

Chapter 11. Our Missionaries

Ken and Donnajeane Davis

DAVIS WAS WYCLIFFE INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION SECRETARY

Today our church supports a “living link missionary” Ken and Donnajeane Davis. Our church highly values our relationship with the Davises, and we are very proud of the fact that Ken is one of our Timothys.

Ken grew up in Castle Rock and was invited to Sunday school by his friend Alvin Janisch. Dorothy Adams was his Sunday school teacher. Ken was saved, and Wendell Small baptized him in 1948. He graduated from Central Washington Bible College and went into the preaching ministry in Joseph, Oregon.

Ken and Donnajeane, his wife, joined Wycliffe Bible Translators in 1961. They served 15 years in Papua New Guinea, three years in Australia, two years in New Zealand and three years in the Solomon Islands. Ken served 18 years in an executive position as Wycliffe International Corporation Secretary.

Donnajeane has been Ken’s unofficial secretary, supporting him in a myriad of detail work behind the scenes and has been a very important part of the ministry. He stepped down as International Secretary in 1999 but still serves as Corporation Secretary U.S.A.

Over the years, our church has benefited greatly from Ken’s experience and counsel. He served our church as interim pastor from April to September 2000 guiding us through this very difficult time in our church history as we changed pastors.

We have been supporting their ministry from the very beginning and are entering our 42nd year of partnership with them.

Go to www.wycliffe.net for information about the work the Davises do.



Donnajeane and Ken Davis

G. V. Mathai

THE MINISTRY OF INDIA EVANGELICAL MISSION



Dr. G .V. and Mariamma Mathai visiting the church in October, 2002.

It was in 1962 that an Indian evangelist recommended that Geevarughese Mathai known to most of us as G. V. Mathai, go to the United States and take some Bible training. He soon agreed to it, though he was still working for the Indian government.

He wrote a letter to Hervy Abercrombie, who was Dean of the Central Washington Bible College (founded

by Christian Church Evangelist Teddy Leavitt). Hervy informed G. V. that he had been accepted, but he needed a sponsor in the U.S. before he could come.

G. V. did not know anyone in the U.S. at the time, so he started fasting and praying from the exact date of September 20-23. At this very same time, September 20, during the Bible School's chapel time, Hervy suggested that they earnestly pray for G. V. to get a sponsor in order to come to America and study the Bible.

Martin Lee, who was a graduate of the Bible School, was speaking in Chapel that day. Martin was also pastor of Castle Rock Christian Church at that time. He went home and told the elders of the church about G. V., and on September 23 the elders of Castle Rock Christian Church obtained a notarized letter stating that the church would sponsor G. V. Mathai to come to the U.S. to study at the school. The letter stated the church would be responsible for G. V. so that he would not become a public burden on the people of the United States.

On that very same day, September 23, the Lord gave G. V. a great peace and told him that his prayer was answered. Within about 10 days he received a letter telling him of the sponsorship.

The Lord made it possible for G. V. to come to America. He arrived at the Bible School November 7, 1962. When G. V. went to school the first day, Lindarae (Caldwell) stood up and shouted, "Look, it's Mathai, it's Mathai!" G. V. recognized Lindarae and Hervy from a vision God gave him before he left India. This experience confirmed God's plan for G. V. that very day!

Late in December there was a snow camp for youth at Bible Rock. Many came from Oregon and Washington and that included some folks from Castle Rock. During this speaking opportunity G. V. met pastor and evangelist, Teddy Leavitt. This was the beginning of a very special relationship that would have far reaching consequences a few years later. G. V. also met Don Leavitt and his children who were with Teddy at that time.

When the school semester started in January, G. V. was staying in a boarding house next to the school. The expense for his room and board was \$45 a month. When he came from India, the Indian government allowed him to bring only \$15.50 for his four-year stay in the U.S. One month he did not have money with which to pay the rent, so he went to the college prayer room, fasting and praying for three days and nights. The Lord answered his prayer when a lady in CRCC sent exactly \$45 to the college dean, stating that the Lord had burdened her heart for G. V. after she read about him in the church bulletin. G. V. praised the Lord for His provision, and has given testimony of God's use of the Castle Rock Church in his life many times.

These acts of faith fit so perfectly with the future that continued to unfold in those formative years of G. V.'s ministry.

He had many occasions to come and visit CRCC during his years at the college. Martin Lee was always a great inspiration and role model to him as he was to many young people. When Ed Miller, a fellow student, became pastor of the church, he continued to be a great blessing and encouragement to him.

G. V. was ordained at the Castle Rock Christian Church by Teddy Leavitt, Hervy Abercrombie, Martin Lee, Don Leavitt, and the elders of the church in the summer of 1968.

G. V. thanks the Lord for the elders and the church board of CRCC, who exercised their faith to sponsor a young man in India to come to the United States. The Lord has honored their faith, and G. V. is thankful to the Lord for using him for the advancement of the Gospel in India.

