



MEMORIALS

MRS. LINDA DUPREE

Contributions were received in memory of Mrs. Linda Dupree, sister of ER President Steve Liversedge, from the following:

From Patricia and Maria Bouboulis of Sag Harbor, New York;

From the Matsudo family of Cincinnati, Ohio: Gene and Charleen Matsudo, Kimie and Jeff Kester, Keiko and Norman Orrall, Kenji and Sharon Matsudo, Kiyomi and Roger Mesina;

From Susan and Jon Heimann of Cincinnati, Ohio;

From Mrs. Peggy Spong of Conway, South Carolina.

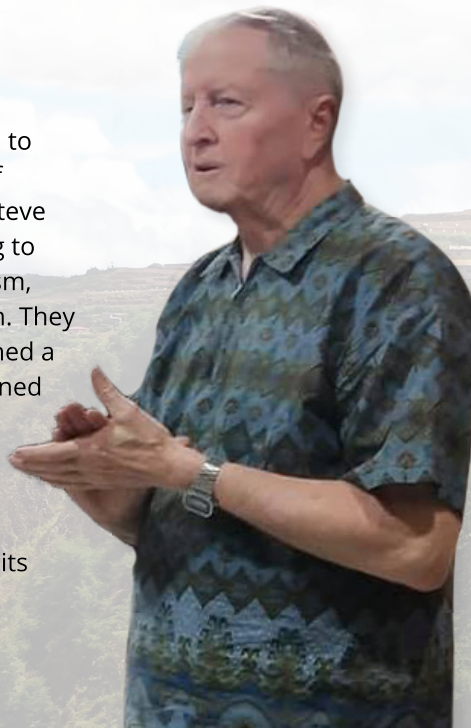
TRIBUTE

DR. ROBERT BICKERT

Bob was a great friend of Evangelism Resources who went to his eternal reward on April 13. He was 83.

After a long and fruitful missionary career in the Philippines Bob and his wife, Kay, retired to Wilmore where they became close friends of Evangelism Resources. When ER President Steve Liversedge asked them to consider returning to the Philippines to open a School of Evangelism, they accepted the invitation with enthusiasm. They returned to the Philippines in 2017, established a Board of Directors, rented facilities, and opened the school in Baguio, which continues today under national leadership.

Dr. Bickert and his family requested that memorial gifts go to support the school and its satellite Portable Bible Schools for training lay leaders. These memorial gifts will be reported in the next ER newsletter.



CONTRIBUTIONS WERE ALSO RECEIVED...

From **Janet and John Allen** of Lukas, Ohio, in memory of **John Bechtel**, of Mansfield, Ohio;

From **Sam and Pat Gilmore** of Wilmore, Kentucky in honor of **Dr. John Musick**, of Nicholasville, Kentucky;

From **Anthony Semeraro** of Lewes, Delaware "in honor of [his] godly wife, **Patricia Semeraro**,"

From **Lynn and Patsy Wheeler** of Collierville, Tennessee, in memory of **Udita Rawate** "with love and prayers for Stephen and Shanti."



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FROM THE FIELDS

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WHAT A SAVIOR!

TESTIMONIES

OF REDEMPTION

A TRIBUTE

TO DR. BICKERT



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Recently we asked our directors for success stories from their Portable Bible Schools. One director, sharing what God has done, was moved to heights of glory and concluded with one word: "Hallelujah!" Swept up in the rhapsody of praise, I found myself singing, "... ruined sinners to reclaim; Hallelujah, what a Savior!" The old hymn celebrates those who've been redeemed, these on pages 2 and 3 who've come to faith, and the many they are bringing with them. What else can be said but, "Hallelujah, what a Savior!"

Steve Liversedge
President

HALLELUJAH

...WHAT A SAVIOR!

Portable Bible Schools have been in operation for 35 years. Since their beginning, our partners have trained approximately 172,000 men and women, young and old, to go and make disciples, plant cell groups and churches, and do their part to complete the Great Commission. In the first three months of 2021, we've funded the training of 6,333 people, a record three-month total. At this rate, we could see that number grow to 25,332 by year's end. Hallelujah!

