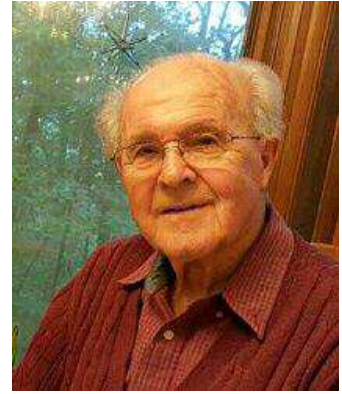
## *L. Paul Bauer*

Rev. L. Paul Bauer, 89, of Whitehall, PA., died Sept. 14, 2016. He was the husband of Joan (Newman) McDonald Bauer and the late Betty M. (Anderson) Bauer. Born in Camden, NJ, Sept. 30, 1926, he was the son of the late G. William and May A. (Cramer) Bauer.

He earned a degree in theology from Taylor University, Indiana, and became an ordained minister, serving The Wesleyan Church his entire adult life. He and Betty were missionaries in South Africa from 1957-1981. He also pastored churches in Pennsylvania and Virginia. Rev. Bauer loved the Lord and spent his life dedicated to sharing the love of Jesus with others.

He is survived by his wife, Joan; son Lawrence P. Jr.; daughters Gail D. Furby, and Patricia M. Gerig; stepdaughters, Audrey J. Long, and Eileen A. Lennox; brother, A. Russell Bauer; eight grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; 5 step-grandchildren; and 5 step-great-grandchildren.

A service of celebration and thanksgiving was held October 15th, at Whitehall.



## **Habitat for Missions**

*Habitat for Missions generates financial support for missionaries by mobilizing volunteer workers to flip properties across North America. It was founded by Rev. Bill and Daphne Foster, former Wesleyan missionaries to Australia 1973 to 2008.*

There are times when I want to take just a moment to admire the finished product, but can't really spare the time because work has already begun on the next project. Thus is life these days as I manage the ministry of Habitat for Missions (HFM).



In September, projects in Central, S.C., and Indianapolis, IN., came to a successful conclusion just as flips in Spring Hill, FL., and Lebanon, TN., were launched. Under the outstanding leadership of Jeff Galloway, volunteers from Southern Wesleyan University and United Wesleyan Church developed a South Carolina bungalow into a country residence fit for a king [pictured]! The \$25,000 in profit is ear-marked for Wesleyan Global Partners missionaries Ben and Heather [last name withheld for security reasons].

In August, HFM launched a new project in partnership with Fellowship Community Church [Wesleyan] in Spring Hill, FL. This highly motivated group is working to generate funds for a home-grown missionary candidate.

Iglesias Mishkan Lugar de Adoracion is a Tennessee congregation that is not only motivated, but very talented when it comes to flipping houses. Some of their members own construction companies, thus they have taken on the largest HFM project to date; a 5 bed, 3 1/2 bath house. Their goal is to have it completed and sold before the end of the year! Many from the congregation have migrated to the US from Venezuela, so the profits will be utilized to support the new Wesleyan work in that South American country.

If the anticipated amounts are realized, they will bring the total generated by HFM in 2016 to \$165,000! And, yes, another round of projects are on the drawing board for 2017. *In fact, pray with us about meetings we are having with a Chicago church that could launch HFM in that area.*

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### ***Archives from the '90s***

This lady graduated from Marion College (now IWU) in 1948 with an A.B. degree in history and biblical literature. She served a year in Cuba and then went to India from 1950 to '93, where she supervised a girl's boarding school and an orphanage, helped establish a leprosy colony, was superintendent of an English Medium School and other work. IWU awarded her an honorary doctorate recognizing her prodigious work in world evangelism. What is her name? Did you know her personally?

Last issue, we pictured Paul & Lois Downey, missionaries in Guyana, Suriname, and Brazil from 1958 to '77 and 1987 to '96. They were identified most correctly by their daughter, Carolyn Saunders, who with her husband Steve, were missionaries to Suriname. How nice the love bonds of family.

