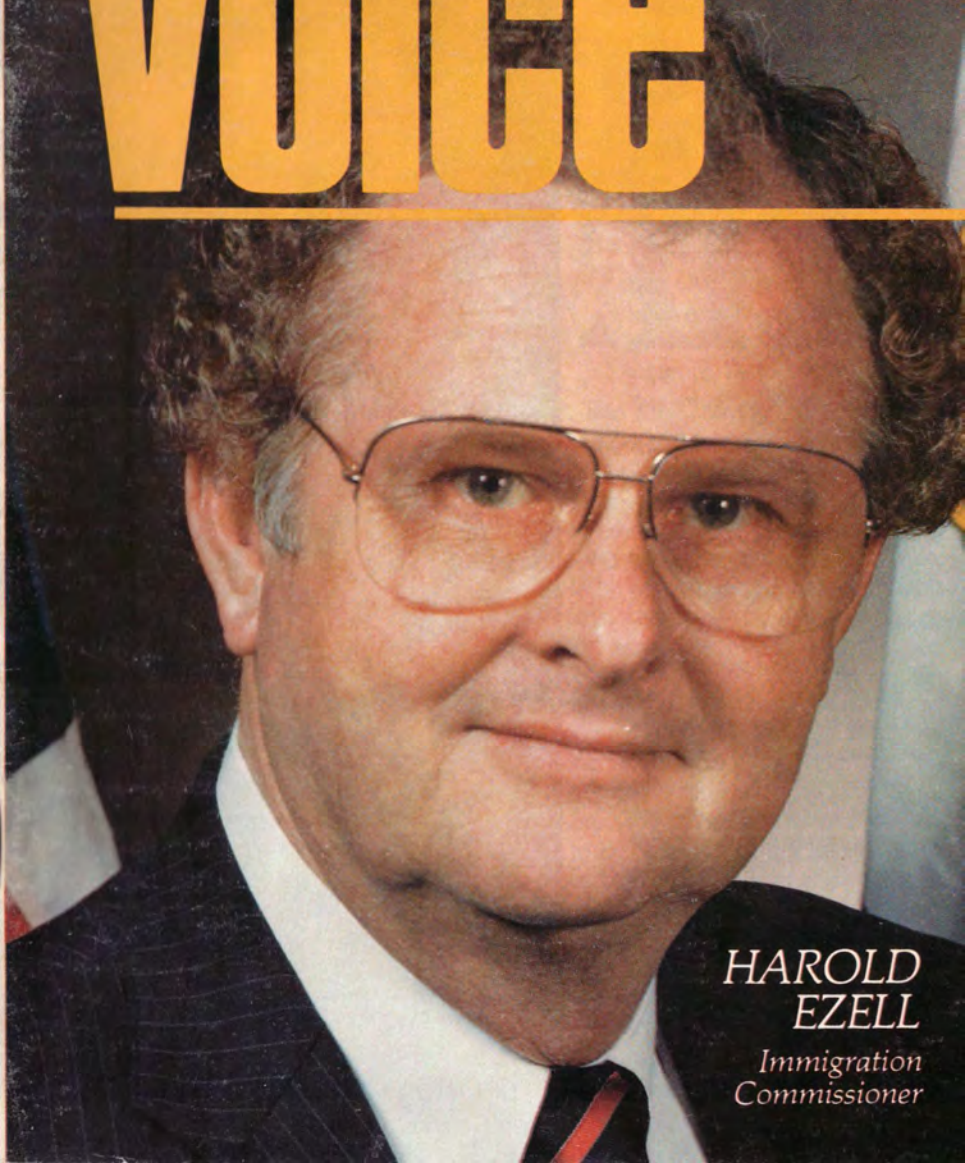


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**HAROLD  
EZELL**

*Immigration  
Commissioner*

*Harold (Hal) Ezell is a minister's son who is not exactly following in his father's footsteps. His father is seeking lost souls, while Hal is seeking illegal immigrants.*

*His dedication is reminiscent of Nehemiah, who was determined to rebuild Jerusalem's walls and save his nation in spite of all obstacles he encountered.*

*Hal has approached his responsibilities as Commissioner of Immigration with such enthusiasm and fervor that it has simultaneously created considerable local opposition and nationwide recognition.*

*To his staff and members of the Border Patrol, he is a hero. To those who oppose him, he is an ill-advised crusader. However, one thing is certain: Hal is a dedicated Christian who remains true to his Full Gospel heritage.*





*Interview with Harold Ezell  
Western Regional Commissioner  
of the U.S. Immigration  
and Naturalization Service*

# A CALL FROM THE WALL

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**Q** *What was the basis for your decision to accept the appointment as Regional Commissioner for the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS)?*

**A** My wife, Lee, and I made a joint decision on this. When the opportunity came up, we wondered if this were God's plan for us. The immigration issue is not a simple one because you are dealing with human beings who are poor and needy. We talked to a number of our friends, because in Proverbs 11:14 we're told that "in the multitude of counsellors there is safety." We needed to talk to people whom we knew and trusted. I called Florence Snyder, who is now head of the Department of Tourism in the state of California, one night and asked her what she thought about the opportunity that had been offered to us. She just

went into orbit, saying, "This is really right for you." I told her I wanted to put Lee on the phone so she could hear how Flo felt about it. Lee exclaimed, "No way, this is not right! I want my husband to have a job where people will like him, where he can be Mr. Nice Guy. It can't be from the Lord, because our Latino friends won't like him, the employees won't like him, and the immigration people won't like him because he comes from the private sector. He won't be making any money working for the government." She had this long list of reasons why it was wrong. She wanted me to be a hero, not the bad guy. Flo listened attentively to everything she had to say and then answered, "You know, Lee, I never thought of you as a hypocrite. The two of you are always praying for the government, that godly men would get into government positions. Here is your husband's chance

and what do you say? It's too difficult, it's politics, he won't make much money...I'm so surprised at you. Now that it's your chance, you pray that it'll be somebody else out there, but not Hal." So right then Lee knew that it was from the Lord.

[Lee] His candidacy came through just like that. And now he's really in a position that he believes is God's challenge for his life and that God has him there to make a difference. What better position to have a compassionate man in—a man of God—than Commissioner of Immigration?

