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Mothers In Israel Go Home.

Rev. Dorothy Mae Hotchkin was born in 1935 in the Victorian town of Shepparton, Australia, the eldest daughter of an orchardist. After her mother passed away, when Dorothy was 10 yrs of age, the family moved to Gippsland. It was here that Dorothy met her husband, Walter who became a dairy and potato farmer when he left school. She passed into the presence of God on October 23rd 2009. Walter died Sept. 24, 2005.

As young adults Walter and Dorothy grew under the ministry of Rev. Ken Smith, a Methodist minister who shared the gospel in a compelling manner. They, along with other young adults in the small Gippsland town of Childers, followed the call of God into full time ministry. In the late 1950s, Walter and Dorothy attended the Wesleyan Bible College in Melbourne, before accompanying Kingsley and Jean



Ridgway to Papua New Guinea as pioneer missionaries in 1961. Dorothy served 32 years

in PNG, first helping disciple early converts. She later served as a Bible teacher, financial book keeper, translator, editor of the Church manuals, and a myriad of other jobs which she undertook out of necessity rather than self-confessed competence. (continue page 2)

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Louise Dietrich Lytle, 91, died November 24, 2009 at Colonial Oaks Health Care Center, Marion, IN. She was born Nov. 17, 1918 in Cattaraugus, New York to Samuel George Dietrich and Eva Washbon Dietrich. After graduating from Cattaraugus High School as valedictorian of her '37 class, she entered Houghton College and graduated in 1941.

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Dorothy Hotchkin continued.

In 1993 Walter and Dorothy returned home from missionary life in PNG and accepted two different pastoral appointments in the Australian Wesleyan Methodist Church. In 1997 they retired to Caboolture where Dorothy was an active member of the local Church. Dorothy loved her family, yet her PNG friends were high on the list. She was deeply passionate about the next generation, caring that they would know the Lord in an intimate way and be courageous enough to live a life of full surrender and sacrifice to the Lord Jesus. Dorothy's body was worn out by the harsh years in PNG but her strong spiritual mind continued to function in long seasons of prayer even as she lay, heavily medicated and dying. Her dying prayer was for the next generation to 'keep faithful'.

In 2008, Dorothy visited Fugwa, PNG and was carried by four young men in a specially built chair. Young women walked backwards facing her and scattered flowers along the way, chanting, "Welcome to your homeland. Welcome..." What an honor! Could it be she heard similar words this year? *—by Dr. Rosalea Cameron, daughter*

Dorothy Hotchkin Tributes.

"I just read Dallas' email regarding your mother's death. It was your mom who connected me to Aussie life: dry toast with a side of butter, block of cheese, vegemite, jam; Wetabix, beans on toast...and that was just breakfast. But in listening, watching, following I began to get insight into the Aussie Christian worldview of the 60's which helped in relating to the host of Christian ministry lead by Australians across the Highlands as well as our own team. Their story of sacrifice to see the PNG work begun is breath taking and yet told with humility and understated. Your mom told me what she thought and why she thought it. Even though we were younger and less experienced, she and your dad honored my leadership revealing the character that was the foundation of their lives. Their consistent, steadfast investment in the ministry of TWC - PNG imprinted Jesus in the lives of multiple generations of believers. Your parents invested in Joy and me and helped shape who we are for the better."

— Don & Joy Bray, former PNG missionaries

"Dorothy was one of the first faces we saw when we landed in Papua New Guinea and began our mission career in 1982. She and Walter quickly became true friends! They were the directors and the ones to whom we looked for guidance and mentoring in missions. We clearly remember during their leadership every week they came to our home, the Hostel, for a cuppa. The beverage was beneficial, but the talks and prayers are what we remember. Our work as house parents could have separated us from the rest of the team. But they made sure that didn't happen. They carefully kept us current with all the changes and happenings, ensuring that we were part of the team! They didn't often offer advice, but when asked we knew what they shared was wisdom tempered with much experience in the trenches. As we think of your mum, bottom line: She loved us and we knew that. She talked straight, but always with love. We extend our love in releasing your Mum."

— Phil & Lucille Nettleton, former PNG missionaries

"We have today learned of the heavenly Home going of your Mom, Rosalea. Please accept our condolences, and know of our prayers on behalf of your family in this time of keen loss. We have very fond memories of times of fellowship with both your Mom and Dad over meals during times of our visits to Australia, and Margaret recalls a weekend when, in great distress over a certain situation, your Mom took her in for a weekend while I was ministering."