As of today, there are thousands of people who have committed their lives to Christ there. More than 2,000 people have been baptized, and many churches have been established. More than 400 students have graduated from IEM Bible College. And today 150 children are being supported in the IEM Children's Homes. Many, many more exciting things are happening as well.



India Evangelical Mission Gilead Hall

One thing G.V. says he has learned is “if we take one step for the Lord by faith, He will honor our faith and take many, many steps for you.” He goes on to say he is greatly indebted to CRCC for its role in his life regarding the work of the Lord. G. V. adds “The Lord is faithful; He will definitely bless the church by proving His faithfulness.”

Visit the IEM website at www.indiaevangelical.org for more about its work.

(Special Note) Mariamma Mathai is a woman of great faith, and she has been a great asset. Much is accomplished through her unseen efforts in assisting G. V. and the ministry of IEM. For one thing, she sews all the uniforms for the children living in the orphanage. All who know her appreciate her and praise God for her efforts.

Dick Hugoniot

PRESIDENT OF WYCLIFFE INTERNATIONAL

The Castle Rock Christian Church started supporting Dick and Edith Hugoniot in 1965 as a youth mission project with our young people committing \$10.00 per month for their support.

After Ken Davis recruited the Hugoniots to join Wycliffe Bible Translators, their first assignment was to the Konda Dora tribe in India



Edith and Dick Hugoniot

where they served about four years. They have always worked as a team as do most Wycliffe translators.

It was during their time in India that they became a major mission partner of our church and joined Ken and Donnajean Davis as a part of our church mission support budget. The work in India was just beginning when the Indian government asked all foreign missionaries to leave, and so with heavy hearts they had to go.

They soon were assigned to Nepal where they spent seven years. Midway through this assignment, Dick was elected Director of the work in Nepal, which put him in charge of some 80 Wycliffe translators and support workers.

In 1977 Wycliffe's international leaders asked them to lead the work in Indonesia. The next eight years they lived in Irian Jaya, Indonesia's eastern-most province. (During this time they furloughed for the year August '80-June '81 that was spent in Castle Rock with Dick serving as associate pastor under Ed Miller. It was a great experience for our church and many lasting relationships were formed that still exist to this day. The entire church highly values our partnership with Dick and Edith in this great ministry.)



Today Dick serves as President of Wycliffe International, which is one of the largest mission boards in the world today, with a membership of more than 6,000 full-time missionaries working in many countries translating the Bible into languages and dialects. Often Edith travels all over the world participating in seminars and speaking to various organizations as a continuation of their team ministry. We praise God for their ministry and allowing us to be a partner with them.

We have a great **“praise God”** to add as a footnote. Wycliffe Translators has been able to once again restart the work in the Konda Dora tribe with native Indians this time carrying on the translation work. The work has produced a strong body of believers in the tribe. A translation of the New Testament is very close to being finished, and our church has been a partner in supporting this work also.

There is more about Wycliffe International at the website www.wycliffe.net.

Dwight Kinman

FOUNDER OF LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

Pastor Martin Lee introduced Chaplain Dwight Kinman to the Castle Rock Christian Church in the mid 1970's. It soon became clear that Dwight's outreach ministries were worthy of our financial support, which continues to this day. Over the many years our relationship has grown stronger. There was always an excitement in the air when we knew he was coming to speak. Dwight has always been an inspiration to all of us.



Dwight Kinman

One of the unique characteristics about Dwight's Christian leadership has been his ability to share not only his triumphs in the Lord, but to reveal his own trials and needs, and to ask us to pray with him as he faced his own personal spiritual challenges.

Dwight began his ministry as a hospital chaplain in 1970, and formed the organization named “Love Your Neighbor” in 1973. One of the founding scriptures that he uses to emphasize our need to visit the sick, the lonely and forgotten is found in Matthew 25:40, “Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren ye have done it unto me!”



As Dwight continued to go to the bedsides of the sick and the dying to reach out in Christian love and compassion, he realized the need to train Christian lay people in visitation ministry. He developed skill seminars, and designed classes

to train people from all walks of life to minister most effectively the love of Christ to people who are suffering, and feel very lonely and forgotten.

Dwight is now retired. His genuine love and concern for each of us has always been an inspiration. He is loved by all of us and is still ministering as the Lord grants opportunities.

Visit the website www.lyn.org to learn more about Love Your Neighbor.

Clara Campbell

YOUTH WITH A MISSION



Clara Campbell

Clara Campbell has been a member of the Castle Rock Christian church since about 1976 when she and her husband Ed joined our church. Ed Campbell became an elder in 1980, and he was an influential leader in encouraging us to build the new sanctuary as well as responsible for expanding our vision as to the size of the building.

