

Biography of Melvin Rhodes.

Born in England, January 1951. My father was an atheist, my mother a nominal Methodist.

After hearing Garner Ted Armstrong on the pirate radio stations in the mid-60's, I attended Ambassador College, Bricket Wood and was in the last graduating class there in 1974, with a number of Australians.

I was hired by the church into editorial work, but lost my job due to cut-backs at that time. I emigrated to Rhodesia in November 1974 and was employed by the Rhodesian Ministry of Internal Affairs as a District Officer, assisting in the administration of Matabeleland during the Rhodesian Civil War.

While there, I married my American wife Diane. We now have three children, Alexandra 20, Kurt 18 and Pallas, 15.

In 1977 I was employed by the WCG to work in the Rhodesian office and assisted the Pastor there in giving sermons and visiting.

Ordained May 13th 1978 and asked to go to Ghana, West Africa. There we helped lay the foundation for the churches in Ghana, Nigeria, Cameroon and Liberia during a very tumultuous time politically and economically. In five years we saw the churches in Ghana grow by 1000% from 55 to 550 regular attendees.

>From 1983 to 1988 we served in England, then returned to Ghana for two more years.

In 1990 we moved to the United States to be near my wife's elderly mother, who needed care and attention and had no other children. My mother in law died in July 1995.

In early 1995 we resigned from WCG over the issue of the Sabbath and Holy Days, realizing also that the system of government in the church lent itself to corruption and apostasy. Our two congregations in Michigan, Ann Arbor and Lansing, formed themselves into independent congregations which later affiliated themselves with UCG, AIA when that was set-up in Indianapolis. Both congregations asked us to stay and continue serving them.

Soon after the establishment of our local congregations we hosted a "Friends of the Sabbath" seminar in Lansing. I have also written frequently for IN TRANSITION.

I write regularly on world affairs in the light of scripture for the GOOD NEWS magazine, published by the United Church of God.

In June 1996 I joined the other members of my immediate family in becoming an American citizen, though retaining my British citizenship.

BIOGRAPHY OF RONALD DART

Ronald Dart is a persuasive voice in religious programming with a loyal and growing following. Within four months from the time he made the first Born to Win radio program, he was on 26 stations from Brisbane, Australia to Providence, Rhode Island. What is unusual about this? Virtually all of that time was found and purchased by individuals or small groups who believe Ron's message

should be heard. His Born to Win programs are so important to them that they are willing to pay for radio time out of their own pockets.

People around the world have become addicted to Ron's intimate Bible studies. His rare insight into the Bible, coupled with a unique gift for clarity and simplicity, enable him to hold an audience as few others. His listeners don't want to miss a word this broadcaster has to say and they want their community to hear it as well.

In addition to the Born to Win program, Ron has spoken to conventions with multiple thousands in attendance and has been the keynote speaker on many occasions. Seminars, workshops, sermons, public service messages to groups such as Rotary Clubs are some of the forums for his speeches.

Among the many things that contribute to the total package that makes up Ronald Dart are his 35 years in the ministry, many years spent teaching speech and theology and his experience working in a college environment as Dean of Students and Deputy Chancellor of Ambassador College. He attended Hardin Simmons University and received his BA and MA from Ambassador College. Post graduate work toward a PhD in communications was done at the University of Texas in Austin. Seven years living in England with three trips around the world are just some of the experience that he calls on. He is also a writer with scores of magazine articles, dozens of booklets and a correspondence course to his credit.

Being an avid reader and a lover of history he has an appetite for a wide spectrum of authors' work. Books by William Manchester, Barbara Tuchman, Winston Churchill, Dick Francis and Agatha Christie make their contribution to his colorful teachings on the Born to Win program. But above all, he loves the Bible, teaches it with honesty and conviction, and believes it has the power to change lives.

Ron's diverse interests are flying, hunting, skiing, sailing, science fiction, amateur radio and travel. He is a dog lover and dogs love him back. These interests, plus a keen sense of humor, find their way into his rare one-on-one teaching style. His ability to communicate brings each Born to Win program within the reach of everyone. He is a conservative visionary, yet non-argumentative. As a friend once put it, "he likes to reach down into the minds of his audience and rearrange the wires." This unique talent puts Ronald Dart on the cutting edge of speakers.

Presently, Ron is Chairman of the Board and President of Christian Educational Ministries. It is a new but fast growing non-denominational service organization not affiliated with any church. Rather it is designed to serve individual churches and Christians with audio and video tapes, a newsletter, a Bible study course, materials for youth ministry and his radio program--Born to Win. His thought provoking yet easy to follow message for today is loud and clear: "God doesn't intend to spend eternity with a bunch of losers--we were Born to Win."

BIOGRAPHY OF VIC KUBIK

Beverly and I serve in the ministry of the United Church of God. We live in Indianapolis, Indiana and pastor churches in Lafayette and Terre Haute. I also serve as regional pastor of the Indianapolis region and a two year term on the Council of Elders.

I was born October 3, 1947 in Hannover, Germany, in a displaced persons camp, in the aftermath of World War II. I emigrated to the United States with my parents in 1949 and became a naturalized citizen of the United States.

