



# The Frontier

## Bringing Liberty To Mankind

Spring 2016

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Pictured here are the pastors who participated in the East Texas Pastors' Fellowship on Thursday, April 7 at Youth With a Mission-Tyler.

Spring 2016

### “East Texas Pastor’s Fellowship Comes to YWAM!”

April 7th was a first for Youth With a Mission-Tyler as 37 pastors, ministry leaders, and their wives came for the East Texas Pastor’s Fellowship. I came across this group last August, began attending meetings, and then thought of the idea of Youth With a Mission-Tyler hosting this event in January. East Texas Pastor’s Fellowship has been around since 1980 and meets for a time of prayer, worship, and imparting to others what God has laid on their hearts. Afterwards, the pastors were treated to lunch and later a tour of our ministry. Pastor Keith Hassell who oversees the East Texas Pastor’s Fellowship said, “We had a wonderful meeting at YWAM. I want to say a special thanks to YWAM who treated us royally. We had great worship, a great meal, and a very enlightening tour of their campus.”



The huge success of the East Texas Pastor’s Fellowship meeting encouraged me to ask about hosting the October 6th meeting and it was accepted. Besides blessing these pastors with a place to worship and fellowship with a meal, the heart behind hosting the East Texas Pastor’s Fellowship is to show them Youth With a Mission-Tyler and plant seeds for future involvement through events like Inspire ([ywaminspire.com](http://ywaminspire.com)) and recruit young people into missions.

### Personal Prayer Requests

- A sincere loving relationship with Jesus Christ
- Pray for more breakthrough in relationships on campus
- Making more connections with pastors in East Texas for Youth With a Mission-Tyler
- The October 6th East Texas Pastor’s Fellowship that YWAM-Tyler is to host

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Spring 2016

Friday, July 1, 2016

Dear Family & Friends,

Greetings to you from Youth With a Mission-Tyler!

In my last update, I talked about Mr. James Kilkenny, his passing, and the influence he had on my life. One lesson I learned from Mr. Kilkenny's passing is the importance of spending time with those who have been with the ministry for many years, before they pass on into Eternity.

Recently Wedge & Shirley Alman who have been married for 65 years and with the ministry for six decades moved to Youth With a Mission-Tyler to help advise the multicultural Discipleship Training School. When I can, I try to sit and have lunch or dinner in the cafeteria with the hope that Wedge will tell me a story.

Back in 1977, Wedge and Shirley were leading Youth With a Mission (YWAM) in Columbia. As newlyweds, Jim Stier and his wife Pam felt led to start YWAM in Brazil. Jim and Pam had enough airfare to fly from Hawaii to Colombia. Wedge made a plea to his staff and students and they took up an offering for the finances for Jim and Pam. The offering that day came to \$35 and it was enough to buy Jim a blue polyester suit so he would at least look like a pastor. Wedge called for another offering making an even stronger plea for the YWAMers to give. Then he sat down, and opened up his Bible. Wedge's finger landed on Joshua 10:22, ". . . open the mouth of the cave and bring these five kings out to me from the cave."(NASB)

Prior to that, a friend had given Wedge five one hundred dollar bills and he felt God was directing them to give that toward Jim and Pam's airfare. Wedge knew then he had been had, and thanks to Wedge's obedience, Jim and Pam were able to get to Brazil. Today, Youth With a Mission has thousands of Brazilians missionaries serving all over the world in missions at dozens of YWAM bases, in different countries. It is incredible what God can do when we choose to release what little we have to Him He turns it into something glorious!

Wedge and Shirley through their faithfulness are the father and mother of Youth With a Mission in Latin America. Because of them, many ministry locations have been started, thousands have been trained, disciplined, and now serving God all around the world. I am very thankful that I get to hangout on a regular basis with people like Wedge and Shirley who have an incredible life story of God's goodness and faithfulness.

Sincerely, Dave

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Pictured here with the October 6th East Texas Pastors Fellowship held at Youth With a Mission-Tyler! It was a powerful time of fellowship with 24 participants. At the end, they prayed for those of us with YWAM.



### Fall 2016 East Texas Pastors Fellowship





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- A sincere loving relationship with Jesus Christ
- Pray for more breakthrough in life for 2016 and beyond
- Making more connections with pastors in East Texas for Youth With a Mission-Tyler

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Fall 2016

Wednesday, January 18, 2017

Dear Family & Friends,

Happy New Year & greetings to you once again from the mailroom!

The East Texas Pastors Fellowship at Youth With a Mission (YWAM)-Tyler in October was a huge success! Thank you all for your prayers!