Ed passed away in 1982. In 1983-84 Clara began her mission work when she and Janie Damschen made a short term mission trip to Indonesia joining our life-long missionaries, Dick and Edith Hugoniot. They spent nine months doing support work, assisting the translators in such work as typing newly translated manuscripts into a computer, and doing various support work for the Wycliffe Translators. A short time later, Castle Rock sent Cordell and Marlene Stone, Gary Horsley and Bob Cole as a team to assist in a one-month construction project.

Clara's next mission endeavor came in 1995 when she spent two years aboard the "Youth With a Mission" ship, the Anastasia. She then spent one year in a New York land base for YWAM. A year later she took a position with YWAM in Vancouver B.C. and is still currently serving in that capacity. There is more about YWAM at its website www.ywam.org.

LuAnn Yocky

WORLD VISION



LuAnn Yocky of World Vision is pictured at our 150th birthday ministry fair held on October 18, 2003. LuAnn has been World Vision's personal representative to the Castle Rock Christian Church. World Vision's outreach has facilitated this congregation's mission to reach out to many parts of the world to provide relief and humanitarian aid to under-privileged people of the Third World in the name of Jesus Christ.

LuAnn Yocky

We have been involved in this partnership since about 1978 when Mabel Caldwell and Dorothy Adams introduced the work of World Vision to Castle Rock Christian Church.

Our main vehicle of providing funds has been the use of the small plastic banks shaped like loaves of bread.

Church members take these Love Loaf banks home and use them to deposit their spare pocket change.

World Vision collects these banks twice a year. In times of great famine and disasters, special offerings have been enthusiastically supported by the congregation.

World Vision was the first faith-based organization to be used by the federal government when the Reagan administration asked them to administer relief to Poland when the Communist government failed in 1989.

In 2003 the United States government has provided matching funds available to World Vision for humanitarian aid to the Sudan. The match has been as great as 19 dollars for each dollar given by a private individual or church. Castle Rock Christian Church highly values this partnership with World Vision in this ministry.

There is more information about World Vision at www.wvi.org.



Northwest Medical Teams

Northwest Medical Teams have been a part of Castle Rock Christian Church's missionary outreach ministry since 1999. This ministry is based in Portland, Oregon. It is composed of doctors, nurses and medical support people from all over the northwest who volunteer their services all over the world. The group was started in 1979 and has sent out 1,100 teams to date. Because of the high amount of volunteer work, 96 percent of all funds given to Northwest Medical Teams go directly to international relief work. Castle Rock Christian Church has been giving \$50.00 each month to this work, and on special occasions the church gives special offerings. You can learn more about Northwest Medical Teams at the website www.northwestmedicalteams.org.



Trisha Griffiths

Trisha, the youngest of six children, started attending the church at age 14 when Art Williamson was youth director. He taught her how to appreciate and study the Bible.

After graduation from Castle Rock High School, she attended Lee University in Cleveland, Tennessee and Middle Tennessee State University where she graduated in 2000. In college she was very active in Teen Mania and gained valuable experience in the mission field which led her to working in Africa in 2003.



Trisha Griffiths

Worldwide Heart to Heart Ministries

Heart To Heart Ministries ministers to many people in Honduras who were left destitute by Hurricane Mitch. They supply food, medicine and even have established an orphanage for boys living on the streets.

Pastor Roy Henson of the Castle Rock Full Gospel Church presented the ministry to our missions committee, and we started supporting



them in 2000 with money and teams of people that went there to build the orphanage, hold medical clinics and evangelistic crusades. (See the Ed Miller story P. 100.) In 2000 our church sent 22 people, and in 2001 and 2002 about six people went to help continue the work.

This ministry continues to grow with its very effective use of a hands-on approach to feeding many children and supplying food, clothing, medicine and the gospel to the needy of that area. Tina Campbell heads up the ministry with help from Dean and Rachel King.

The website www.wwh2h.org has more information about Worldwide Heart to Heart Ministries.

Gideons International

Once a year a representative speaks to our congregation about the organization's works, and we take up an offering in support.



There is more information at <http://www.gideons.org/>.

Samaritan's Purse



Once a year we fill shoe boxes with toys, books and personal care items for children in third world countries.

The Samaritan's Purse website is <http://www.samaritanspurse.org/home.asp>.

Prison Fellowship Angel Tree

At the holidays we buy gifts for the children of parents who are incarcerated. You can find out more about this ministry at the website www.pfm.org.



Local Ministries Supported By CRCC

Castle Rock Christian church has always recognized the need to support outreach work in our local area.

We started support for Community House in Longview in the 1970's. There were times the ladies of the Rebecca and Pauline Circles would cook dinner for

the residents.

More home ministries were added in the late 1990's. First was Hospice because their ministry was a great blessing to many of our congregation. A year or two later we added the Christian radio station KZOE now called the WAY- FM to our home mission ministries. In 2003 we began to support the Cowlitz County Chaplaincy.

See the following websites:

Community Home Health and Hospice: www.chhh.org.

WAY-FM Christian Hit Radio: www.wayfm.net.

