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Mission Outreach



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About Our Father's Business

I have often been challenged and impacted by the account of Joseph and Mary losing Jesus in Jerusalem when he was only 12 years old. His response was astounding for such a young age: *"Why were you searching for me?" he asked. 'Did you not know that I must be about my Father's business?'"* (Luke 2:49)

It was a traumatic time for Mary and Joseph when they realised their 12 year old son Jesus was not with them but 'lost' in Jerusalem at the busiest time of the year for that city! Can you imagine them desperately searching for Him during those three days?

It would be a terrible thing if we lost Jesus too. As He was found in the Temple then, He needs to be found in our temple now with us going about 'Our Father's Business' even as Jesus was when His parents found him.

In Matthew 22:37-39 the disciples asked Jesus what the greatest commandment is. He replied, *"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind. ...(39) And the second is like it, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.'"*

Our founder, Eddie Cairns was a wonderful example of fulfilling the Father's Business to love others and the call in Matthew 28:18-20 to *"..go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, (20) teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you and surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

Eddie loved to go and see how it was with the brethren, and to place bibles in the hands of the suffering church, impart the Holy Spirit and encourage, empower and equip the national leaders, pastors and evangelists to lead souls to Jesus and disciple them.

You could say MO has two fathers (1) Our Heavenly Father and (2) Eddie Cairns. Our Fathers' Business has not changed, but instead we feel the call even greater since Eddie went to be with Jesus on 2 December 2021.

Eddie was a big man with a big heart and big faith. He did not hesitate to believe and trust God to help him fulfil the assignments he was given. Now God has given us some new assignments in alignment with our call - an opportunity to grow MO through a new base in the U.S.A. and has issued us with a very large faith challenge in honour of our beloved Eddie - to believe for another million bibles!

We believe the Lord will bring many along side us to partner and join us in prayer for this vision and assignment.

Yours in His service
Neil

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Celebrating Eddie Cairns - A Life Well Lived!



At 7:00 am on Friday 3 December 2021 we received a message from our dear sister in the Lord - Glennie, saying that her precious dad Eddie Cairns, had gone to be with his Saviour at 9:58pm on 2 December! With mixed emotions we rejoiced that he was in his Saviour's arms and

that most of his family was with him when he crossed his final border from this life to eternity. Yet such sadness that such a wonderful, Christ-loving, warrior and general of the Lord had left his earthly abode.

Edward Roy Cairns was born on 28 May 1935 in Whakatane Hospital, New Zealand at a time the country was emerging from the post-war depression. He was born into a home where hard work and obedience were expected and where hardship was part of life. Despite this, love and care for one another was something Eddie learned through the many challenges, and despite the sometimes harsh treatment from his father, Eddie's heart remained soft.

It was after a comment from a policeman one night, and a challenge from a speaker at a church he attended in response to a sign that said ALL ARE WELCOME, the young Eddie realised he needed to change his ways. That same night he knelt down and prayed, "Lord I don't know much about you, and I don't know where you are, but I want you to be part of my life, Amen." As soon as he stood to his feet, Eddie felt an inexplicable joy suddenly flood through him, and realised his years of exile from God were over and he was free from the guilt of sin. (*Taken from his book 'To Catch the Wind'*).

Eddie rarely talked about his life before Jesus. Knowing Jesus was the start of things that truly mattered to him. Marrying the beautiful, Christian woman - Betty Hockly on 23 June, 1956 completed him.

Eddie loved work and getting stuck into everything he did. During his life, he was a butcher, farmer, lawn mower, bank cleaner, hay maker, funeral director and missionary. Paid or unpaid, he loved to be busy. He also loved his family with every fibre of his being and saw them as his God given responsibility, to always provide for, encourage and support, especially in the things of God.

For his children, Yvonne, Glennie, Sandy, Bless and Greg, the most powerful way for him to serve them was to serve God. The ethic of hard work learned during his childhood, was applied to how he served the Lord and displayed through the 20 years he served in Sunday school. He learned a lot of scriptures during these years which was preparation for what the Lord had planned for him in the future.

Eddie had an amazing ability to connect with people and often said "I would make more friends in ten minutes by being interested in others than I would make in ten hours by trying to get others interested in me." He never missed an opportunity to bless others and was always giving things away and helping people. He lived by Matthew 22:39 "...love your neighbour as yourself..."

A significant turning point in his life came after several years of listening to the repetitive weekly prayer by his fellow brethren of Luke 10:2 "*Pray the Lord of harvest to send forth labourers into his harvest.*" Eddie was convicted to change the prayer to 'Father, thrust me out into the harvest field of the world!'

This prayer soon had a dynamic effect on his life, as did Richard Wurmbrand's testimony at a meeting in 1969. Eddie realised he could no longer remain on the sidelines in the battle to help his brothers and sisters in Christ. He began by giving substantial amounts to Richard's mission, 'Jesus to the Communist World' and another mission that worked behind the Iron Curtain.

A next significant and pivotal point in his life occurred in 1975 when he attended a meeting at Faith Bible College in Tauranga where YWAM's Rudy Lack was sharing about bible deliveries in Moscow. Eddie realised that was what he wanted to do. Not long after that he saw himself starting a mission and rung his good friend Sam who confirmed this was meant to be and a brainstorm with Rudy Lack lead to the birth of 'Mission Outreach'. The two verses Luke 10:2 and Luke 9:62, "*No one who puts his hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the Kingdom,*" activated in obedience and empowered by the Holy Spirit, would be Eddie's source for many years and were foundational to MO.