**Q** Give us a little description of the area that you cover. Why is it the most important immigration region?

**A** The western region includes California, Arizona, Nevada, Hawaii and Guam. In that region I have about 3,600 employees. We deal with both the positive and negative aspects of immigration. On the positive or "legal" side, we screen and naturalize more people in the western region than any other region in the nation. We adjust people's status legally. On the other side of our business is the enforcement of the immigration laws, which is very difficult with the present invasion of illegal aliens coming in from all over the world. We have the largest number of illegal alien apprehensions in our region. In one month, there

were 170,000 illegal aliens apprehended on the southern border, 100,000 of them in my area. We have the greatest number of illegal entrants for several reasons. We have a great market for welfare benefits in the west, a great job market, and free medical benefits. The terrain makes it easier to cross over the border. You can walk across; you're not walking in out of the desert except in parts of Arizona. About forty percent of all the illegal aliens who enter this nation come through about a fourteen-mile stretch of border between San Diego and Tijuana. So we have a tremendous responsibility for border control. We have five border patrol sectors in our region; four of them are along the southern border of California and Arizona.

**Q** What about the Canadian border? Do you have a problem with illegal immigration there too?

**A** Nobody can really tell you for sure what's happening on the Canadian border. Our service only has a token representation on the northern border. The invasion from the northern part of the nation through the Canadian border is a more sophisticated type of illegal immigration—people who can afford to fly up and enter from Canada, and use altered documents.

**Q** You've shared that you seek the Lord's will in career decisions. When

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**Harold (Hal) Ezell**, spent twelve years as vice president and board member of Wienerschnitzel International, Inc., a fast-food restaurant chain that franchises and operates 400 stores in eleven western states. He left the food business in 1980 to form his own management consultant/capital formation firm. In 1983 he accepted the Reagan Administration's appointment to become Western Regional Commissioner of the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), its headquarters in San Pedro, California.

Commissioner Ezell is well known as an outspoken advocate of immigration reform. He has been prominently profiled by Time magazine, The Washington Post and the Los Angeles Times. He has been a guest on the "Donahue" program, and frequently appears on the national network news.

Hal and his wife Lee, an author and Christian speaker, reside in Laguna Hills, California. They have two grown daughters, Pam and Sandi.

and how did you come to a personal knowledge of Jesus Christ?

**A** I made a personal commitment to the Lord as a young boy. I was a "preacher's kid," raised by parents who have ministered for fifty years. The most significant time that I can point to in my spiritual life came after I had married the second time. My first wife had died of a brain tumor. My company, Wiener-schnitzel International, Inc., a fast-food chain, was "against the ropes." The Chicago office was closing down, and my family was moving.

My family had already left, and I was finishing the packing. The minister from my church walked in. This was in August, 1969. He had come to say goodbye. After a few polite comments, he asked me where I stood spiritually. I really felt like it was a confrontation with God

instead of a man, and I admitted to him that I had used everyone in my life as a window dressing. It was a time in which I had to face my relationship with God. At that point I began to realize that it doesn't matter whether your mom and dad are the most dedicated and godly people in the world, whether your wife is leading choir and playing the piano, or whether your kids are active in a youth group—my relationship with God through Jesus Christ was the bottom line. I think everyone has to come to the point in life where they do some self-examination. It doesn't mean that it's been smooth sailing ever since. I believe our "first love" relationship with God has to be examined continually. Salvation is a continuing process, a systematic kind of growth. We learn line upon line, precept upon precept. This is the kind of growth people experience who continue to

mature spiritually.

**Q** *What have been the greatest crises you've faced?*

**A** Losing two wives to terminal illness. Lee should tell you how that affected our family.

[Lee] We met at a Bible conference. I didn't meet his wife at that time because she was ill. I found out that she had died just a couple of weeks after that, very unexpectedly. But this was his second wife. His first wife had also died leaving him with two little girls. When I came into the picture the girls were ten and thirteen years old, and our Cinderella life began. Actually I was perceived as a wicked stepmother type, and a situation developed in which only God could heal the damaged emotions and problems that the four of us had as a new family unit. All the girls knew was the death of mothers. They had this concept that God kills mothers, and they weren't going to love again. They weren't going to risk that. We had a lot of things to work through emotionally and spiritually, and God was so faithful. They are grown now, totally healed inside by the Lord, as we've been as a couple and individually.

**Q** *Hal, what difference did that August, 1969 experience make in your life and the way you operate?*

**A** What happened to me in 1969 has given me the energy, the drive, and the wisdom to conduct myself in a godly way in all the areas of my life. Psalm 37:23 forms the basis of that: "The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord...." I believe that anything coming my way first goes through the Lord's hands and

across His desk, and He has two big stamps that say "yes" and "no."

**Q** *How does one determine if something has the "yes" or "no" stamp on it?*

**A** You know that by working at your relationship with the Lord. You can't expect to recognize the voice of, or direction from, a total stranger. You only know in your innermost being whether the direction is right or not by working at your relationship with Him.

**Q** *How does one work at that relationship?*

**A** I think that you have to have a knowledge of the Bible. It's the manual that tells you how to operate this thing called life. You have a manual to operate your vehicle or your Xerox machine. You also have a life manual that gives you direction. That's what the Bible does in my life. Having spent so much time in a minister's home, the Bible is a normal kind of guide for me. Growing in the Lord involves knowing scripture and believing that when you ask for something from God, He is not going to give you a stone







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(Matthew 7:9-11). You have to ask for wisdom, saying, "I really don't understand how to do this. I know You put me where I am; now how should I respond? What should I do?" And the answers begin to come.

I have the confidence that He is going to give me something solid. There is no bolt of lightning from the heavens. There is no voice that I hear in my right ear; it's something that is normal and natural, and it comes from knowing who my Source is. It comes from having a relationship with God through His Son. For instance, I asked God to give me favor with the people that work with me. I'm the first political appointee at the regional level that they have had in many, many years. I also have a position that people who have been in the service twenty-five years or so would like to step into. So, it took awhile to show that my motives were right, that I'm not using my position as a stepping-stone. I haven't any aspirations to run for a public office. I'm going back into the private sector when my time is up. But I'll still be an advocate for getting our borders under control.