Near the end of the meeting as you Pastor Aaron Bequette of Northside Christian Center in Carthage, TX (pictured above) stood-up to address the crowd. He thanked me for my efforts in reaching out to Northside Christian Center and the body of Christ in Panola County. YWAM was not even on the map for his church before I came there. Pastor Aaron expressed his appreciation for the way that I represented YWAM in his community and has come alongside the Panola County Ministerial Fellowship to partner in the work of the Kingdom of God in this area. He and other ministers in the community have been excited to see what God is doing at YWAM, and now see our base as a vibrant resource of ministry. Afterwards, I received a standing ovation from the entire group of pastors, their spouses, other ministry leaders, including YWAM-Tyler staff."

In September, I also received a standing ovation. My friend Wes, who directs our teen missions training called SST (Summer of Service and Training), asked me to stand during one the sessions of our yearly staff kick-off. Wes shared with everybody that, for the past two years I have met with over 100 pastors and have done so, on my own time, cost for fuel, and wear and tear on my vehicle. After Wes shared I received a standing ovation from the entire YWAM-Tyler staff. I was sincerely humbled and grateful for such recognition and also encouraged that my efforts were being blessed.

In closing, I want to share a breakthrough I had in August. One Sunday morning in late August while lying in bed, I felt the oppression/depression that has been upon me for a number of years finally lift. I sincerely believe, based upon what has happened in my life stated above, that the challenges of being in this pit for the past eleven years are about to lift - Praise God!

We will just have to wait to see what God does in 2017.

Sincerely, Dave



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Pictured here in 1998 as a student with Teachers For the Nations back row. Second row left is Mrs. Kilkenny with Mr. Kilkenny second row on the right, who passed away on January 28, 2016.

**Winter 2016**

### **“In Memorandum”**

Dr. James Vail Kilkenny suddenly had a stroke on the morning of Tuesday, January 26 and was unconscious until his death on Thursday, January 28. I, as most, referred to him as Mr. Kilkenny. He was in good health so, his sudden death was a shock and huge blow to all. His memorial service was attended by more than 400 people and streamed live on the internet, with over 1100 views on YouTube. Mr. Kilkenny had six children and then adopted another five, four from Romania and the fifth from China. He was also blessed with 25 grandchildren who brought joy to his heart. In 1978 Mr. & Mrs. Kilkenny joined Youth With a Mission and established Christian Heritage School in 1979. In 1980 they started with two students and launched Teachers For the Nations to start Christian schools internationally.

Since 1980, over four-hundred individuals from forty different nations came to Teachers For the Nations. Schools and teacher training courses have been started in Jamaica, Namibia, Bolivia, Peru, Columbia, Nicaragua, & Namibia. “And what of the hundreds who came? They are starting schools, planting churches, strengthening families, discipling children, and training more teachers. The hundreds are reaching thousands, many thousands around the world. All this because Mr. Kilkenny, a humble and faithful servant, gave himself unreservedly to do the will of God.”\* Please be praying for Mrs. Kilkenny, as she was Mr. Kilkenny’s beloved wife for 39 years, their eleven children, and twenty-five grandchildren who do not have their father/grandfather, and the staff of Christian Heritage School and Teachers For the Nations who do not have their headmaster, director, and mentor to lead them.

\*Taken from Mr. Kilkenny’s funeral program

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Winter 2016

Dear Family & Friends,

Greetings to you once again from Tyler, Texas!

Mr. Kilkenny's life and recent passing has had a huge impact on many including me. He was the director of Teachers For the Nations (TFN) here at Youth With a Mission-Tyler for 34 years.

I did my TFN training in 1997-98 and served on staff with them for two years. During my time there, Mr. Kilkenny would teach philosophy for 90 minutes and share his wealth of knowledge in reasoning through ideas of government, education, economics, church, and family. At times he would regularly show his more humorous side. One time during class he told everybody, "(guys) you need to find a woman worth waiting for, because you are going to do a lot of waiting." ☺ The guys would laugh and the girls would roll their eyes. ☺ Even after my time serving with the Kilkenny's at TFN, I enjoyed taking Mr. & Mrs. Kilkenny cookies and learning from them.

Mr. & Mrs. Kilkenny taught me a lot through their example in ministry. Last year Mrs. Kilkenny came down with meningitis and reportedly was on her deathbed. Mrs. Kilkenny had a miraculous recovery and what did she and Mr. Kilkenny do the following summer? At the age of 78, they hiked the mountains of Columbia sharing with many the importance of Biblical principles in education, government, and History. Their example of dedication and commitment to God and spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ was impactful.

If anything, the one thing that I have learned from Mr. Kilkenny's passing is to spend time with those who are fathers and mothers of the mission before they pass onto into Eternity.

Sincerely, Dave