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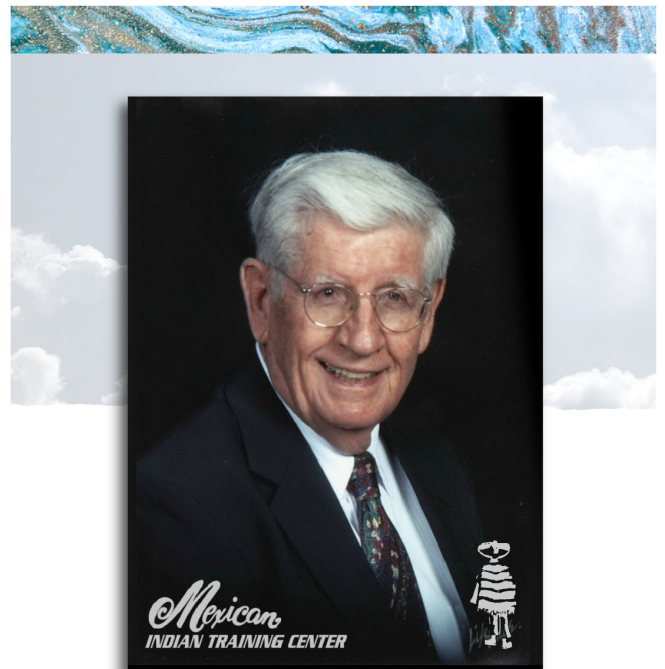
*"I was made a minister of this church according to the commission from God granted to me for your benefit, so that I might fully carry out the preaching of the word of God, 26 that is, the mystery which had been hidden from the past ages and generations, but now has been revealed to His saints, 27 to whom God willed to make known what the wealth of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles is, **the mystery that is Christ in you, the hope of glory.** 28 We proclaim Him, admonishing every person and teaching every person with all wisdom, so that we may present every person complete in Christ. 29 For this purpose I also labor, striving according to His power which works mightily within me."*
Colossians 1:25-29

Dear Friends and Brethren,

It is amazing that we have the opportunity to know the mystery of mysteries, the truth of God that, in Christ, God gives us the Hope of Glory! There is no other Hope, and there is no salvation, except through the saving knowledge of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Only by grace, and only by faith in Him, can we be saved of our sins, and be one day accepted in Heaven. This mystery is made known to us by the preaching of the Word of God and by the work of the Holy Spirit. Paul understood the greatness of this mystery, realizing the great privilege we have as gentiles (non-Jews) to be made part of God's heavenly kingdom, and family by the saving work of Christ on the cross of Calvary.

This verse was one of my dad's (Dr. John Hall) favorite verses. He saw the ministry of Paul to the gentiles as a prototype, and precursor of all mission works to the nations. Including his (Dr. Hall's) own calling to Mexico, to serve the Chinantecos, Mixes, Zapotecos, Mayan, Tlapanecos, Cuicatecos, and several other people groups, through the mission of his life, the Mexican Indian Training Center. Always acknowledging that it is only by the grace of God, that we are what we are in God's service, and that any work and fruit in the ministry is for the glory of God. But we understand that the zeal to preach the Word, and share the Gospel by Dr. Hall was also as the Apostle Paul, seeking to present every person possible "complete in Christ". Today we share in this special letter a short Bio of his life:

"Dr. Hall was born on November 12, 1926 in Baton Rouge Louisiana in a Presbyterian home.



Dr. John F. Hall

1926-2022



First Baptisms in Vega del Sol

It was then that Dr. Hall made his first medical mission trips to Mexico and formed its sponsoring organization called the "Mexican Indian Training Center" and its Mexican counterpart the "Centro Educativo Indígena".

One of the first places he visited in Mexico, was a town called **Vega del Sol** in the Chinanteco mountains of Oaxaca, taking medicines to give general consults and thus share the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ. This place would become the first of many churches in the Mountains of Oaxaca that would result from the ministry of Dr. Hall and the MITC. From 1956 (date of its official establishment) until 1970, Dr. Hall while living in the United States directed and sought to provide the resources for the mission.