**Q** *What are some other issues concerning illegal immigration that you are dealing with?*

**A** One of the other problems with illegal immigration is people who come here legally and overstay. Someone gets a visitor's visa and it runs out in six months, and they just never leave. We had 500,000 people last year enter the country legally, and we don't have any record of them leaving. Maybe a couple hundred thousand did leave whom we



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don't know about, but there are still a lot of people walking around with expired visas.

**Q** *Do you track them down?*

**A** We don't really have the resources to track them down. We can't do all we need to do on the southern border alone. We're only getting one out of two people who come through. During the last three years, the immigration service and the border patrol have apprehended over one million people per year. This year, with the present trend, this figure will escalate to almost two million. If that's not an invasion, I don't know what is. If that is not a matter of national security and a tremendous problem facing this nation, I don't what is.

**Q** *What happens to these people after they get in?*

**A** They are taking jobs—jobs that belong to the eight million unemployed U.S. citizens. That's the major draw, the





magnet, that's pulling these people in.

**Q** *Isn't there some argument that the jobs these people are taking are jobs that the American citizen doesn't want?*

**A** That's a myth perpetuated by libertarians, those who believe in open borders. These same people promote the one-world philosophy that these are all God's children, they are here, and you should just open your arms and welcome everybody in. I don't buy that philosophy; I don't believe that that is the way to maintain a nation of freedom, a nation where you have laws, a nation where you control your borders. If the American public could only understand that fifteen percent of the illegal aliens are doing stoop labor jobs; forty to forty-five percent are doing service industry jobs; e.g., working in hotels, motels, restaurants; and the balance are in construction and light manufacturing—the better paying jobs. I'm not willing to accept the fact that the American teenager, the semi-skilled or unskilled worker are not worth hiring and paying a decent day's wage. I believe that's an excuse. I believe that those involved in American agriculture, particularly in the West, have been hooked on the opiate of illegal workers for so many years that they have missed the possibility of mechanizing their industry.

We also seem to have apartheid right here in America. Our apartheid situation involves the illegal aliens who have settled into the society, who come from a nation with class distinctions. They are willing to accept the fact that they don't have all the rights and privileges that American citizens do. So they take abuse

from the employer; they take the substandard housing; they accept the fact that the employer is paying them less than he or she would have to pay a citizen who knows what a decent wage is. When you're used to making \$3.00 a day, and you can make \$3.00 an hour now....Also, so many of the illegals that we have found in the anti-smuggling operations are literally slaves to their smugglers. They never get out of debt.

This is where I believe that legal versus illegal immigration is an issue of concern to Christians. Legal immigrants bring in new life, new blood for our nation. They have fresh dreams, goals, and ambitions. I've never been more committed to legal immigration after being in this job for over three years now. But I am as strong against illegal immigration, stronger now than ever before, because I believe that we cannot maintain the growth, the economic possibilities in this nation, and our freedom and democracy if we don't control the borders. The illustration that I often use is that of the Statue of Liberty. The torch that she holds in her hand represents the spirit of America—democracy. In her other hand she holds a book, the Declaration of Independence. That book represents the laws of the land. You can't break our laws and expect the flame to burn forever in her torch; it's going to go out. The result of broken laws is anarchy.

**Q** *Those who feel we should have more immigration might ask, "Why don't we just make it legal?"*

**A** The answer to that question is complicated. We brought in 600,000

people last year legally, twice what all the nations of the world combined did. They can't hold a candle to America. America is not what it was one hundred or two hundred years ago when we were trying to invite people to come and help develop this nation. We are a nation that has certain limits with regard to natural resources. We have certain housing needs. We've got two million Americans who can't find a place to sleep at night. We've got to do something to take care of them. We can't take all of the world's needy at one time.

I believe we should continue legal immigration, but we must remember that when the Statue of Liberty was erected we only had fifty million people in America. The words "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses..." were put on the bottom of that statue when we had seventy-three to eighty million people. Today we have 238 million and are still growing. My feeling is that we must control the population growth of America. By the year 2000 we will have added twenty million more people, just maintaining the present immigration, legal and illegal as it is today. That number is roughly equivalent to combining the populations of New York, Los Angeles, Phoenix, Dallas, and Houston. How many do we want; how many can we take? I think that we have to control our borders. It is as important to us that we have the doors to our nation controlled, via border control, as it is to control the front door to your house.

**Q** *What percentage of that twenty million would be illegal? What other disadvantage does that present to the*

*American population?*

**A** The illegal percentage of the twenty million would probably be fifty percent depending on the border patrol's effectiveness.

Another disadvantage of illegal immigration is in the area of entitlement. The illegal immigrant can come here, have his child born here, and become a U.S. citizen automatically. That child will have every right and be entitled to everything that our children receive. Seventy percent of the babies in the Los Angeles county hospitals were born to illegal aliens. Educational and law enforcement costs are skyrocketing. We are seeing a tremendous increase in crime among illegal aliens. Right now we're working in all the prisons in our region to identify those who are here illegally. The percentage of illegal aliens in the prison population is staggering.

**Q** *Do you have the results of that study?*

**A** Illegal aliens commit as much as thirty percent of the crime in some of the major cities. A recent discussion I had with the Los Angeles Police Department narcotics bureau revealed that narcotics are now controlled, not by the Mafia, but by illegal aliens.

**Q** *What about the rising threat of terrorism and the possibility of terrorists coming in among this flood of people?*

**A** It is a major concern to us. We have our border agents on an alert basis. They are very, very aware, as are our inspectors, at ports of entry. There are certain nationalities who have a high profile. We



are looking for and at them, and we're doing our best to screen them out. The terrorists who want to come to this country needn't bother coming through the ports of entry, since our borders are just like Swiss cheese. You can come through any place that you want. Three thousand people a day are apprehended in just our region alone.

**Q** *How many agents do you have?*

**A** We have only 3,300 border patrol agents in all of America. So far, Congress has shown more concern over protecting the capitol grounds than it has regarding the control of our borders.

