

WHO WAS WILLIAM HEUER

He was born on November 1, 1904 in the Northwest Territories in Canada, near what is now Regina, Saskatchewan. He was the fifth child of Otto and Anna Heuer. He grew up on a farm at Burnham, Saskatchewan where he also received his education. He enjoyed playing baseball and hockey.

As a young man in his early 20s, he moved to a farm in North Eastern Saskatchewan. It was while living in that area that he met his future wife, Emma Baker. They were married on January 10, 1928. After their marriage they returned to the Burnham district. In 1939 the family, which now consisted of Mom, Dad and two daughters, moved to British Columbia. It was here that William Heuer met Elder Severson and E. A. Straub. In 1940 he was baptized. He remained faithful to this commitment until his death. A few years after his conversion, he felt the Lord calling him to the ministry; he thought it a mistake because he saw himself as a farmer, not a preacher.

Like Gideon of old, he put out a fleece and surely the Lord had called him. In 1947, the family sold the dairy farm and moved to the Yakima Valley. In November of 1947, he held his first meetings in the Toppenish area. From that time forward, until ill health no longer permitted, he was busy working in the vineyard of the Lord. He labored extensively in the Caribbean, US Virgin Islands, South America, and Africa and made a trip to Jerusalem, Israel, to visit the Church of God World Headquarters. His greatest joy was to see souls accept the Lord. Even after his stroke in 1988, on days when his thoughts were clearer, he would talk about going to the mission fields.



William Heuer and Bob here with Mzee Stephen Mbatia (then an interpreter and a pastor to the young church) during one of their visits to Nyandarua, Kenya.

TRIP TO THE HOLY LAND

According to the MOUNT ZION REPORTER - December 1972 edition William Heuer participated in the feast of Tabernacles camp meeting, this is the only time William Heuer is said to have visited Jerusalem.

FEAST OF TABERNACLES CAMP-MEETING AT JERUSALEM

The Feast of Tabernacles camp-meeting convened at Jerusalem at the usual place and time, with three gathering together daily, with music, singing, preaching and prayer. The first meeting was at the beginning of the Sabbath after sunset ...September 22nd. Sermonetts were given by the following Elders - Orvil Wallace, Gordon Fauth, Ben Fresco, Elder Buteler , Brother Charles and the Editor. Sabbath meeting was opened by Elder Gordon Fauth. Following the Sabbath study Elder William Heuer delivered the sermon..... On Friday Elder W.M Heuer spoke in the morning and elder Fauth in the afternoon and the Editor at Night.

WILLIAM HEUER STYLE.

Throughout the ministries that he assisted to raise he seemed to emphasis on organizational structure and is evidenced by his attempts in Kenya in 1981 when he formed the Board of seven and formulated some rules for its workability. He was very instrumental in forming the Caribbean Conference that was to serve under the auspices of the World Headquarters. He made many visits to the Caribbean and African region to continue building the work. In 1984, an International Conference was held in Brooklyn, New York. Delegates from Africa, US and the Caribbean gathered at the Mt. Zion Church of God (7th Day). Numerous churches affiliated with Dugger existed in the West Indies. Apparently Elder William Heuer was overseer of the West Indies in general.

Another style associated with William Heuer is the enthusiastic and vibrant style of worship evidenced in the many conferences he assisted to form. Their enthusiastic style of worship prevented them from fully integrating with any American group. The Lord was very precious to him. Even during the past years when everything else was often in disarray, a mention of the Lord would change his spirit and he would praise Him.

PASSING ON

William Heuer (1904-1994) passed away on June 16, 1994 at the age of 89 years 7 months, 15 days. He was survived by his loving wife, Emma, two daughters and their spouses, Gertrude and Reuben Fauth; Bernice and Theo Schelert.? He was preceded in death by a great grandson, Scott Fauth, his parents, 3 brothers, 2 sisters and 2 nieces.

WILLIAM HEUER AND THE CHURCH IN KENYA

As opposed to a popular notion that William Heuer having only contacted Kenya as from 1980's after the death of Andy shoemaker (1980) and A.N Dugger (1975), the first contact with the

Kenyan faithful was in 1970 when he replied to a letter sent by Edward Macharia requesting for a minister to come to Kenya popularly referred to as “A CALL FROM KENYA” in the book ‘History of the true religion’.

In 1970 people gathered In Gitundaga and wrote a letter to Jerusalem which was replied on 22nd April 1970 but a solution was not found yet, Edward Macharia wrote a second letter which was replied by William Heuer who asked for exact directions and therefore another letter detailing the directions was sent but Andy Shoemaker came in his place. N/B Andy shoemaker was a white haired travelling minister who used to be sent to foreign fields.

