

Bob and Eddie Fields

Reflections by them about their life and work –written in 2003

Our discipleship from the age of conversion was rooted and grounded in God's Word as fleshed out by dedicated, attractive and hospitable mentors. Our education at Georgetown College, Ky. was taught by professors who modeled compassion and wisdom. Bob graduated from Southern Seminary in Louisville, Ky with a sharpened vision of God's plan of redemption fleshed out relationally. Two precious children, pastoring and teaching school continued our growth.

In 1962 we were commissioned _____ going as love letters, according to Dr. Cauthan, to a people who knew God and awaited the coming of the Messiah. We went fearlessly, eagerly and with a call burning in our spirits. We learned Hebrew the best we could, gave birth to our third child and "went to work" at and through the Baptist Village, still a favorite place.

Faith to believe in our call as forerunners kept us plowing the fields, dislodging the stones and planting the seeds of the Gospel. Faith to believe in forgiveness and honoring the unity we had in Jesus caused the BCI (mission) to develop into a family whose members are deeply committed to one another after 40 years. We were able to call significant each slightly open door. Today there are Jewish and Muslim Believers who will be at the Banqueting Table because of the Loving Heavenly Father and the "sowing" in faith. Daily the realities were war, rumors of war, moves, interaction with unbelieving Jews, Muslims and Internationals, threats, rejection, interpersonal struggles in our marriage and with colleagues, homesickness, health problems and spiritual warfare. After 5 years and 3 months we headed home for furlough. Three cautious children and two weary but committed adults. We shared with supportive churches from the years of eye opening challenges and changes.

Back to the field, two more years in that special city _____, assignment, Student Work. In 1972, after much prayer Bob shared that he believed the Lord was calling us to return to Ky. to build a retreat with a focus on strengthening, through discipleship, the Body of Christ. Georgetown College staff for 2 yrs. and then to Rockcastle county to build the retreat. In the 70' and 80's we were counseled and trained by Drs. David and Vera Mace in marriage enrichment. Following the advice of David, Bob earned a D.Min degree from Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary. Later Eddie earned a MS in Family Studies from UK. Along side beloved and patient partners, local friends and later the Board of Directors the family invested 17 years building, developing and directing cleftRock.

We returned in '87 to work in the I.M.B. Area Office, Cyprus, directed by Dale and Anita Thorne. A treasured experience! Grew, gave and received while working with _____ peers, seeking to focus on relationships within the home, mission, church and community. " Behold, how they loved one another" was the theme for the teaching and sharing as well as for our own accountability.."

1994-2003:stateside, Bob earned his license as a Marriage and Family Therapist. Eddie, worked alongside until Nov.2000 when she assumed the role of cR Interim Director, Bob assisting with smiles! Our Visions: Discipleship, preventative intervention for couples and families, counseling and local folks, redemption at the core. Establishing Roots and Wings Counseling,Inc. with offices in London, Ky and in our home, next to cR was a challenge which God is blessing. Our marriage, family, church, cR, work as relational trainers/ counselors and community are gifts held tenderly with joy!

We have been blessed by three children, their spouses and seven grandchildren. Tamira and Joseph Korn
----- Their son, Joshua(20) is a Junior at Gordon
College, located in Wenham, Ma. Jessica, 19 is a freshman at Union University in Jackson, Tenn. Todd,
Lynnell Savannah(14) Sophia(10) Fields serve with Global OutReach in Honduras; Valarie & Jeff
Arlington are co-leaders in SonRise Community Church, Cincinnati, Ohio. Zach(13) Elizabeth
(9), Nathaniel(4) complete the family circle.

So we are here, reaching out to you as co-laborers. Join us for a season to reflect and process the
intertwining of your Family of Origin history interfacing with your life today. Under the watch care and
direction of the Holy Spirit we will pray with you through the pilgrimage. The collage of your life (lives)
is rich and meaningful. Come and share and be led to the still waters of His being where He will
shepherd your soul, correct and encourage, bringing healing, restoring the Hope. We want to join you
at the place of Celebration. Regardless of the pathway we understand.

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Fields Family Note: Our son, Edward Todd Fields, 41, in Honduras was killed by robbers
3/28/03, while taking a group of MK's on a retreat in Guatemala. The family deeply grieves, requesting
prayer. Lynnell, Savannah(14) and Sophia(10) remain in Honduras, serving and waiting on the Lord
for His Direction. Bob's Mother, Step-Father, younger half brother Dwain and Uncle Chester have
died during the last six months. The family is trusting God to heal the grieving broken hearts. Pray with
us that he will be Praised and Glorified through out the path of heavy loss and sorrow, leaning by Faith
on our Heavenly Father.

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