**Q** *Are the borders all fenced?*

**A** No, we have many miles of rickety chain link fence in some areas. We don't have any real fences. As soon as we repair the fences, they cut them down. One of the more graphic illustrations of a nation whose borders were lost, some of it voluntarily and some involuntarily, is Lebanon. Beirut, Lebanon was a beautiful paradise, but it's a shambles today because the Lebanese made a decision to drop the borders in their country. They invited 500,000 Palestinians in and now there's complete chaos. Once it was a nation that controlled its borders; now it doesn't.

**Q** *What would it take to put up fences and have adequate border agents to get the job done?*

**A** I don't believe we have to fortify or put the military on the border; I think we must first try immigration reform. We must make it illegal to knowingly hire illegal aliens. They are coming for jobs.

Once the magnet is taken away, the volume and the waves of people will start to recede.

**Q** *Would you please outline your stand on the sanctuary movement?*

**A** The sanctuary issue is a Trojan horse. Outwardly it sounds so wonderful. How could you love God and not care for these people? That's a front. It's a Trojan horse, because on the inside the leadership that I'm talking about are very, very political. They are political activists doing everything they can to change the international foreign policy of the Reagan administration in Latin America, particularly in two countries, El Salvador and Guatemala. They don't talk about Nicaragua. In Nicaragua, seven of the nine bishops in the Catholic Church have stated, "We don't have any religious freedom here. There are no human rights anymore." My dad, Dr. Herb Ezell, pastor of Harbor Christian Center in Wilmington, California, keeps giving me names of persons and churches who are being persecuted in Nicaragua. The Marxist-Leninist philosophy is being espoused there. There are many followers of sanctuary movement—particularly little churches around the country—who are misguided. Many are misled intentionally by the leaders of sanctuary movement.

**Q** *So it's not really a Christian issue, but a political one?*

**A** That's right. That's why the trial in Tucson concerning the sanctuary movement smuggling illegal immigrants was a matter of law versus lawlessness. These are the issues, not church versus

state. You have a law in America that says you can't transport, harbor, or aid an illegal alien; it's a felony to do so. Those in the sanctuary movement conspiring to do that should be prosecuted and convicted. People are beginning to reexamine the sanctuary movement in the light of this trial, not in light of the fact that if you see a need you should fill it. As Christians, we feel that if someone is here and they are starving and hurting you've got to take care of them. You don't ask them where they come from, you just give them a cup of cold water (Matthew 10:42) and when you've done it unto the least of these His brethren you've done it unto Him (Matthew 25:40). This is what we're told in the Bible. But that same Bible says in Romans 13 that you must obey the laws of the land. When Paul wrote that epistle, he was under the reign of Nero. King Nero was a ruthless, crummy guy, but Paul still told the church to obey the laws of the land. You can't disregard the laws and say, "God told me to do that" and be, in my opinion, in line with Romans 13.

That's what I tell these members of the clergy who are involved in the sanctuary movement. But there are only 260 churches out of 339,000 churches in America involved in the movement. They're not a gigantic movement; they just get lots of press. Another thing that I remind them of is that they are the same people who are so violently opposed to those who say God has told them to blow up the abortion clinics. Whether or not I am pro- or anti-abortion is not the issue; the issue is law versus lawlessness. In America you can't go and blow up somebody's building, no matter what

they are doing. You *can* do that in some other countries, but not here.

**Q** *Would you summarize what you think could and should be done with regard to immigration?*



*Hal and his wife, Lee, author of The Cinderella Syndrome and The Missing Piece*

**A** We need to have immigration reform. We need to make it illegal to hire an illegal alien. We need to make it mandatory to verify a person's legal presence. If a person is applying for welfare or any entitlements, the state or local agency should have to check with the INS to make sure he or she is here legally; that isn't done now. We should also have a provision for workers who are needed, e.g., guest workers, seasonal crop workers, to come in on a legal basis. They would be here for a time, and they must be paid and treated



right. We should have more border patrol agents out there doing the job.

I see America as a lifeboat. This lifeboat goes out to the troubled seas every year and brings in as many people as we can possibly bring in from those troubled seas of the world. If we overload that boat and it sinks, there is no other boat to bring in the people. We brought in 600,000 last year. We must be able to say, "No, not this trip, but we'll be back. You can bet on that. America will continue its generous immigration policy." But we won't, if things continue as they are. I think that Father Hesberg of Notre Dame said it clearly. As chairman of a select committee on immigration, he said if we don't control the back door, which is illegal immigration, the front door, or legal immigration, might slam shut, and that there would be an over-reaction by the American public. I pray and trust that that will not happen, but I believe that if we don't control the borders, it will.

**Q** *How have you been able to use the business expertise you gained as Vice-President and Director of the Wienerschnitzel chain in your position as Commissioner?*

**A** Number one, I've tried to tell those who work with me that they are worth something. I attempt to communicate that they should be proud of what they are doing and that they should do it to the best of their ability. We've brought in the reward recognition system, employee of the month, throughout the region. We've had regional campaigns on courtesy and pride. We've set goals and priorities by management objectives. We have given

them more responsibility and authority; but there is an accountability. I've also told them that this is not a kingdom. We are not here as the king and the regional office is not the kingdom; we are servants. I believe that is a biblical principle. Jesus said He came to serve and not be served. The role of every Christian, the role of every politician, the role of everybody in government or the private sector, is to serve. If we were all concerned about serving the other person, we'd have fewer problems.

**Q** *What are some of the key biblical principles that you operate by?*

**A** I try to recognize the value in each person who works with me. I try to accept each person for who he is and not expect him to change. I tell them that they won't like everybody that they work with, but we have to love everybody. There is no choice; there is no option. What I mean by loving is that you accept someone, treat him as a human being, and do all you can for him. The second principle concerns service. We are to serve, not be served. Lots of power and prestige go with some of these jobs, but you can either be deceived by that and believe your press clippings or say, "Wait a minute, I'm the same before, during and after this job. I am going to treat these people the way I want to be treated."