Table comparing Visits by Andy Shoemaker and William Heuer

ANDY SHOEMAKER		WILLIAM HEUER	
Date	Event	Date	Event
16 th August 1970	Ordained Sixteen Ministers, First Baptism at Kariamu near Thompsons fall town now Nyahururu	27 th November 1981	William Heuer and Bob arrived in Kenya at 8:45am
18 th August 1970	Visisted Githiga when faithful from other parts attended	27 th November 1981	Went to Kwa meja in Nyandarua District and stayed for three days sharing and discussing with faithfuls
22 nd August 1970	Baptized 50 at Githiga	2 nd December 1981	Went to Tigiri and stayed up to 5 th discussing with faithfuls
29 th August 1970	Baptized 16 at Molo,Nakuru District	5 th December 1981	Went to Ndeiya Limuru and discussed with faithfuls
6 th September 1970	Baptized 16 at Kimende, Lari	6 th December 1981	Went to Olala in Narok and stayed up to 8 th discussing with faithfuls
11 th September 1970	Baptized 4 at Oljororok in Nyandarua District	9 th December 1981	Went to Kendowa near Molo and stayed up to 10 th discussing with faithfuls
12 th September 1970	Baptized 12 at Gitundaga	13 th December 1981	Went to Shamata in Nyandarua and stayed up to 14 th discussing with faithfuls
14 th September 1970	Baptized 4 at OlKalaou in Nyandarua District	13 th December 1981	Went Back to Nairobi
23 th September	Baptized1 at Mweiga in Nyeri District	16 th December 1981	Went to Kirenga in Limuru and stayed up to 18 th

1970			discussing with faithfuls
24 th September 1970	Baptized 1 at Nyeri District	18 th December 1981	Constituted the bond of 7 and re-ordained three ministers
26 th September 1970	Baptized 42 at Githiga in Muranga District	19 th December 1981	Went again to Ndeiya Limuru and discussed with faithfuls
10 th October 1970	Baptized 14 at Githiga in Muranga District	21 st December 1981	Left Kenya
10 th October 1970	Baptized 2 at Mbugiti in Thika District	16 th June 1994	Rested awaiting resurrection
15 th October 1970	Left Kenya		
21 st January 1980	Rested awaiting resurrection		

A CASE OF PAUL AND APOLLOS?

From the chronology of events tabulated above it is very clear of what each of these great people did. I tend to find harmony in both of them because Shoemaker baptized people and there is no mention of any baptism done by William Heuer in all his stay but did consult with the faithful already preached to and Baptised. It is good to note that both worked under the Jerusalem headquarters under A.N Dugger, indeed the foundation is the same. The same is evident in a letter dated July 22 1981 sent to Micah Arap Kiget by William Heuer answering a question about Shoemaker that he indeed was acquainted to him and had heard him preach and had done good things in other places, he further says that he did not want to vilify the man because he was already dead and could not defend himself. However he had to answer the questions directed to him with care and with the human biasness as asked. You would realize that before William Heuer came to Kenya it was exactly eleven years and that is not a short period during which the devil was working hard to divide the young church, so many things must have happened between then.

It is also vital to notice that even after 11 years William Heuer did not baptize anyone despite in some quotas disapproving the work done by Shoemaker. This is a difference of opinion that happens with every church growth; Notice the early church had the same problem. During the long period after the church fled to the wilderness (Rev. 12:6, 14) they were separated in many different localities, with thousands of miles between and no means of communication. Different leaders, led of the Holy Spirit, fed them and nourished them. Yet these leaders, besides holding to the "commandments of God and the Testimony of the Savior" held to different views on minor points. Still they constituted the Church of God in the wilderness, just as the Scriptures tell us of the history relative to these leaders and the belief of these scattered persecuted people, who emphasized the power of God through His Holy Spirit. On many minor points they held to different views. This however, did not cause them to manifest anything but love, because they believed they were one, and the people of God. The same case happened to

William Heuer, he could not completely do away with the work of Andy shoemaker however hard the pressure would have been and only emphasized on streamlining.