But in August of that year after seeing the power of God manifested in the, miraculous healing of terminally ill patients and in particular the restoration to health of the daughter of the leader of the church in Vega del Sol, and also by hearing the plea of a Chinanteco man asking him to come to stay permanently in Mexico to share the gospel and medicine in the Chinanteco mountains, Dr. and Sister Dee felt that the time had come to be full-time missionaries. Not serving the Chinese but the **Chinantecos**, people with a resemblance to the Chinese, even though Dr. John often said that he was right about the people, but that he was just wrong about the country of the calling, since it was in Mexico and not China.

From an early age God saved him and soon placed in his heart the call to serve as a missionary. Because of this, years later he attended a youth missionary conference in the city of Nashville, Tennessee, where he also met the future **Mrs. Dee Hall** who, like him, was representing her church as a delegate to a youth missionary conference.

In that place, love sprouted between the two of them, but also the love to be missionaries wishing to serve the Lord in China. A few years later, on August 9, 1949, they got married and started their family.

Later John F. Hall graduated as a medical doctor and Sister Dee as a music teacher, both graduated from Louisiana State University, LSU.

Together they sought to serve the Lord with their abilities and gifts, but the door to go to China had closed, so they devoted themselves to serving the Lord in the local church they attended in New Orleans Louisiana, Dr. Hall teaching Sunday school and Sister Dee forming a choir and playing the organ in the church services. While in New Orleans, their daughter **Karen** was born.

Later God led them to the city of Shreveport, Louisiana to establish their clinic and at the same time helped to start a new church, a Christian school, and also in starting what would be the mission of his life, the Mexican Indian Training Center.



Dr and Mrs John Hall

In December 1970, leaving his country, his clinic, and his house in the United States, they moved with their two sons, **Mark and Dan**, to live permanently in Córdoba, Veracruz, in what is now the MITC. In the United States, the ministry would be coordinated and directed by his great friend, brother Bill Magee.

At that time the mission had the purpose of promoting secular education for Mexican Indian youth, but, providing for them a Christian home environment, hence the name of "La Casa (or The Home)".



However, two years later, God would show the need for a change in the vision for the ministry of MITC to one that would have a greater impact for Mexico and even other countries: it would change from what it originally was a "Boys Home" to a Bible School, especially for young people from the mountains, but not exclusively, but for all those who have the call to serve the Lord.

The Bible School began as a two-year program and later became a four-year program as it is today. This place that by the grace of God continues to function under the same principle to this day of "receiving by grace and thus giving by grace", providing a place of free ministerial preparation for those called to serve the Lord Jesus Christ. The MITC has graduated over 500 ministers and church workers, and has had a part in starting of over 200 churches.

Dr. Hall and Sister Dee would serve for almost 20 years in "La Casa" in Córdoba and in 1989, retiring from the mission field, they would return to the United States to settle in the state of Florida near their daughter (my sister) Karen, who would take care of them the rest of their lives.

After leaving Mexico they did not stop serving the Lord despite some health limitations of both Sister Dee and Dr. Hall, the doctor was able to help found a free help clinic for African Americans in the city of Shreveport, Louisiana where he worked for 3 years providing moral and spiritual direction.

Later, once again in Florida, he started Sunday meetings for older adults in the living area where they were located. God providing through them a "church" for many who could not go anywhere farther away. At these Trailer Park meetings, Sister Dee faithfully played the piano for the services until the age of 90, when the Lord called her into His presence, and Dr. Hall shared the Word of God there Sunday after Sunday until he was 95 years old.

Doctor and Sister Dee Hall had 3 children, Karen, Mark, and Dan. 8 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren. Dr. John F. Hall was called into the Lord's presence on Tuesday, April 19th of this year 2022.

By the Grace of God and for the Glory of God.



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Yours by His grace,

Dan and Cheryl Hall



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Memorials and Honorariums • April

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Dr. John F. Hall	MITC Board of Directors	Mark Webb.....	William Keesler
Dr. John F. Hall.....	David & Ruthie Bryant	Happy Birthday: Jim McNeer.....	Susan McNeer
Dr. John F. Hall	Tom & Terry Belter	Amelia Rockwell & Caroline Wilson.....	Jim & Susan McNeer
Dr. John F. Hall.....	Guillermo Fuentes Family	Happy Easter, HE IS RISEN!.....	Jim & Susan McNeer
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Dr. John F. Hall	Dwight & Becky Yarbrough		
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