I don't want to promote a particular religious movement or church or anything like that, but I want to do this job with as much integrity as I can, be as honest as I can, speak the truth with as much sincerity and passion as I can, and leave the rest in God's hands. □

# THE RIGHT PLACE RIGHT TIME

Rudy M. Mireles  
Madrid, Spain



**M**y job has taken us all over the world, where I have spoken to many professional groups about the Lord Jesus Christ. If someone had told me ten years ago that I would be doing this, I would have said "No way!" I always considered myself a man who could do everything for himself. The last things I needed were the church and Jesus. But the Lord soon showed me that when He has a job to be done, He can mold even the most stubborn person into His servant.

When I was young I never drank, smoked in excess, or got in trouble with the law. I was dependable and a hard worker. I felt that the only ones who needed "a crutch" like Christianity were those with problems.

I had gone to church now and then with my grandmother. Following high school graduation in Miami, Arizona, I joined the Navy. The Korean war was on. My grandmother asked me to kneel and, placing her hands on me, prayed that the

Lord would take care of me during the war.

I got out of the service in 1955. Two years later, I met and fell in love with a young Christian woman—only Janice wouldn't go out with me unless I went to church with her. I decided that this was a small price to pay to spend time with



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such a beautiful girl. We married in October, 1958. We have been married twenty-seven years now and have been blessed with four lovely children, each of whom has a personal walk with the Lord. Our family has been blessed abundantly, for which we give thanks to the Lord.

I became a professional at going to church, bowed my head at the right times, and could sing as well as anyone. I felt the right thing was being done by setting an example for our children, but my mind was always elsewhere. The Lord and Janice could see right through me.

In 1970, when the charismatic move started, Janice was baptized in the Holy Spirit, but my pride still blocked the passage between my head and my heart. Six years later we began attending a Pentecostal church. You could have called me a real church professional now; we even had prayer meetings at our home!

A Saturday morning mens' prayer group was a weekly highlight for me.

Every six weeks, we would have a father/son dinner. A football player from the Minnesota Vikings gave his testimony at one of these meetings. I was an avid sports page reader and had great respect for this man. He shared how he had always worried about some young athlete coming out of college and taking his job. But after committing himself to the Lord, everything in his life had come into perspective. He stopped worrying and became a better ball player.

There was a special peace in this man that I wanted. So I asked Jesus to come into my life and take control. He had been waiting a long time for me to ask and very quietly did as I asked.

The Lord began making me a "new creature in Christ Jesus" (II Corinthians 5:17). I found that there were many "closets" in my life that needed cleaning out. What I thought were coincidences in my life had really been the hand of God taking care of me all along.

In 1970, after the death of her parents, Janice and I asked the Lord to find me a position overseas. I had worked for the U.S. government thirty years and was a production superintendent at that time.

Two years went by, and we continued praying. Our home sold, and six months later a position opened up in the Philippines. While we were waiting to report there, a U.S. government position became available in Australia. We felt the Lord wanted me to apply for this job, but it would be a demotion from the one I currently had in San Diego.

We spent two uncomfortable weeks concerned about being disobedient to the Lord. On the last day, I quickly filled out an application and took it to the post

office, certain we would be on our way to the Philippines before the government got the applications all sorted. I rested, knowing I had been obedient.

When the Lord is in control, there is action. Within three days, I received a call from Washington, asking if I would be interested in the Australian position. Here I was with two jobs—one offering prestige, money and status in the Philippines and the other, a lesser opening in Australia.

The Lord began dealing with us. Should we choose worldly things or be in His perfect will? We had three days in which to answer. After much prayer, Janice and I settled on Australia. Five hectic weeks later, we arrived in Melbourne on October 6, 1982.

Although I would be a contract administrator for the F-18 aircraft, we didn't know what the Lord had in store for us. It didn't take long for Him to show us. During Christmas week that year, a California evangelist who knew nothing about us brought a prophecy from the Lord: "It is not your job that has brought you to Australia; *I have*—to prepare you for the work that I have in store for you."

Although I had asked for the baptism in the Holy Spirit in the past, doubts had always remained in my mind. In early February, 1983 I knew without a doubt that I wanted the evidence of speaking in a heavenly language. The Lord honored this request.

I missed the mens' fellowship that I had enjoyed so much in San Diego. Someone suggested trying Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship. Becoming a member of the Frankston Chapter outside of Melbourne marked the beginning



(Back row, left to right) Rudy, Mark, Rudene, Janice; (front row) Matthew and Merl

of an exciting boldness in my witness for the Lord. We could not know what was in store for us as a result of membership in FGBMFI.

Shortly thereafter, I was asked to give my testimony at an FGBMFI dinner in Melbourne. It was publicized as the "American Christian in Australia Working on the F-18 Hornet," with a statement that a movie about the aircraft would be shown.

Normally about twenty-five men showed up for the dinners. This time about seventy-five professional businessmen appeared. I started to get nervous; if ever I needed God's wisdom, it was now.

These men had come to hear about the most sophisticated and advanced aircraft in the world. With God's help, I told them not only about the F-18, but what the Lord was doing in my life as well.



That was the first of many doors that the Lord has opened for me, as well as for Janice, to share His word.

The commanding officer of the large Royal Australian Air Force Base 100 miles outside of Melbourne invited the FGBMFI chapter on base to show the film at a breakfast meeting. The chapter had been refused admission many times before, but the Commanding Officer wanted his men to see the F-18 film. He requested that the film be separated from the testimony. Our answer was "no."

Later the Commanding Officer said that he was glad they were both given together. He invited the FGBMFI chapter back for more testimonies.

Janice and I knew that the Lord was preparing us for something. One day the Holy Spirit drew our attention to this Bible verse: "Whensoever I take my journey into Spain, I will come to you: for I trust to see you in my journey..." (Romans 15:24). We shared the verse with our Christian brothers and sisters in Australia, but no one knew what it meant with regard to us. However, we had not forgotten that our first choice for an overseas assignment had been Spain.

In July 1984, we received word of an F-18 job opening in Spain. Upon calling the United States, I learned that the job requisition had closed and they were in the process of selecting someone. During the phone call, I said a quick, silent prayer asking for the Lord's wisdom. To this day I don't know exactly what I said, but the person on the other end of the line said they would hold the job open until they received my application.

