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To glorify God by making disciples of Jesus Christ. To this end, we share and demonstrate God's love through the power of the Holy Spirit by meeting basic spiritual, emotional, physical, and educational needs of those in Mexico and beyond.

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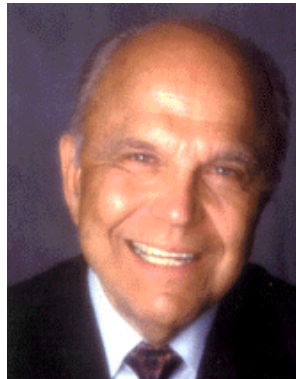
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The late Rev. Harald Bredesen, a noted Christian statesman, moved to Van Nuys, CA. We became the best of friends.



Harald Bredesen

Later, he was called to pastor at Trinity Christian Fellowship, Victoria, B.C. Harald said, "When we get settled in our new church, we must have reports of *Baja Adventures*." Thus I was invited to British Columbia.

Following the service, I was invited to High Tea at Colonel Bill Riddell's lovely home. He asked me if I would be willing to share this incredible story with Rev. John Lucas, his friend in Calgary, AB.

Minutes later he was on the phone with John saying, "John, a Lutheran lady spoke at our Sunday morning service. She has an amazing story of how she and her husband adopted a Zapotec Indian baby which opened the door to their current ministry in Mexico."

I overheard John's reply, "Why would I be

interested in the testimony of a Lutheran lady?

I'll call you back after I've prayed about it."

Twenty minutes later, John called,

"Fly her to Calgary and I'll have her speak at the mid-week service."



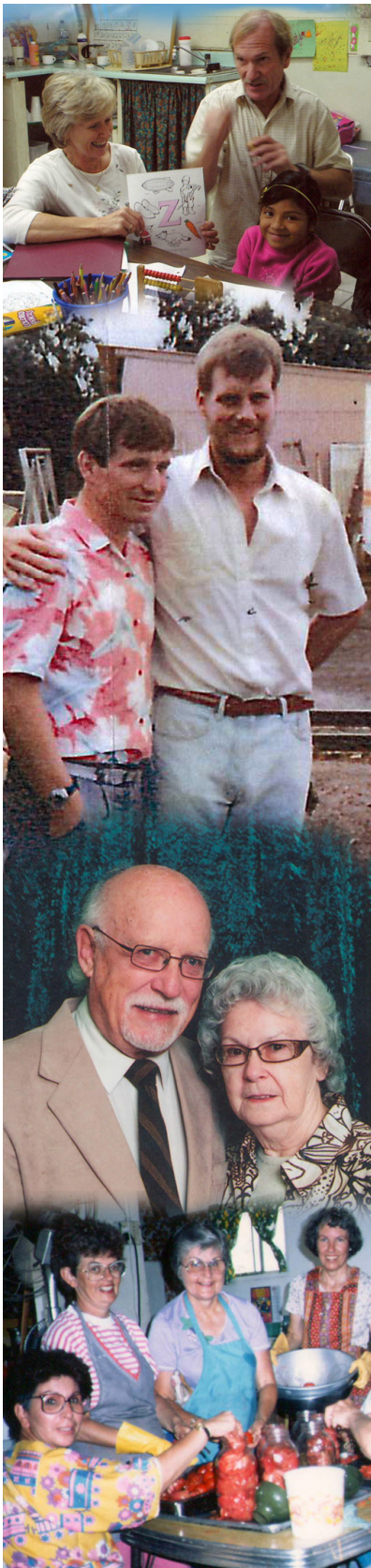
John Lucas

It was a short flight from Victoria to Calgary, AB. As I stood at the airport waiting to be picked up, a young man inquired, "are you Charla?" I replied, "Yes." Then he said, "Missionaries don't usually wear hoop earrings."

I was puzzled by his statement, but then was driven downtown to the Immanuel Assemblies of God church where I was received with the warmest of welcomes. This invitation opened the doors to ministry across Canada.