— Barry & Margaret Ross, former Asia Area Director

Praises from the Hotchkin Children.

In Psalm 8, David writes, "*From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praises because of your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger.*" The children of Walter & Dorothy Hotchkin are fulfilling those words. **Phillip** is Asst. District Superintendent and church planter in Western Australia. **Greg**, preceded Walter and Dorothy, dying of cancer in 1997. **Dr. Rosalea** is National Director for Christian Education and her husband, **Lindsay Cameron**, is National Superintendent of the Wesleyan Church of Australia. They were sent as missionaries to Africa under Global Partners. From 2000 to 2007, Lindsay served as Africa Area Director, probing and challenging the mission enterprise in the oldest mission field of the Wesleyan Church. His study in mission phases and exit strategy provided important documentation to guiding principles for deploying missionaries and national church development and leadership training. **Ruth** married **Dallas Thomas** after their meeting in Melbourne Bible College. Dallas remembers he had to go to PNG with Ruth, to follow up the phone call he made one day to Walter, to ask for Ruth's hand in marriage. The trip confirmed to them the call of God to missions work. Dallas is the National Missions Director in the Australian Church, while Ruth is Managing Director World Hope Australia, believing she can lend her voice to those who have no voice. Walter and Dorothy are survived by **ten grandchildren** and **one great-granddaughter**, and by a church of many **thousands in Australia and Papua New Guinea.**

—reported by Rev. Lindsay Cameron & Rev. Dallas Thomas

Louise D. Lytle continued.

Later she finished a Master's degree at Ball State University, Muncie, IN. On August 8, 1941 she married Robert N. Lytle who survives. Louise enjoyed being a pastor's wife for four years in Fillmore, New York before going to Colombia, South America with her husband as missionaries in the Wesleyan Methodist Church for fourteen years. In 1959, she began working at Wesleyan Headquarters in Marion, IN, and later taught second grade for fourteen years at Liberty School in the Madison-Grant Corporation. During these years, her husband Robert served as a leader in the World Missions office at Wesleyan Headquarters from 1959-1984, including twelve years as General Secretary of World Missions from 1972-1984. After retirement, Louise and Robert enjoyed living in Brooksville, Florida until October, 2004, when they established their home in the Colonial Oaks Retirement Center.

Louise was a member of College Wesleyan Church where, in prior years, she was President of the Women's Missionary Society, taught Sunday school, and served on the local church board. She loved her family, gardening, reading, and had the gift of hospitality. She will be remembered for her love for the Lord, her disciplined life, and the graciousness she showed to all.

She is survived by her sons Wesley (Rebecca) in Celina, OH and Bernard (Kathy) in Big Flats, NY; her daughter Jule (Kerry) Kind in Noblesville, IN; seven grandchildren, fifteen great-grandchildren, and her sister Melva Freeborn in Las Vegas, NV.

She was preceded in death by her infant son, Bruce Wayne Lytle. All of her descendents honor Jesus Christ. Five of the grandchildren or grandchildren's spouses are ordained Wesleyan ministers: Rev. Andy Lytle, Rev. Andrea Summers, Rev. Paul Kind, Rev. Tom Parsons, and Rev. Jeremy Summers.

The funeral service was held on Friday, November 27 at College Wesleyan Church, 200 E. 38th Street, with Reverends Jay and Steve DeNeff officiating. Burial occurred at a later date in Houghton, New York.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Global Partners, PO Box 50434, Indianapolis, IN 46250 for Wesleyan ministerial scholarships at Colombia Bible Institute (Colombia, South America).

*--reported by Dr. Kerry Kind, General Director
Educational Institutions, The Wesleyan Church.*

Louise D. Lytle Tributes

Mrs. Lytle was a great traveling companion for Dr. Lytle. How well we remember their visit to Indonesia. We took them over to Alor in the Timor islands on a small 9 passenger commuter plane. We stayed with the local pastor and people in their homes. Accommodations were very humble – the house had dirt floors and a very thin kapok mattress on the hard wooden bed. Fresh water was carried by the women of the church. To shower we dipped the water out of a "bak" (a large cement storage tank) and poured it over our bodies. Church services were long but rich in spiritual content! After a week in Alor, the plane arrived to take us back to Java. In all the handicaps and inconveniences, Louise was a wonderful companion and identified well with the people.

