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Pictured here with the April 6th East Texas Pastors Fellowship held at Youth With a Mission-Tyler! It was a powerful time of fellowship with 36 participants.

Spring 2017

East Texas Pastors Fellowship



Leland and Fran Paris the Founders of Youth With a Mission-Tyler (at left) shared a powerful message about their heritage in missions and ministry and the current works going on in Asia.

Personal Prayer Requests

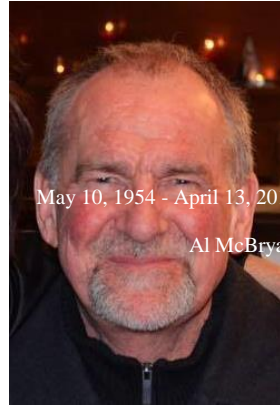
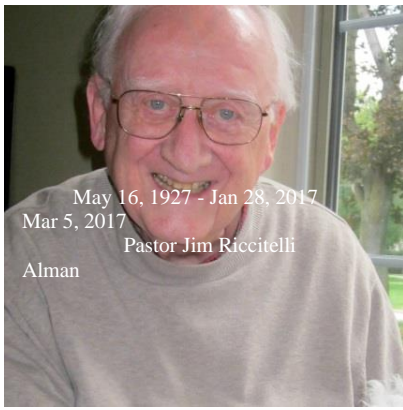
- A sincere loving relationship with Jesus Christ
- Pray for more breakthrough in life for 2017
- Making more connections with pastors in East Texas for Youth With a Mission-Tyler

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Spring 2017

Dear Family & Friends,

Greetings to you from Youth With a Mission-Tyler!

These first several months of 2017 saw the passing of some great men of God who gave input into my life at various times these past thirty-one years and I would like to honor them at this time.

The first of these men chronologically (far left above) was very wise in the Word of God. Pastor Jim became my pastor back in 1986 while I was attending the University of Toledo in Toledo, Ohio. He served in Africa for over sixteen years and had since pastored several churches in the US. He eventually moved to Florida. I am thankful for his friendship, wisdom, prayers, and keeping in touch through the years.

The second was Al McBryan who is from Canada. He taught in my training schools in 1993 about God's Nature and Character. Al not only taught in my schools but many other Youth With a Mission locations for over 25 years, impacting thousands of people. When I came back to Tyler in 2009, Al took any opportunity to play pool with a group of us young guys when he was in town. I also kept hockey cards he bought online and mailed to Tyler before he arrived to teach. The last time I communicated with Al, I helped him view Wedge's funeral service via YouTube. I am grateful for the time he spent with me and to be able to serve him as a friend.

The third was Gary Harke, the father of my dear friend Matthew whom I met soon after joining staff with Youth With a Mission-Tyler in 1994. Gary and I talked politics over the phone every now and then. The few times I visited him and his wife Ann, he was always encouraging and he gave me some prophetic words for the future several years ago.

The fourth, but not least was Wedge Alman (top right with me) who I talked about last year, regarding the importance of spending time with those who have been with the ministry for many years, before they pass on into eternity. When I could, I tried to sit and have lunch or dinner with Wedge in the cafeteria with the hope that he would tell me a story and he had many to tell. Wedge was sometimes referred to as the Billy Graham of Latin America because he was the father of Youth With a Mission in Latin America. Because of Wedge and his wife Shirley, hundreds of ministry locations have been started and thousands have been trained, disciplined, and are now serving God all around the world. I am very thankful that I hung out on a regular basis with Wedge who had an incredible life story of God's goodness and faithfulness.

Please keep Ruth, Maryann, Ann, and Shirley in your prayers as they continue to walk through life without their husbands.

Thank you!

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Pictured here with the October 5th East Texas Pastors' Fellowship held at Youth With a Mission-Tyler! It was a powerful time of fellowship with 37 participants.



Summer 2017

East Texas Pastors' Fellowship



At the top Pastor Jim Guth of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association shares about Decision Texas, an event with Franklin Graham in nearby Longview on Oct. 19.

In the middle are Texas Representative Cole Hefner and Senator Bryan Hughes who spoke. Later we had an opportunity to pray for them.

At right is my friend Pastor Emmanuel giving praise for being part of the East Texas Pastors' Fellowship. He was ordained as a Bishop in the Bethesda Gospel Mission International based out of Nigeria in September.



The worship time was powerful. In fact two pastors, who came for the first time, said the meeting reminded them when they attended gatherings with Brother Dave Wilkerson author of *The Cross and The Switchblade*, Founder of Times Square Church of New York City, New York, and the former owner of Youth With a Mission-Tyler's Twin Oaks Ranch.

Personal Prayer Requests

- A sincere loving relationship with Jesus Christ
- For my dad who has bone cancer
- Pray for more breakthroughs in life for 2017 and beyond
- Making more connections with pastors in East Texas and beyond for Youth With a Mission-Tyler

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“50th Birthday Party!”



On Saturday, August 12, there was a birthday party for me on campus where over 40 people came to eat, fellowship, pray for, and wish me well for the next year. I am sincerely thankful for all who came and grateful for those who expressed well wishes and others who could not come. I'm grateful also for my parents for giving me life, for my friends, and for those who have been in my life through the years and helped enable me to stay in ministry. Overall I would not be here if it wasn't for Jesus Christ who has always faithfully helped me to keep my head above water.



better afterwards and was promoted to Prime Minister of Egypt.

The faithfulness of God continues in my life with a revelation I received several months ago. I read an article about an individual who was going through a long season of hardship and shared with a leader what he was going through. The leader's response was that the young man had a Joseph calling on his life and even though he spent thirteen challenging years as a slave, he came out much

This article encouraged me because it will be thirteen years this coming August, since my life was turned upside down and started down the current valley that I have been in since. Late last month, Pastor Charlie (**pictured with me above**) spoke prophetically over me that God has seen the many challenges and scares and yet stayed faithful and that 2018 will be better than 2017. According to Pastor Charlie, "God is going to do something for me." Finally, according to another article I read about the Joseph calling, the last stage involves networking. Joseph had the 12 tribes and God uses networks to accomplish assignments. I can relate because in the past three years God has used me to network with pastors and churches, confirming the Joseph calling on my life. In summation, I am **really** looking forward to moving beyond the hardships of the past twelve years into what He has in store for me this next season!



Have Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Sincerely, Dave