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Adventures in Canada



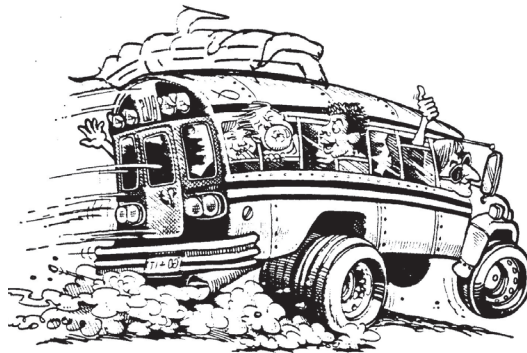
Our Baja adventures were shared in small and large congregations from Ft. McMurray, AB to L'Assomption, Quebec. I was invited to be the plenary speaker to **10,000 attendants** at Mission Fest, B.C. in Vancouver.

Our dear friend, the late Rev. Percy Gutteridge recommended that I share the amazing story at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in Mission, B.C.

While speaking there, I met Olive Kieler, who was the church secretary and cook at Camp Luther.

She caught the vision of bringing work groups to the Baja Mission. Her husband, Larry, was the bus driver and they gathered up young people from all over Canada who would have their lives changed forever by the trip to Mexico.

Pictorial journeys with Larry and Olive were amazing adventures of joy and yes, a few tears.



Larry Kieler was a master mechanic/bus driver. He provided the transportation to Mexico. Olive made all arrangements for their sojourn. When the Kielers and their crew arrived he was sent to the auto shop. There were vehicles waiting, including our back hoe, which was always in need of repair. Olive was met with a truck load of tomatoes. She knew how to can. Olive and her crew canned thousands of quarts of tomatoes.

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We have a Story to Tell to the Nations



Maria at the radio station

Cristina is a member of Maria's church and teaches Sunday school. Our radio station has a special place in her family. "The broadcast has been a great blessing in the life of my husband, Alberto, who listens to the preaching. When his customers ask questions about the Bible, he answers according to what he has learned on the radio."

Now Alberto has started coming to church. When I tended the store, one of our suppliers listened to the station and now he comes from out of the area especially to hear the broadcast."

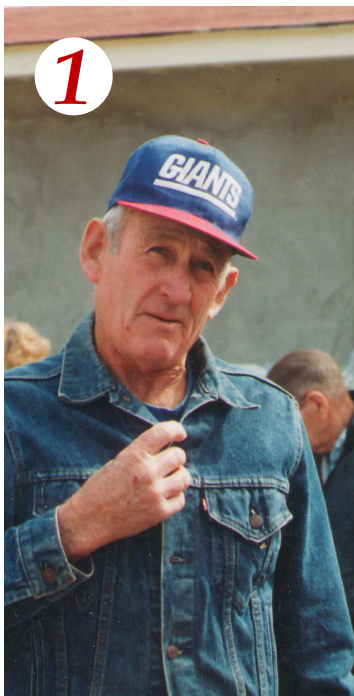
Did you know we have a radio station in Juxtlahuaca, Oaxaca? Recently we were able to upgrade the transmitter from 600 to 1000 watts, thanks to a very generous friend. We broadcast from 7 a.m. – 10 p.m. and reach the Spanish, Mixteco, and Triqui speaking people in Oaxaca. The following are four testimonies Maria Villa Pablo received from listeners:

Emilia is a young single mother living with her Catholic parents and six year old daughter. In the past, her family wanted nothing to do with Evangelical Christians, but now Emilia and her mother love to listen to our Christian radio station. "In moments of affliction it gives us peace. It has been a great help for my mother who was quick to judge people, but now she thinks before judging." Emilia is faithfully taking her daughter to Maria's church because she has understood the value of God's Word.

Gudelia and her husband came to Christ four years ago, broken, because of infidelity in their daughter's marriage. God not only strengthened their own marriage, but restored their daughter's marriage. "Through listening to the station's counseling programs, I have learned how to love and honor my husband and how to give counsel to my own family. I take care of my grandchildren and apply the advice I received from the broadcast. I thank God for the radio program because life principles are taught from a Biblical perspective."