My educational experience includes attending the University of Minnesota and then Ambassador College in Pasadena, California. I graduated from the Bricket Wood, England campus of Ambassador College in 1969 with a Bachelor of Arts degree.

Since 1969 I've served in the ministry of the Worldwide Church of God starting in Sioux Falls, South Dakota church. My career took me to congregations in Rapid City, South Dakota, Minneapolis, Minnesota, Paducah, Kentucky and then back to Minneapolis.

In 1990 I was appointed assistant director of Church Administration for the Worldwide Church of God and worked from their world headquarters in Pasadena, California. My special interest was in evangelism, especially being concerned with what the local congregations could do to further the gospel.

I regularly contributed articles for the church's various publications. For the church's Youth magazine I wrote a question and answer column for over three years.

In April of 1995 I helped with the founding of the United Church of God which is now based in Arcadia, California. I served on the transitional board and directed Ministerial Services until December 31, 1995. On the Council of Elders I chair the Local Church Building Committee. I also serve on the Education and Ethics committees. On the Education committee I head the Youth education subcommittee.

I speak fluent Ukrainian and Russian and have traveled extensively around the world, particularly in Eastern Europe. I have developed contacts with broadcast management in St. Petersburg, Russia and currently doing humanitarian work in Ukraine. I have worked with emerging religious groups in western Ukraine to which I have traveled to on five different occasions since late 1992.

I am married to the former Beverly Skogen. We have three children, Kim (30) of Minneapolis, Minnesota; Kevin (28) of Indianapolis, Indiana; and Michael (21) of Saint Paul, Minnesota.

My hobbies and pastimes include working with computers and new software. I enjoy playing the piano, bicycling and hiking.

Through the Web it is my desire is to network with members and ministers to effectively further the Gospel and fulfil the Commission of Matthew 28:18-20.

BIOGRAPHY OF BRUCE GARBUTT

(Australian Director of the ICEJ)

Born in Launceston, Tasmania, Bruce was raised in North Queensland. He was born again in his teenage years, and in 1966 married Kay, the daughter of a Presbyterian Minister. They have three children, Randal (26), Tricia (24) and Deanna (10).

As a qualified accountant, Bruce spent 25 years with the ARC organisation, (subsequently taken over by Smorgon Consolidate Industries), in senior management positions in Australia, Singapore, Papua New Guinea and Saudia Arabia..

At present, Bruce is working with the Queensland State Government, and Kay is a music teacher with the Northside Christian College in Brisbane.

For many years in Australia and Singapore, Bruce served as an Elder in the Presbyterian Church and in 1978, following the Lord's miraculous healing of Kay's back disorder, he and Kay came into a new dimension of relationship with God. While in Papua New Guinea and Saudi Arabia, he and Kay served as leaders in Home Churches.

Prior to returning to Australia in 1986, Bruce and Kay began to receive a revelation of God's relationship with His chosen Nation, Israel, and the Jewish people. This revelation has continued to grow, and in 1992 he was asked to become the Australian Director of the International Christian Embassy Jerusalem.

Since that time Bruce and Kay have visited Israel on a number of occasions and each year they lead a tour to Israel to celebrate the ICEJ sponsored Christian celebrations of the Feast of Tabernacles in Jerusalem.

Together, Bruce and Kay, serve the Lord in this Ministry, believing that God is restoring the Children of Israel to the Land of Israel, as a pre-requisite to and a preparation for the return of the Messiah and the establishment of His kingdom in the earth.

BIOGRAPHY OF DAVID CURRIE

President of the Trans-Australian Conference of Seventh-day Adventists which covers WA SA Vic Tas and Sth NSW. Started my ministry in Tasmania, then to WA then to Sth NZ and then I taught at Avondale College. Then to England for 5 years as Ministerial Secretary. Also did some work in Ivory Coast in Africa.

Then President of North NSW for 5 years and then Ministerial Secretary for South Pacific Division for Five years and then to Trans-European Division for 5 1/2 years. Headquarters near London but served 26 countries. One year back in Melbourne. Written a book "Amazing Discoveries in Bible Lands". A Coffee Table presentation with colour plates. Written scores of articles and some on the Sabbath through the Centuries.

Executive producer for a Video Series "Keepers of the Flame" and another video for the Secular Society "Search for Paradise". New Zealander by birth and married Gaya who is also a New Zealander, four children.

BIOGRAPHY OF BRAD BURMAN

Brad Burman, husband of Cheryl and father to Rachel (14), Reuben & Joel (7, yes twins) and Misha (Birman cat, no not bermese - birman).

Brad was raised in a Jewish home and at the age of seventeen, as a result of reading the Bible and the witness of Christians, came to believe that Yeshua (the Jewish way to say Jesus) was the promised Messiah of Israel and his Saviour, Lord and God. After completing university Brad worked in the computer industry till 1994.

His various jobs included running his own consultancy and positions with Ernest & Young, Computer Associates and Microsoft. In 1994 Brad, as result of the Lord's leading, began a Bachelor of Ministries degree at Morling College (the Baptist College of NSW) and is currently completing this course. Brad is also President of the Messianic Jewish Alliance of Australia and a regular and active member of Mascot Christian Fellowship.