The greatest evangelist of all times was faced with the same problem notice of what he says of Apollos 1 Corinthians 16:12 ***12 Now about our brother Apollos: I strongly urged him to go to you with the brothers. He was quite unwilling to go now, but he will go when he has the opportunity.***

I believe that when William Heuer accepted the invite of one Mr. Micah Kiget and A Mr Tumusing to come to Kenya he had the message of Paul in 1 Corinthians 1:11-13 in mind and is the reason why in his letter he says that he wished that they would discuss further when he came. Notice that Heuer did not at any time meet a particular group but went to all faithful and invited all to have a reunion. ***1 Corinthians 1:11-13 11 My brothers and sisters, some from Chloe's household have informed me that there are quarrels among you. 12 What I mean is this: One of you says, "I follow Paul"; another, "I follow Apollos"; another, "I follow Cephas"; still another, "I follow Messiah."***¹³ ***Is Messiah divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Were you baptized in the name of Paul?***

The church in the 1980's was faced with the question of who is right between Andy Shoemaker and William Heuer but the problem always was that they viewed the answer in a carnal way seeking materialistic gain hungering and thirsting after money, after worldly possessions, after the very best and the most up-to-date (worldly standards) of everything, void of a holy purpose in possession for the Glory of God in sending out the light and thus falling into the trap of the adversary.

Gordon Fauth must have realized the problem with the Kenyan church. One section of the Kenyan church had co-arc'd Gordon Fauth to come to Kenya and resolve the issue of who was right between Andy Shoemaker and William Heuer since one section claimed that Andy Shoemaker was not sent by the Jerusalem Headquarters while yet another held that William Heuer was not a Jew and there is no way he was sent to Kenya. Truth be told William Heuer was not Jew neither was A.N Dugger, another fact is that Gordon Fauth was left to continue the Jerusalem work and not William Heuer, but all of them were Dugger's associates and workers together with Elohim.

In a reply to the request, Gordon Fauth is said to affirm that he and the Jerusalem Headquarters did recognize the work done in Kenya and groups should work together, he never came nor discussed the issue further. I take the same stand today that the work done in Kenya by Andy Shoemaker was right and in order and that the efforts made by William Heuer to streamline the work was genuine and proper, the problem was and remains the attitude of the Kenyan church, it is high time to realize this and seek divine intervention in our quest to seek the heavenly Kingdom,. God himself will judge for even Yahshua did not come to the world to judge but to save.

1 Corinthians 3:5-9 ⁵What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe—as the Lord has assigned to each his task. ⁶ I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. ⁷ So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. ⁸ The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labor. ⁹ For we are co-workers in God’s service; you are God’s field, God’s building.

My assumption based on previous working relations, is that if A.N Dugger and Andy Shoemaker were alive when William Heuer was invited to come to Kenya, they would say the same word in verse 10-15 of 1 Corinthians 3. I am also compelled to believe that Heuer himself was desperately looking to achieve the same but found the rivalry of the church so intense and unready for reconciliation.

10 By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as a wise builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should build with care. **11** For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Yahshua Messiah. **12** If anyone builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, **13** their work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each person’s work. **14** If what has been built survives, the builder will receive a reward. **15** If it is burned up, the builder will suffer loss but yet will be saved—even though only as one escaping through the flames.

OUR CALL

When people qualify according to Revelation 12:17 and revelation 14:12, emphasize the “Testimonies of Yahshua,” as well as the commandments of God, they are of the “Family of God”. By strictly following the Testimony (The New Testament), they are known by the family name by which the one family in both heaven and earth are known (Ephesians 3:14, 15; Rev. 14:1). The unity of this body, as well as the name of the family was the great burden of the prayer of our savior as He approached Calvary (John 17). Here he prays that the family, the household of faith, will hold to the name of the Father of the family, and that they will be “one”. He repeats both of these conditions a number of times in the prayer. Shall we not, do our best that this prayer shall be answered? It is the enemy of souls that does not want it so. Those who truly love the Master will cooperate to bring unity to pass.

With the Holy Spirit, strife and divisions will not arise. But without the presence of the Holy Spirit to soften our speech, and tune it with kindness, it is best to remain in our own camp to avoid strife and contention while we pray for one another. The savior said, “Blessed are they that do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled,” (Matt. 5:6). The possessors of oil in their lamps, with an extra supply in their vessels to bring them safely through the darkness and deception of the midnight hour are through the Spirit, also possessors of that, “Love one for the other,” by which the disciples are known (John 13:35). They will not have a worldly spot upon them. That virgin class will be represented at Jerusalem. It is here where He is to descend from heaven with all the Holy Angels to be king of kings (Rev.

11:15)

Finally my prayer *I Corinthians 3:21-23* ²¹ *So then, no more boasting about human leaders! All things are yours,* ²² *whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas^[c] or the world or life or death or the present or the future —all are yours,* ²³ *and you are of Yahsuah's, and Yahshuah is of God.*