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A Recap from the Retired Workers' Retreat

Ron & Joan Stoller

Former NAB Missionaries to Japan

Whenever someone chooses to relocate their entire lives and live among a people group unfamiliar to them, they stand in the company of greatness. We sometimes forget that half of the New Testament was only written because Paul continued to keep in contact with many churches along his missionary routes, and even beyond. Much of the New Testament is in our hands because of missionary correspondence.

As the NAB, we take our missional heritage seriously. Some of our oldest mission fields are in Cameroon, where we can trace our involvement back to the time between the two world wars, and Brazil, where missionaries made initial inroads within the German immigrant population at the turn of the 19th century.

All the while, there has been a continued movement of people following God's leading in the mission field. Many of our leaders are great men and women of faith who have sacrificed much and requested little in return. One of the instrumental leaders in the Cameroon mission field was Jerry Fluth, who served 1960–1981, with a few additional short periods of service in the

years subsequent.

He once wrote, "Everyone wants to get to heaven, but few appear in a hurry to make the trip." This past December, he joined the heavenly throng written about in Hebrews.

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God." (Hebrews 12:1–2)

In light of our great heritage, it is only fitting that new missionaries are continuing to be appointed and new ministries are continuing to unfold. The Bicol Center for Christian Leadership in Philippines is only fifteen years old, and Camp Falcon Rock in Romania only began in 2014. Like the author of Hebrews entreats us, let us not forget to look forward to Jesus, the author of our faith, even as we remember our history and all those who came before us. ■

Congratulations! Let's Celebrate!

Ron and Marion Hiller will be celebrating fifty years of marriage on June 4, 2016. A celebration will be held at Bethany Baptist Church in Vancouver, BC, on June 4.

Adele Kornel celebrated her 100th birthday on October 4, 2015, together with her sons David and Tim and their families. The following day an open house was held at her residence in Kelowna, BC. In 1952, Adele and her husband, Joseph Kornelewski, who passed away in 1965, came to Kelowna to pastor Grace Baptist Church. In 1962, seeing some patients discharged from the hospital in need of nursing care and with no place to go, they built Still Waters Nursing Home, which today is the new facility of Village at Mill Creek. Adele is now a resident in the care facility she and her husband started. At the celebration, Adele was presented with a plaque honoring their vision and a tree was planted at Lakeshore Place, one of the residences she was co-founder of. The plaque is being placed there in recognition of her 100th birthday, indicating that she was a pioneer in quality care in the Okanagan Valley since 1957.

Dr. Willy Muller received an Honorary Doctorate from Taylor Seminary at the graduation ceremony in May 2016.

In Care and Prayer

Herman Effa, in Edmonton, AB, recently had low blood pressure issues. Herman and Ardath have served churches in the United States and Canada, and they were missionaries to Brazil and headed up NAB Missions.

LeRoy Kiemele in Tacoma, WA, is in recovery after back surgery on April 19. LeRoy pastored North Freedom Baptist Church in North Freedom, WI; he also planted Evergreen Community Church in Renton, WA, and served as an army chaplain.

Wally Krogerlitz in British Columbia has approaching dementia. Wally and his wife, Lydia,

served churches in Saskatchewan, Ohio, British Columbia, and Oregon, and they have had a number of fruitful interim ministries in retirement.

Don Miller in Portland, OR, is on a dialysis machine related to his kidney issues. Don was formerly an NAB pastor and the vice president for Development at Sioux Falls Seminary.

Florence Miller turned 91 on January 14 and has been battling various health issues. Florence retired in 1989 after 38 years serving as the first NAB missionary to Japan; she still attends Napier Parkview Baptist Church in Benton Harbor, MI, when weather and health permit. You can send notes of encouragement to Florence at flojmillier@gmail.com or The Willows, 3440 Niles Rd., St. Joseph, MI 49085.

Fred Moore is developing dementia. His daughter, Joy Kinnard, in Seattle, WA, would like to have letters sent to her so she could read to her father to help maintain his memory. Write to Fred Moore c/o Steve and Joy Kinnard at JoyKrn@comcast.net or 6408-83rd Ave. SE, Snohomish, WA 98290.

