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Dear prayers,

Thank you so very much for praying for me and my family and for the Jacaltec (Haw'call-take) people. We are missing Den, but are happy that he is now without pain, and is enjoying the peace and fellowship of his Lord and Savior.

We had a special time as family and friends gathered to honor the Lord in remembrance of Den's life and Den's love of the Scriptures. Den's prayer was that friends and family would seek a closer walk with Christ. I'm sending out a few copies of Den's Memorial Service, if you'd like a copy please let me know.

I'm planning to fly to Guatemala tomorrow to return January 28th.

News from Gaspar (Cax) is that seven believers followed the Lord in baptism at the first of the year.

Cax will meet me in Guatemala City to continue revising the Old Testament book of Jeremiah. Thanks for praying that we'll be lead of the Lord as we seek to make the Word speak truthfully and clearly in the Jacaltec language.

Due to illness or other problems, there are six Jacaltec school kids that have been receiving scholarships who are now without supporters. Please pray with us that there will be those who will fill in the gap to give these kids a better chance at life through school and church attendance. The scholarships are \$90. a quarter, only one child per family is eligible to receive a scholarship.

Thank you for your gifts to Cignet, many blessing,

  
Jean

PS: Please note the P.O. Box and phone numbers, we are closing the second mail box, and second phone number.



*"Well done,  
thou good and faithful servant...  
Enter thou into the joy  
of thy Lord."*

MATTHEW 25:21

## **John 11:25**

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die."

## **Matthew 28:19**

Jesus said: Go and make disciples of all nations, ... teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.

## **Revelation 5:9**

You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God.

## **Revelation 7:9**

After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb.

**A Service of Worship**  
**In Memory of**  
**DENNIS STRATMEYER**  
**(January 25, 1932—November 14, 2008)**

Prelude		Pastor Paul Purifoy
Pictorial Remembrance		
Welcome and Invocation		Pastor Randall Faulkner
Hymn #342	“Rock of Ages”	Congregation
Reading of the Obituary		Pastor Rick Hermansen
Family Reflections		Mark Stratmeyer
Solo	“It Is Well With My Soul”	Pastor Purifoy
Reading of Scripture	Psalm 96	Ted Williamson
Message		Pastor Faulkner
	“A Missionary Psalm”	
Hymn #52	“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”	Congregation
Benediction		Pastor Hermansen
Postlude		Pastor Purifoy

*The Stratmeyer family thanks you for coming to honor the memory of Dennis Stratmeyer. They wish to greet you personally in a reception in the Fellowship Hall, immediately after this service.*



## Dennis Stratmeyer, 1932-2008

After a lengthy struggle with pancreatic cancer Den Stratmeyer is finally home with the Savior he loved. He was born in Chicago to Albert and Ruth Stratmeyer, January 25, 1932. His only brother, Hubert, was born in 1934.

Through the prayers and counsel of his mother, through reading the Scriptures and through a gospel presentation, Den yielded his life to Christ as his Lord and Savior while he was in high school. He graduated from Taft High School in Chicago, and then from Moody Bible Institute in 1953, taking the Missionary Training Course. After a summer session in Oklahoma studying linguistics with Wycliffe Bible Translators, he went on to acquire a B.A. in Greek and Hellenistics at Shelton College in New Jersey.

Den married Jean Elizabeth Barker in 1955, a Canadian from Ontario, and fellow Moody student. Sensing God's leading to take His Word to "those who had never heard," they continued studies with WBT and became members in 1957.

After receiving missionary training at Jungle Camp in Southern Mexico, they were assigned to work with the Eastern Jacaltec Mayan people of Guatemala as linguistic translators. They lived among the people in a remote village in order to learn the language and culture and make Jacaltec (Haw'-call-tech) friends who could help them with the analysis of the unwritten language. They devised an alphabet and published primers, information, and storybooks, and eventually dedicated the New Testament in 1998. The *Jesus* video was produced and the New Testament was dramatize-recorded for use in churches that had developed among the people.

Radio programs continue to be recorded and aired using the recorded New Testament, including pastor's applications and teachings. The Old Testament translation is still in progress.

Den and Jean's family of four were raised among the Jacaltec people, and for their primary education they attended a boarding school for missionary kids, Huehue Academy, in Guatemala. They attended Putman City High School in Oklahoma City while living at the Nyman Home, a home sponsored by Wycliffe and Metropolitan Baptist Church for Wycliffe MKs.

Den will be greatly missed by his wife Jean and children: Jane & John Freeman, who live in the Bay Area, Gail & Darrell Stephenson, with three boys, Keegan, Logan and Chad, who live in Oklahoma City, Mark & Diane Stratmeyer with their children Rose, Robert, David and Kevin, who are missionaries with The Navigators, working in Spain, and Neil & Carol Stratmeyer who live in Atlanta. Neil's employment with Delta Airlines has been a special blessing to Den and Jean, making possible numerous trips back and forth to Guatemala.

Den is preceded in death by his father, mother, brother and a 13-day old grandson, Shawn Stephenson. He is survived by his immediate family, his brother's wife of Seattle, and family, three brothers-in-law in the Toronto area and their families.

Den will be remembered as one who loved the Scriptures. He never tired of reading and discussing them; he enjoyed books that extol the truths and depths of the Scriptures.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Cignet, Inc., P.O. Box 12776, Oklahoma City, OK 73157, in support of continued work among the Jacaltec people of Guatemala.