One of our partners in India speaks very highly of all that's been accomplished. He writes, "It is ER that ignited the vision among the churches and enabled them to be missionary churches in India." By equipping ordinary believers, he writes, ER changed the spiritual scenario forever. This strengthened local congregations and brought new growth.

He tells of his own state where, during the 1990s, 80% of rural and urban churches were leaderless. One ordained pastor was responsible to serve 10 to 15 churches, an impossible task. Many churches had no regular Bible teaching or holy communion. Now, the graduates of our PBSes and other programs have filled this gap quite substantially. Members of these churches often say the best pastors are those who've graduated from Portable Bible Schools. These churches have become witnessing communities for the Lord Jesus Christ; PBS graduates not only pastor, but they also lead their congregations in outreach and church planting.

Many of his state's 2,527 PBS graduates have continued into Schools of Evangelism, some in residential schools and others in mobile schools. Many serve as church planting coordinators or mission leaders. They have reached into 16 Unreached People Groups, resulting in almost 16,000 baptisms. One graduate, a farmer, has a great passion for winning souls. In just one year he has baptized 13 people and established a new fellowship with 17 attendees. Another graduate, a young woman of 23 years, has, along with her husband, evangelized a nearby village, baptized 15 people, and established a fellowship group. **To all of this we say with our partners, "Hallelujah!"**

Steve Liversedge



- ROHAN -






THANK YOU FOR PRAYING AND GIVING

It is my prayer that as you read these simple yet powerful Testimonies of Redemption, you'll join me in singing the refrain from the old hymn, "... ruined sinners to reclaim; Hallelujah, what a Savior!"


*NAMES HAVE BEEN CHANGED FOR SECURITY.



At 12 years of age I came to know Jesus Christ. This happened as my father fell seriously ill and my mother was told he would not live much longer. Desperation moved my older brothers to take our father to the church for prayers. I went with them. After this my father began to gradually get better. In a month's time he was totally healed. This prompted me, my brothers, and my parents to place our faith in Jesus Christ. Then, when I was 19, a Portable Bible School was held in a nearby village. I enrolled and stayed for the full 40 days. During that time, I felt God's call on my life and began immediately to give my services to God and His kingdom. God gave me families to pastor and now I am shepherding 32 people.

- FARIS AND ABDUL -

We are graduates of the School of Evangelism. Following our graduations, we conducted 40-day Portable Bible Schools. After completing the PBS training, we sent our graduates to do outreach in 40 different villages. Some of these were Kamboh villages. The Kamboh are an Unreached People Group, and their villages can be very remote. Eighteen of the Kamboh received Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior and took water baptism. In another case, the PBS graduates went house-to-house in a very mountainous region. These people were hearing about Jesus for the very first time and over 40 received Christ as Savior and were baptized. In both cases churches were planted.



- VIJAYAM -

I live in India and for most of my life I lived in darkness. I was lost in the worship of man-made gods and goddesses. I had a friend who reached out to me about Jesus Christ. I decided I would follow Jesus. Shortly thereafter, this same friend came to my village and organized a 40-day Portable Bible School. I enrolled and seriously followed the lessons and began to understand who Jesus really is. My darkness began to dissipate and my faith in Christ grew and grew. I really began to trust Him and to understand that He had a plan for me. I started teaching what I had learned at the PBS and a fellowship grew up around my lessons. There are now 60 to 70 meeting regularly in a house church I pastor. This is the first fellowship of Christ-followers in my village.



- ARIN -

Though I wanted to know the living God so I could worship Him and give Him glory, my family worshipped idols. I did not know any better. Bad things would happen to my family. One day a pastor from the School of Evangelism came to my village and I heard the gospel for the first time. I accepted Jesus as my Savior that day. Soon this same pastor returned to hold a Portable Bible School in which I enrolled. I had a hunger to learn of Christ's teachings. I was richly blessed and my love for the Lord grew. I began to visit families and tell them about Jesus Christ. Many came to faith. Now there are house churches in two separate villages where 70 to 80 worship in one and 100 to 120 in the other. Both continue to grow.