*by Rev. Robert E. Smith, pioneer missionary
to Indonesia with Global Partners*

Louise Dietrick enjoyed a long life of loving service to her Lord with her beloved husband, Robert N. Lytle. She was valedictorian of her high school class, then graduated with honors from Houghton College. As a pastor's wife, she lifted up Christ with her husband and stood with him in Colombia modeling Jesus as missionaries for 14 years.

When Dr. Lytle assumed a position in the home office, Louise taught for 14 years in the Indiana public school system. She was known for her graciousness as the "first lady" of Wesleyan World Missions beside her husband when he served as General Director. The Lytles lived for about 20 years in Brooksville (FL) where she was active in Wesleyan Women while he served as the president of WBCA.

The last five years they lived in Marion, IN, where both influenced many with their godly lives and steadfastness in the Church. She now enjoys her heavenly home, and the influence of her earthly life lives on in her family and in the cause for which she lived. She leaves us an example of loving faithfulness to the call given to her from the Lord.

*by Dr. Wayne W. Wright, career missionary and
General Director of Wesleyan World Missions Emeritus.*

Gray's in Mexico - Feliz Navidad 2009

The kids are doing well and Susie is teaching school in Puebla. Bob taught in the Bible School and traveled most of this year, teaching in the extensions, promoting Bible School, and visiting other countries for Theological Education. **Bob** is the new **Regional Director** for Mexico, El Salvador, and the TOOL scholarships for Latin America. That means more travel! Thank you for supporting us and world missions.

--Bob, Susie, Elizabeth, Aaron, and Sarah.

Panama Hosts JIBICAM Conference

The Evangelical Wesleyan Church of Panama hosted the 9th JIBICAM Missions' Conference and the launching of Ibero-American Wesleyan Fellowship on October 13-16, 2009. 150 people came from 16 countries throughout Latin America and the USA. The focus was on missions awareness, recruiting, training, and mobilizing Latinos to go to other countries. A missionary from Nicaragua to Mali, Africa attended, and challenged the church to a deeper commitment in cross-cultural ministry.

A spontaneous offering of over \$1400 dollars was given to a representative from Cuba to assist in ministry in that country. Plans are underway to visit Cuba in 2010 and possibly to begin ministry in Uruguay.

The first Missions Conference for Latin America was celebrated on January 1996 in Puerto Rico, Rev. Irving Figueroa, Director of Missions in the District of P.R., Rev. Sarah Perez, Supt. of the District of P.R. and Rev. Rick West, Director of Missions in Latin America gave birth to it. Nine conferences followed and a tenth is planned for Medellin, Colombia in 2011.

The purpose of JIBACAM is to help the Wesleyan Church of Latin America and the Caribbean become a missionary force, capable of taking the gospel of Jesus Christ to all the nations of the world.

More info and photos go to www.jibacam.net

-- reported by Perry J. Hubbard, Panama



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Jesus Film Updates Mozambique

I am **Ana Matshine** and live in Zikayanine. When I saw Christ on the cross in the *JESUS* film, I understood the love he had for me as his blood was spilled for my sin. I felt like I was in a boiling pot and within me I heard His voice saying, "Why are you waiting? Come to me." However, that night I just went home with a confused mind and a convicted heart. On Sunday I went to church, and when the pastor gave an invitation, I cried out to Jesus who forgave my sin and renewed my heart.

I am a **traditional healer**, but much of what I do is not by herbs; I also call upon spirits. My bag, in which I carry my craft, represents my life and my vocation. But when I went to see the *JESUS* film, my bag became very heavy and smelled of evil and trouble. I was convicted by God, and suddenly I wanted to be free from that bag. I invited the team member to my house. He told me that God would help me and deliver me and my family if I called on Him. He told my family that we needed to become one body in Christ without delay. We accepted Christ together there in our house.

Shunem House Ministry

Jim & Jeanette Vermilya host missionaries in transition at their Indianapolis home with encouragement, hospitality, counsel and prayer support. The missionaries open their hearts in prayer and share their testimonies and calling in very personal settings. Vermilyas enjoy interacting with them about what God is teaching them through His Word, books they are reading, answers to prayer and special prayer needs as they approach deployment. We can pray for God's anointing in the preparation for cultural understanding and adjustment.

Did You Know? There are **251 adults and 140 children** with Global Partners. Recently, new GP missionaries were appointed to Israel and Poland. There are four **missionary orientation weeks** each year for Jim and Jeanette to begin their pastoral ministry with each of the new missionaries.

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