

AFTER 60 YEARS OF MINISTRY  
in Central America & Hispanic USA  
with the Central American Mission,  
(CAM International and Camino Global)  
and now merged with Avant Ministries,  
I am a retiree now 85 years old as of  
December 15.

## SAGE NEWS



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# 1964 - 60 years - 2024

On 28th. June of 1964 Barbara and I were commissioned as appointees of the Central American Mission who's headquarters were in Dallas, Texas. We had been in Dallas for two weeks of candidate evaluation and orientation. We had driven from Barbara's home in Dixie, West Virginia in a 1953 two door Chevrolet without A/C. There were very few interstate roads in those days.

We had already been serving in ministry from the beginning of our marriage in 1962: Assistant to the superintendent of the City Rescue Mission, Jacksonville, Florida; established a children's church in a growing church in Port Wentworth, Georgia; taught seventh and eighth grades in the Open Door Children's Home in Cornettsville, Kentucky.

We studied Spanish at the Spanish Language Institute in Costa Rica in 1967 with our two children David and Deborah. Rebeca was born in December.

For the years 1968-1982 we were involved in church planting and evangelism in Honduras and other Central American republics. We heard later that it had been

calculated that we had been involved in the beginning of 17 churches.

In 1982 we moved to the Dallas, Texas area to continue in ministry and at the same time provide care for my parents as I was their only child. We team ministered to establish a Spanish speaking church in inner east Dallas until 1987.

The years 1988-1992 we team ministered to aid the west Dallas Bethel Bible Church transition to a bi-lingual church.

From 1993-2005 we established two Spanish congregations in the north Dallas area.

For the years 2005-2012 we worked to establish a Spanish speaking congregation with the Plano Bible Chapel in Plano, Texas

In 2012 we began working online with the Spanish language team of our mission which had partnered with Global Media Outreach to answer the online questions of Spanish speaking seekers. These were people who had responded to the GMO evangelistic websites.

Recognizing that my voice would

not support starting another Spanish speaking church from the beginning and at the invitation of our daughter Rebeca and her husband Randall, we moved to a mobile home on their property near Troup, Texas. We continued to minister online with GMO and assist a Spanish speaking congregation in nearby Jacksonville, Texas.

2019 saw us move to Tyler, Texas to live with our other daughter, Deborah and her husband Charles who had purchased a house with a "mother-in-law apartment." We continued with the GMO online ministry with even better internet connections. We also began helping with the "English as a Second Language" classes at the Colonial Hills Baptist Church where we attend on Sundays. Covid restrictions soon closed the classes.

When Barbara broke her back on December 23, '22 while vacuuming, I ceased the GMO to attend her for the year 2023 until her home-going on January 20, 2024.

My Sage News of June this year lets you know of my present involvement.

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