By early September, we had received word that I had been selected for the job. There is no limit to what the Lord can do!

For three and a half years, the Lord has taken us around the world to share His goodness in Hawaii, Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, and India.

I am currently assigned as part of the mission team with the U. S. Embassy in Spain. My family are ambassadors for Christ (II Corinthians 5:20). My government job in Spain is the same as it was in Australia. Whatever the Lord would have us do in Spain, we are available.

Shortly after our arrival in Spain on December 7, 1984, we helped start an FGBMFI chapter in Madrid. The Lord's timing is always perfect, and He will put His people in the right place at the right time to do His work.

FGBMFI airlift teams from New England came to Madrid in April and November 1985 to give us guidance and encouragement. The work the Lord is doing confirms to us that the Lord's timing for evangelizing Spain is now.

A sleeping giant is awakening to join in spiritual warfare.

We praise the Lord for His work in Spain and are honored to be a part of it. □

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# Orlando 86

Upon our arrival in Orlando, Florida for the thirty-third annual world convention of the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International, we were driven to the new Orlando World Center Hotel and Convention Center. We were thrilled at the beautiful, park-like setting with nearly 200 acres of waterfalls, lagoons, palm trees, a golf course, four swimming pools, three hydrotherapy pools, tennis courts and almost a dozen spots for dining.

There, in the center of it all, stood the majestic hotel like a giant cathedral, with its beautiful central tower piercing the heavens. Within hours, its rooms and halls were filled with the praises of men, women, and young people from all over the world. The family registration exceeded five thousand, and the convention hotel (plus three others) and every event were sold out. Between seven and eight thousand people attended some part of the convention.

The Super Advanced Leadership Seminar (ALTS) and the Ladies' Teaching and Training Seminar (LTTS) started the week-long activities.







*(Top left) Marriott's Orlando World Center, site of the 1986 World Convention; (top right) Demos and Rose Shakarian greet convention attendees; (above) altar call at conclusion of James Robison's evening message; (far left) Demos Shakarian, center, fellowshiping with overseas delegates.*

Opening night featured our Founder/President Demos Shakarian with Argentine evangelist Carlos Annacondia. It was a momentous service, with crowds flocking to the altar on two separate occasions, one early in the service and the other at the close. Hundreds were saved, healed, and filled with the Holy Spirit.

Wednesday featured several thrilling testimonies at the breakfast meeting climaxed by Dr. John R. Graham's heart-touching testimony. All services were translated into Spanish and the listeners used headsets. The interpreter translated under such an anointing that during Dr. Graham's testimony he spoke with Graham's same compassion. As the singers sang, he translated in Spanish rhyme.

Afternoon sessions were conducted by Bill Subritzky and Dr. John Klem. The evening service featured Mike Murdock who spoke on seeing your dream become a reality. Once again, there were two altar calls.

At the Thursday morning breakfast session, former Governor Julian Carroll spoke about our country and the threat that faces us. The afternoon teacher was Rev. Karl Strader, pastor of the great Carpenter's Home Church in Lakeland, Florida, one of the largest churches in America. And to climax the day, the ever-popular Bill Subritzky from New Zealand shared his testimony.

Friday morning John Carrette of Guatemala shared his testimony and a report of what God is doing in Latin America. (More than 300 delegates from all over Latin America attended







(Top left) Military breakfast head table; (top right) Bill Subritzky; (middle, far left) General Charles Duke; (immediate left) actor Richard Kiel and daughter; (above) ladies' luncheon speaker Shirley Boone; (bottom, far left) Col. Hank Lackey

the convention, plus hundreds from Africa, Europe, Asia, etc. Over 1,000 registrants from overseas were honored with a special reception by Founder/President Demos Shakarian.)

Friday featured the ladies' luncheon with guest speaker Mrs. Shirley Boone and the mens' luncheon with Mike Murdock sharing.

Crowning the day was an evening meeting featuring Baptist evangelist James Robison. His message stirred the entire convention and resulted in a huge harvest of souls.

Saturday opened with a great military breakfast. Men from every branch of the service gave testimonies. General Ralph Haines, former Army Chief of Staff, was honorary chairman for the occasion. Guest speaker was General Charles Duke, former Navy officer, Air Force test pilot, astronaut and Army reserve officer.

At the Saturday luncheon banquet, Dr. John Klem, professor at Ball State University, was the speaker. His testimony electrified the crowd, and many dedicated their lives to Christ.

The convention closed Saturday night with a family night service where Demos Shakarian shared from his heart and actor Richard Kiel, the infamous "Jaws" of James Bond movies, gave his testimony.

There were great youth meetings and outstanding children's services that made this a week of spiritual enrichment for the entire family! □

—The Editor







(Top row, left) Demos ministering at altar call; (top center) mens' luncheon; (top right) International Director Al Malachuk and Voice editor Jerry Jensen; (middle left) singer "Big" John Hall; (middle center) left to right, Vep Ellis, Albert D'Arpa, Charles Crisafulli; (middle right) Don Ostrom leads in worship; (left) Ray Barnett (see testimony on page 24)

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*A Friend in the*







# West

Ray Barnett  
Delta, British Columbia, Canada

I sat spellbound near the back of the plush Southern California church sanctuary. As the thunderous applause quieted, I memorized the thirty joyful, glowing faces as the little African children began another song with touching lyrics.

"Through it all," they sang, "through it all...I've learned to trust in Jesus, learned to trust in God."

They were orphans from the East African nation of Uganda, and I knew very well that they really had been "through it all." Less than a year before, I had personally seen those boys and girls rescued from outrageous poverty and brought into our first *Ambassadors of Aid* children's home in a Kampala suburb. They had lost their parents to the terrible violence in their homeland, and many of them were the children of Christian martyrs.

It had been my vision to bring them across the sea in the first place, and in a very short time that vision had been fulfilled. Now they were happily singing praises to the Lord Jesus Christ in North American churches. Listening to them gave me great satisfaction. But never would I have anticipated an African Children's Choir being the result of my own particular ministry.

How had I managed to make my way from my humble Irish birthplace to this stirring West Coast concert?