Home to Glory

Rudy E. Lemke — November 20, 2015 (age 75) at St. Paul's Hospital in Saskatoon, SK, after complications from surgery. Rudy married Dorothy Bredin in 1962 in Kelowna, BC. He attended college and seminary in Sioux Falls, SD, and then spent twenty-five years in pastoral ministry at churches in South Dakota, British Columbia, and Saskatchewan. He is survived by his wife of fifty-three years, three sons, one daughter, eight grandchildren, three sisters, two sisters-in-law, one brother-in-law, and their families. The funeral service was held at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Saskatoon, SK.

Donald Paul Patet — December 25, 2015 (age 89). Donald was born in St. Paul, MN, on March 23, 1926. He graduated from Bethel Seminary in 1951 and married Betty Lou Bauman in Waco, TX, in 1953. They then began a long ministry for Christ, which included thirty-two years in Aplington, IA. Don retired in 1988, but continued finding joy in many ministry opportunities and in being with his family. His wife,

Betty, who passed away in 1997, one grandchild, his parents, and many others he had ministered to along his journey of life preceded him in death. His life was celebrated on December 29, 2015, at Aplington Baptist Church. He is survived by his son, Jeff Patet in Florida, and daughter, Janice Jacobs, who can be reached at jjacobs@butlercoiowa.org or 409 Spruce Street, Allison, IA 50602.

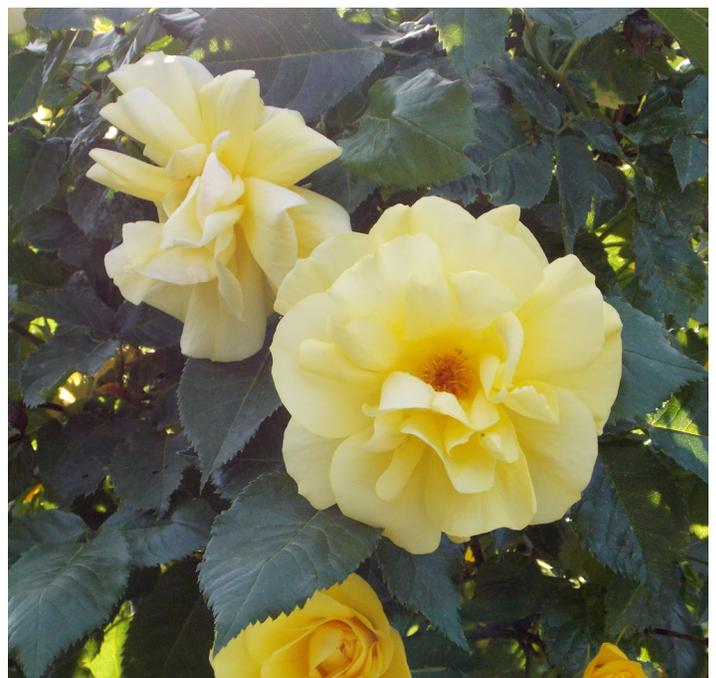
Myron Dudek — April 7 (age 93). He was active in Christian Education Ministries in NAB Conference churches and state summer camp programs. Starting in 1969, he served as the administrator of the Central Baptist Home in Illinois for eighteen years and continued in the Baptist youth camping program as a founding member of the Central Baptist Camp Board, which covered Iowa, Illinois, Minnesota, and Wisconsin; it's now Village Creek Bible Camp located in Lansing, IA. He is survived by his wife, Caroline; three children, Carol L. (Donald) Miller, Carla J. (Tim) Neuman, and Roger A. Dudek; eleven grandchildren; twenty-six great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his brothers, James E. (Rachel) Dudek of CA, and Eugene W. (Doris) Dudek of WI, and sisters, Ruth (the late Robert) Leslie of OH, Eunice (the late Robert) Tessmer of FL, and Elizabeth (Lawrence) Ashman of FL. A memorial service was held on April 16 at The Branch Community Church in Chicago, IL. Memorials may be directed to The Branch Community Church or Village Creek Bible Camp.