Matthew 19:29 "And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or fields for my sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life." (NIV)

Celebrating Eddie



Above: MO's Pioneers-Sam & Evi, Eddie & Betty, Frank & Zoe

During the early days of MO, the Lord taught Eddie and Betty about trusting Him, praying and giving. The Lord's next directive came through Genesis 37:12-14 where Jacob instructed Joseph to "(13)...Go and see whether it is well with your brethren

and with the flocks and bring me word again..." They knew God was speaking to them to go to the nations.

So in May 1976 when the opportunity arose for them both to travel to YWAM bases in Hawaii, Eastern Europe and Israel, they embraced it without hesitation. This was the first of many trips to many nations like Poland, Hungary, Germany, Romania, North Korea, Philippines, China, Myanmar, Vietnam, Austria, Russia and Tibet to name a few. Eddie had caught the wind of the Spirit!



History Making Project Pearl barge with 232 tons of Chinese bibles

His greatest and most memorable adventure was Project Pearl in June 1981 when he joined Open Doors and other faith filled men and sailed a ship up the coast of China to deliver 232 tonnes of Bibles to an estimated 20,000 Christians on Swatow beach! This was a

pivotal point for the Chinese Churches. In 2000, Eddie met Brother Yun, also known as the Heavenly Man, at the Ethnos Asia conference. Yun had been one of the young men who retrieved some of the bibles off the beach in 1981. Such a powerful and moving meeting for both these men of faith!

Eddie also met and prayed with the governor of Washington DC during a visit to the White House, and appeared on American TV's 700 Club, sharing about the needs around the world.

During the early 1990's Dan Wooding and Eddie pulled aside and recorded his adventures in his book 'To Catch the Wind'. He and Betty were very happy to hear MO is planning to reprint an updated version of the book in 2022 with the help of his family and others he has walked with over the years.

Many times Eddie travelled to his most beloved mission conference in Bangkok, where one of his favourite brothers and sons, Sonny Largado would host him. He so loved that conference and he so loved Sonny and his team. Eddie loved that the conferences often had a life-changing impact on those who attended them.



Above: Kay & Rudy Bruns with Eddie at the 2001 Ethnos Asia Conference

However, he always had One goal in mind - to get the Word of God to the people and bless them in any way possible. Obedience to God's Word was a hallmark of everything he did and in every situation, he and Betty started with prayer, then looked to the scriptures.

It was after his two strokes in 1991 and 1997 he experienced profound frustration that he could no

Below: Ahn Lao ministering to Eddie during his visit to China 2012



longer do what he once did.

He could not be in the field where he believed he would die with his boots on doing what he loved. It was during this time, Eddie truly came to understand that it was not what he did, but who he was in Christ, that gave him any value

and purpose. He would spend the next few years becoming the most patient, gracious, precious soul, gentle and yet immovable. Slow in body, yet incredibly sharp in spirit. Always encouraging and ever desiring to serve the Lord and His people. Many of us are so grateful that our photo along with many others made it into his beloved prayer photo book.

Eddie's desire was always to hear the words from his Saviour spoken in Matthew 25:23 "Well done good and faithful servant.." and to receive in 2Tim 4:8 his "crown of righteousness..."

With Jesus on one side and Betty on the other and many prayer warriors supporting him, Eddie was able to do all that he did.



Above: Border crossing in style!

MO still continues the work today that began in 1975 with Sam & Evi Abplanalp and Frank & Zoe Grant, who continue to be faithful and prayerful warriors and supporters of MO.

We believe that with Eddie's passing, the Lord is going to bring forth much fruit as we read in John 12:24 "Truly, truly I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit."

Eddie yielded a rich harvest during his life and many of us are so much richer for knowing him. He has passed his baton onto his family and Mission Outreach, and we humbly accept the call to get the Word of God to the nations, and encourage our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Thank you brother for 'A life well lived!'

INTRODUCING PEARL 22

December 2, 2021, heaven decided to call home one of the unsung heroes of the Faith in our modern times. Eddie Cairns started Mission Outreach NZ in 1975 with the call of God to encourage & bless the brethren in Restricted Access Countries.

China’s cultural revolution led by Mao Zedong began the systematic persecution of Christians in China and the wanton destruction of Bibles was in full swing to stop it. However, instead of dying, the Chinese Church grew.

However, they needed Bibles to reach and teach those who still needed to hear the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. So in 1981 “Project Pearl” was birthed. The task - to smuggle one million Bibles into China, through the brave efforts of 20 faith-filled Christian men from seven nations. It became history’s most prominent and daring campaign in penetrating the communist world. (See the full account in Eddie’s book: ‘To Catch the Wind’)

Eddie was part of this amazing Project and in honour of his legacy, we, the Trustees of Mission Outreach, believe that 2022 will be the year we launch Pearl 22 for another million Bibles! It has been done before, we can do it again!

We know we cannot do this alone so we need partners, supporters and givers to make this project possible. This would mean that over 85,000 bibles need to be delivered

every month of 2022 to complete the project in a year or nearly 30,000 per month over a period of three years! With man, this seems impossible, but with God, all things are possible!

The Project Pearl team used a barge to deliver the Word of God, now we have different barges so to speak at our disposal to use. But for us to succeed we need your help.

So, we launch Pearl 22 with the hope of facilitating another million Bibles not just for China, but for other closed, unreached and needy peoples and nations around the world as the Lord leads.

These are ways you can help:

1. Commit to Pray for Pearl 22
2. Give to the Project as the Lord leads
3. Tell others about Pearl 22 and Mission Outreach

Habakkuk 2:2 *“Write the vision, make it plain on tablets, that he may run who reads it. ³For the vision is yet for an appointed time; But at the end it will speak, and it will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it; Because it will surely come, It will not tarry.”*

In obedience we write and will run!



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