My mind raced back across the years to 1950. A cold, fitful wind stung my

cheeks with raindrops as I hurried down the gentle slope from the Calf Lane area toward downtown Coleraine, Northern Ireland. I was on my way to a new job, working for a photographer in his upstairs studio. At fourteen years of age, I was thrilled with this exciting opportunity. In my large foster family, every extra shilling helped.

But on that special day, a greater reward than money awaited me. The man for whom I worked was a lay preacher. He asked me a very important question that morning. "Do you know if you'll go to heaven when you die, Raymond?"

"If I'm good and do the best I can, I think I will, yes."

"No, that's not enough. You must be born again." A well-worn Bible suddenly appeared. The third chapter of John's gospel was opened, and the ancient story of Jesus' conversation with Nicodemus was read.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). These words lingered in my mind as I raced home for lunch. Life had not been easy for me up to that point. Not expected to live as an infant, I had been adopted into a large, poverty-stricken family. Learning disabilities had marred my school experiences, and a slowness of speech made it difficult for me to communicate.

*If I'm supposed to be born twice, then I'd better do something about it, I reasoned to myself. So it was that I knelt alone beside my bed during my lunch break. "God, I want to be born again."*

My simple prayer was spoken almost silently, and then and there I quietly received the unspeakable treasure of eternal life.

A few weeks later, before the Lord's Supper was served to a small Sunday morning gathering of Christians near my home, I felt stirred to pray aloud. The thought of speaking out in public terrified me. My halting speech embarrassed me, and I had fainted once before when I'd tried to talk in front of a crowd.

But the Lord urged me on. I stood up. *I'm going to faint again*, I thought miserably. But this time the experience was far different. Something unexpected was happening. A warm, burning sensation blazed in my throat. It moved upward into my mouth. It was almost fiery, and yet painless. I was speaking, but what was I saying?

Electricity gripped the small service. Rapt eyes were upon my face. Everyone knew me, yet this wasn't like me at all. The words I was speaking sounded foreign—unfamiliar. This group had no Pentecostal tradition, and no one knew what to think about this boy speaking in tongues.

But more than a passing miracle had happened to me. My halting speech was gone—forever. I was healed at the very moment the "fire" touched my mouth. Beyond the new freedom I felt in speaking, I was gripped with zeal and filled with joy. I wanted to tell everyone I saw about the power of God!

The years that followed took me into street evangelism, Bible school, and pastoring. I was led to Canada where I married Ruth and we began our family. Then God directed a career decision that





*African Children's Choir in concert*

eventually changed the course of my life. I went to work for a respected travel agency in Calgary, Alberta, coordinating tours for Christians. It was during that time that I became acquainted with Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship.

It was my privilege to start the Calgary Chapter of FGBMFI, and I was soon to become the Fellowship's youngest International Director. The second speaker I invited to Calgary was Jerry Jensen, the editor of *Voice* magazine. As I took him sightseeing in nearby Banff, we began to talk about the Fellowship's worldwide goals. An idea suddenly struck me. "Why not fly a group of Christian businessmen into London and have a convention there? The entire United Kingdom could

be reached with the gospel!"

Initially it sounded impossible. But my experience with the travel agency gave me confidence that such an endeavor could succeed. Jerry returned to California and presented the idea to Demos Shakarian. That same weekend, I met with Demos. His enthusiasm grew as we talked. Within days, the first FGBMFI airlift was underway! Demos' father even agreed to furnish five thousand *Voice* magazines to the United Kingdom as his personal investment in the project.

By late fall, 1965 the dream had become reality. The results of the London Airlift were even more impressive than we could have dared hope. Teams of Christian evangelists were sent

to Western Europe, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland.

Royal Albert Hall is said to seat more than ten thousand people. On the convention's final night, with Oral Roberts as the speaker, the hall began to fill long before the meeting began. It was estimated that another ten thousand had crowded together outside, trying to catch the inspiring words that drifted from the packed auditorium. Countless Christians made their way home that night possessing spiritual gifts that would transform their lives.

A spark had been ignited within the United Kingdom, and soon the charismatic renewal would sweep the entire world with its fire. When that time came, the kindling was already aflame in Britain and Western Europe—because of the FGBMFI London Airlift.

That same year, an airlift was planned to Stockholm, Sweden. More jets were chartered, hotel rooms booked, and evangelistic teams sent forth. It was through the FGBMFI Stockholm Airlift that God gave me the orders that would lead me into His ultimate purpose for my life.

Some of the teams were scheduled to go into the Soviet Union. A young female journalist accompanied a group that went to Tallin, Estonia. She was not a Christian, but was deeply moved by the faithfulness of the believers she saw there and by the hardships they endured for their faith.

"Ray," she asked me after she returned, "why don't you help them?"

God made it possible for me to do just that. Our fledgling human rights organization officially began five years later.



*Friends in the West* was the name everyone agreed upon. I was exhilarated by this matchless opportunity to reach out to the persecuted church. Names were discreetly gathered. Contacts were carefully established. "Prisoner for Christ" prayer bracelets were made and distributed. The ministry was launched.

But the road ahead wasn't a smooth one.

Although God had miraculously healed my speech difficulties by the power of His Spirit when I was fourteen, many other symptoms of my specific learning disabilities still remained. These inadequacies, combined with unfortunate business complications, led to a period of great financial difficulty during the early 1970's. A sense of personal failure, a bruised reputation, and the ensuing rejection by friends and associates nearly broke my spirit. In 1972 I headed back to Northern Ireland alone, hoping to find some answers.

In Portstewart, my birthplace, I sat on a lonely bench facing the windswept





North Atlantic. Sick at heart, I cried out to God in a silent, anguished prayer. *Lord, what am I supposed to be doing with my life? Have I gotten completely off track? Am I headed in the wrong direction? I'm really not sure about anything anymore, Lord, except that I can't give up. I know I can't give up.*

*Today my request is simple. If I'm on the right track with my life, I need to hear from You today. I guess that's all there is to it. Just let me know. And please...I really do need to hear from you, Lord—today.*

With that I rose to my feet, located my rental car and began to drive. I had heard from time to time about a place where my birth mother was supposed to have lived. I'd always been intrigued by the thought of her and longed to learn more about her past. *I think I'll see if I can find her house...* I told myself.