Heinz Korsch — April 29 (age 69) in the Kelowna, BC, area. Heinz was born in Sörupholz, Germany, and immigrated directly to Kelowna along with his three brothers, one sister, and parents. In 1968, he took a year off work to travel as a member of the God's Volunteers gospel team. This is where he met fellow team member Sheryl Hammerstrom. They were married in 1970 in Chancellor, SD. Church involvement was very important in Heinz's life. He served on multiple church boards, sang in the church choir for over forty-five years, and assisted in many other areas of ministry. Heinz also served for many years on the NAB General Council and on provincial church committees. He is survived by his wife, Sheryl, of forty-five years. A celebration of life was held May 9 at Trinity Baptist Church in Kelowna, BC.

Wilbert Delton Dachtler — April 30 (age 90). In the fall of 1953, Wil entered Grand Rapids Baptist

Bible College and Seminary, where he completed a program of Music and Theology. He graduated in June 1959 and began fifty-five years of ministry. Delores and Wilbert served in churches in South Dakota, North Dakota, Ohio, Kansas, and Oklahoma, as well as in the Conference Estate Planning office for three years. After sixty-five years of marriage, Delores passed away in 2008. Wil is survived by his son, Daryl (Cecelia Hovey); daughter, Lisa (J. Epp); six grandchildren and spouses; and eight great-grandchildren. He is also survived by three siblings, Ann Dachtler of Dayton, OH; Ruby Hopp of Fort Myers, FL; and Jeanette (Harold) Wuebben of Dayton, OH. His celebration of life was held May 7 at First Baptist Church in Viborg, SD.

Kathryn Lengefeld — May 2 (age 42). A sudden health issue caused Kathy to pass out, and she never regained consciousness. Kathy married Andy, son to retired NAB missionaries Bill and Luci Lengefeld, on October 10, 2010, and resided in Sioux Falls, SD. She is survived by her husband Andrew; her children, Damon, Dylan, Free, Krystal, and Mary; her parents, Chuck and Helen Rogness of Phoenix, AZ; her sisters, Thomy Jo (Billy) O'Connor and Alexis Fogg-Torok; her brothers, Todd Rogness, Joseph Fogg, and Christopher Fogg; her in-laws, William and Lucille Lengefeld; her sister-in-law, Rebekah Kato, living in Japan; and many other relatives and friends. Contact Bill and Luci Lengefeld at billlucilengefeld73@yahoo.com.

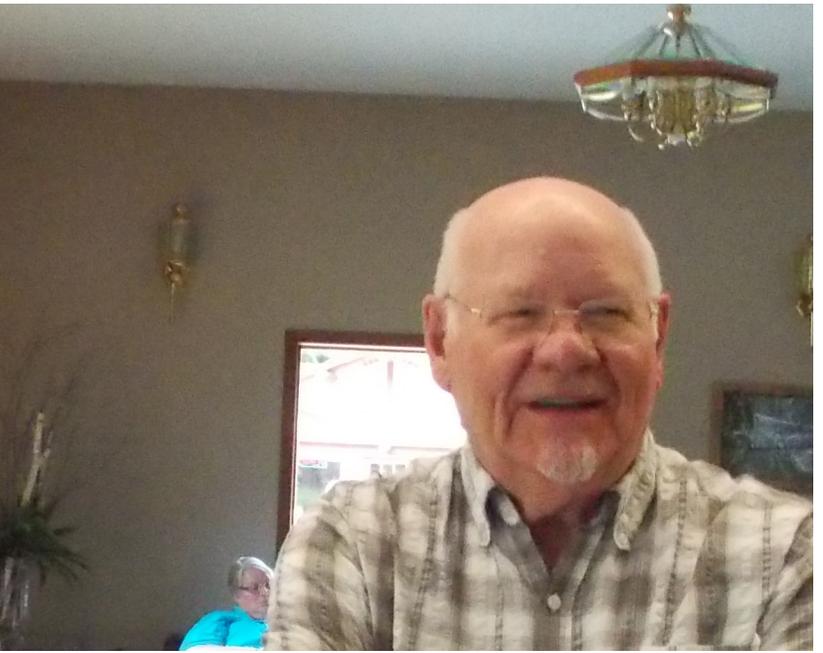


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Please let us know about your changes, celebrations, prayer concerns, particular interest in any area of conference ministry, and resources you have discovered to make senior life better. *Send updates to Ron & Joan Stoller.*

A **Servant Link** could be a note in the mail, a phone call, an email, or a gift—maybe a good book.

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