Gabriela is married and has a three year old son and a three month old baby girl. She and her husband serve as teachers in Maria's church. "We have heard advice on the radio broadcast on marriage and health remedies. We don't have money to buy medicine for our children so we use the home health aides. God has used the station to help our marriage and bring us closer to Him."

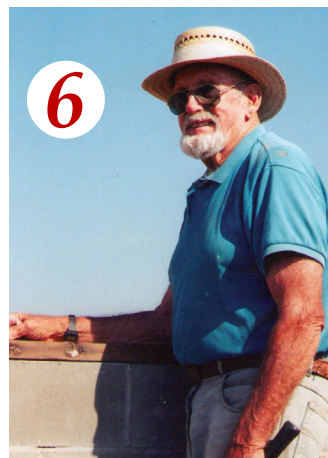
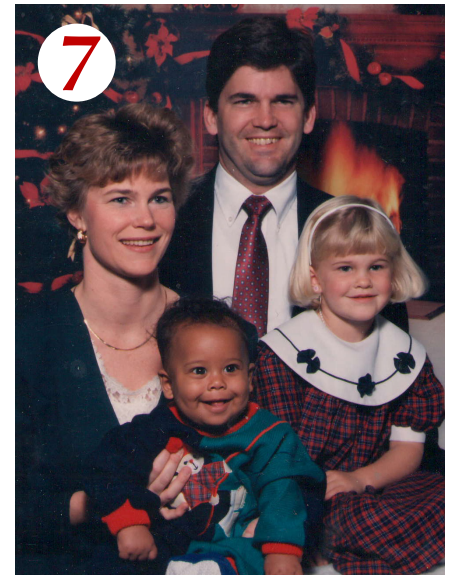
Just for Fun



Can you identify any or all of these friends of His Ministry?

A copy of *The Little Lost Pup* will be sent to those who can identify the most. All pictures have appeared in previous newsletters.

Email us at info@ffhm.org or use your pink envelope to send us your answers. Answers will be published next month.



More than a Carpenter

While in Wetaskiwin, AB, on one of my sojourns in Canada, I met Ian and Elaine Croft. I was invited by them to coffee at Tim Horton's. Ian asked, "Could you use us in Mexico? I am just a carpenter."

I immediately thought, "*He was just a carpenter.*" He added, "My wife is deaf."

Ian was more than a carpenter and she far more than an artist.

With Elaine's creative touch, things became works of art.

We have several of Elaine's paintings in the San Clemente office.



Elaine's painting

When children arrived at the home in Oaxaca, they were given a beautiful quilt lovingly made by Elaine. She taught quilting to indigenous neighbors and in the prisons.

The Crofts have faithfully served in Oaxaca for 17 years.

Hitchhiking in Canada

Often Pastor John Lucas drove me hundreds of miles to speaking engagements that he had arranged on my behalf and Olive did the same. There were times when I scheduled my own itinerary and ended up hitch hiking.

I was guest speaker at Burnaby Christian Fellowship in British Columbia and had an evening service in Anacortes, WA. There was no bus transportation. What could I do? I walked a few blocks away from the church carrying a suitcase, a slide projector and put up my thumb. Sid Fluvog picked me up and drove me all the way to the church. I will forever be grateful.

From Anaimo, B.C. I met Nick and Zoya Andruff. They were certainly heroes of the faith. He was a master maintenance man. She, a gourmet cook and a healer of the broken hearted.



Nick & Zoya

The Andruffs used their van to do procurement and made a weekly trip from Osborne Neighborhood Church in Arleta, CA to the Baja Mission. For 14 years they picked up everything from nuts and bolts to restaurant supplies.

If you want to be great in God's Kingdom, you must be servants of all. Nick and Zoya Andruff were certainly servants of all.



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- This is particularly useful for senior citizens who are still working, have a large pension, or, in general, find themselves in a higher tax bracket.

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Alternative Christmas

This Christmas, you have the opportunity to share hope with those who have none. Will you participate in our Alternative Giving program to individuals, families, and churches this December?



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