When I arrived at the old residence, just a breath away from the Irish Republic's border, I recognized it immediately. Hundreds of years old, it was like a

miniature castle, guarding the entrance to the River Foyle. Narrow, boarded-up slits in the stone walls provided the only windows. I tried to peek through, to catch a glimpse of the interior, but only darkness met my eyes. *Maybe I can see through on the other side....*

Suddenly, as I moved around the building, a grizzled old fisherman appeared, his back to the bay. He looked at me with curious, clear blue eyes.

Smiling, I commented to the salty-looking character, "This is an interesting old place."

"Yes, it is," he quietly replied. "It's owned by the London Irish Society. But they aren't taking very good care of it."

"Do you know anything about the people who lived in it? My mother grew up here but I never knew her. My name is Ray Barnett."

The old man studied me carefully before he replied. Then he grinned. "Oh, yes. Your mother did grow up here. You had a sister, too. She was adopted by a family also. Your sister's name was Iris, but her new family changed it...it's



(Top, center) FGBMFI Calgary chapter envisions 1965 London Airlift. Ray Barnett, fourth from left, back row, prays alongside current Voice editor Jerry Jensen (third from left). (Above) Ray Barnett conducting business for Friend in the West and Ambassadors for Aid



(Top) Ray Barnett with young friends in Lebanon

(Above left) Banner bearing 5,000 names smuggled into the U.S. Embassy, Moscow presented to the Siberian Seven. Ray is third from left.

(Clockwise) Ray, Rob, Rheanne, Ruth, and Rhonda





Kathryn now, I believe."

I began to frantically scribble notes in my notebook. The fisherman continued his astounding report. "Your mother is still living. I can give you her address...."

I carefully recorded the street and city.

"The rest of the family lives in New Zealand. That's about all I can tell you."

I stared at him in wonder. Who was he? How could he have so many specific facts stored in his mind? How had he arrived from nowhere with such uncanny timing? In a matter of seconds, we would have missed each other.

Within days, I had delved into the details of his story, and it became evident that every word the fisherman had spoken was true. I traced down each lead. By the time a week had passed, I had found my real sister. Soon I was also in touch with my birth mother. Before long, loving bridges were being built between us all.

The impossibility of all that would have been dramatic enough. But I clearly recalled my prayer, "Lord if I'm on the right track with my life, I need to hear from You today." God had assured me of His continuing love and guidance, despite the roughness of the road.

And what about the curious old fisherman? My inquiries among the residents of the area quickly revealed that no one living around Culmore Point had any idea who the windburned man with all the answers might have been. No one had ever noticed him fishing in those waters before. And to this very day, he has never again returned.

But from that time on, God began to bless *Friends in the West* with miracles

on behalf of suffering Christians that only He could produce by His Spirit.

In 1976, a man from Zimbabwe named Slu Dakah Ndeble was released from his Mozambique prison cell. This happened after I secretly photographed him there, smuggled the film across that country's closed border, and published his picture internationally through the world press.

That same year *Friends in the West* was able to aid in the passing of Congressional Resolution 721 through the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, denouncing the Soviet Union's mistreatment of Christian believers.

In 1978 God led me to contact German attorney Wolfgang Vogel. *Friends in the West* engaged him to make the necessary diplomatic arrangements allowing Russian pastor Georgi Vins to be released from the Soviet Union in 1979.

Because of *Friends in the West*, a smuggled banner bearing five thousand signatures of free-world Christians was presented to the Siberian Seven during their five-year stay in Moscow's U.S. Embassy. Following a subsequent visit to them during Lida Vashchenko's hunger strike, I was interviewed by David Hartman on "Good Morning America," sharing with the entire country the plight of these beleaguered Russians. *Friends in the West* was also able to dramatically assist the Siberian Seven following their release from the U.S.S.R.

During the 1982 Israeli invasion of Lebanon, through the faithfulness of our small organization's prayerful support, 24,000 people a day were fed in Southern Lebanon.

But in the midst of all this, yet another area of the world was suffering cruelly at the hand of a deadly madman. Idi Amin had risen to power in Uganda during the 1970's. Thousands of Christians were murdered during his efforts to Moslemize his land. I first visited Uganda during his nightmarish reign and immediately fell in love with the Ugandan people.

Amin was overthrown in 1978, but unfortunately the killing didn't end with his departure. For a total of fifteen years, rampant violence prevailed in that tormented little nation. Finally the horrifying facts about the children began to emerge—hundreds of thousands of orphans were wandering homeless, many of them starving to death.

These reports broke my heart. "We've got to do something," I told a group of northwestern pastors in 1984. They agreed. With their help, *Ambassadors of Aid* was formed, the sister organization to *Friends in the West*.

I had long felt that a choir of African Children would delight the hearts of all who might hear them. Now I began to see that that very idea might be used to focus attention on the desperate needs in war-torn Uganda.

The first African Children's Choir arrived in North America in September, 1984. They raised enough money to establish the first *Ambassadors of Aid* through their concert tour. From there came the second choir, a chorus of hopeful orphans, telling the world that the Lord had been with them "through it all."

Isn't it so with all of us? No matter what, no matter where, at times each of us is faced with insurmountable odds,

with personal handicaps, with frustrating limitations. And when we attempt to reach out to others in the name of Jesus, the pathway can become very rocky indeed.

But one of the greatest promises in all the Bible prepares us for every kind of obstacle. Paul said "I can do *all things* through Christ who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13).

Have you been parentless? Hungry? Sick? Disabled? Had financial troubles? Uncertain about your place in life? Trying to accomplish unreachable goals? When God is working through us, nothing is too difficult. Nothing is too hard to handle. With Him absolutely *nothing* is impossible!

God had directed me along avenues I could never have imagined. He has ministered to me in ways I would have never believed possible. He has used me in situations I could never have foreseen. Listening to the voices of Uganda's courageous little children, I know that what they sing is true.

Through it all, I too have learned to trust in Jesus. And through it all, like them, I have learned to depend upon His Word. If you desire this relationship with the Lord, I invite you to turn to page 38 and take the Six Steps to Salvation. □

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