

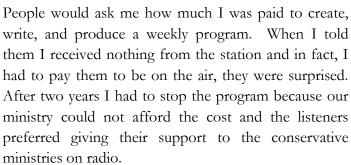
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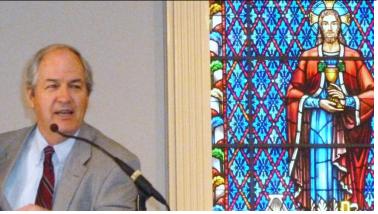
PAYING FOR THE PRIVILEGE

Thirty years ago I had a radio program that was broadcast from Los Angeles and covered most of Southern California.



The plan was to expand from the one station to several stations throughout California. Then we would begin to buy TV time and produce programs that presented evangelism in the light of the whole Gospel. I would preach the Call of God to Be the Church. My preaching would guide people to a better understanding of what it means to be the church and live by faith.

After hearing and viewing the radio and TV evangelists presenting Jesus' Good News as a gospel of prosperity and patriotism, I felt sure people would be hungering and thirsting for the Truth for which Christ gave his life. I was very disappointed with people who continued to give support to many of the popular evangelists who had fallen from grace. These evangelists gave evangelists and evangelism a bad name as they preached the Gospel in whatever way profited them.



I want to rectify how evangelism has been abused and restore it to being one of Jesus' basic teachings to the Church. His words, "Go and make disciples," is a clarion call to a ministry of evangelism.

I also want to reclaim one of the very special gifts that Jesus gave us to equip us for ministry, the gift of evangelist. Without evangelists (seed planters - messengers for God) the most important story ever told would be forgotten over time. I want to stand along side my friends and colleagues, who have been given the gifts of pastor and teacher, announcing, nurturing, and teaching the Kingdom of God is among us.

Just as I paid the radio station for the privilege of being a messenger for God, I would pay for the opportunity to proclaim God's Word and renew evangelism in our churches. Money means nothing, whereas saved souls mean change and hope and love in the world.

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Summer Circuit Riding with the Servant Evangelist



PENTECOST at College UMC, Ventura, CA in June
"CALLED AGAIN" at St. Mark's UMC, Bakersfield, CA in July
PILGRIM PLACE Health Services Center, Claremont, CA in August
"SPIRIT OF OHANA ~ THE FAMILY OF GOD"
At Placentia/Cornerstone UMC, Placentia, CA in August

We thought it might be interesting for our readers to have a glimpse into our lives as we experience Circuit Riding in 2014! Much different from the days of Circuit Riding by horse on muddy roads over hill and vale but the spirit is the same ~ one that gives us great joy and purpose. Enjoy our rides!

It takes about 5 trips down the steps from our tree house in Pilgrim Place to load our car with all the necessary items we need for circuit riding... the sound equipment, the amp and guitar, the rolling crate of art supplies for the time with the children, the bar for hanging our clothes, plus a suitcase, etc. Usually we have another bag of fruit, nuts, water and maybe, a peanut butter and jelly sandwich. "Did you get your glasses? Yes, did you get my brief case?" "Ykes, I almost forgot your sermon notes and music for the organist!" Life was surely a lot more simple with a horse and Bible. We are finally off and yes, we're caught in traffic.

We had a powerful **Pentecost** with the folks of College UMC in Ventura, CA. Mostly a church of Senior Citizens, they were anything but old! Dressed in their brightest red, their spirits were filled with the joy and excitement of their youth.

Kimball blended the old with the new in music and preached the message of Pentecost. "Something's moving, can you feel it?" he said. "Something's moving, can you hear it?" he went on..."It's the spirit, I can feel it. Can you feel it? The congregation back to him, "Yes, it's the spirit, we can feel it.! ...and with that they broke out in laughter and song to the keys 'a poppin' on the piano and 'a strummin' on the

guitar with voices that could be heard coming from the little A- frame United Methodist church, on the corner, for all their neighbors to hear.

With tears in their eyes, memories of their loved ones and growing in the faith, they held hands around the altar as they heard the voice of God speaking to them through their friend, a simple servant evangelist, "May the spirit of the living God fall afresh on you, the folks of College UMC, renewing you, refreshing you, and enlivening you to be the Church like never before." And the people of God said, "AMEN."

"Called Again" for the small church near the oil fields of Bakersfield was significant for St. Mark's UMC in many ways. They had a vision years ago and they worked hard at being the church. They grew with outstretched arms welcoming young families buying their first homes, seniors who had found affordable housing, and people living on the margin in life found a safe haven. They were a large family who cared about one another and their neighbors.

But hard times fell upon their community. People began to move away and the church lost her place in the lives of those around her. When their church was sold, the legacy of a faithful few continued to worship temporarily in the social hall where St. Mark's UMC was born. They were to move to a new place by the

end of summer. It is a house in a nearby community where they will work together in creating a new church home to worship, invite others and serve their Lord.

Their roots remain strong, their faith lives deep within and they move with a fresh spirit. They sang with hope, a song that Kimball wrote for them... "We are called ECCLESIA ... We are called to live God's love...We are called, called again to a life lived by faith deep within."

We had lunch together and celebrated the goodness of God, assured they had not been abandoned, knowing that God has a purpose and a place for them. We are touched and blessed to be friends through the years with the family of St. Mark's UMC.

What a privilege Kimball had preaching and serving communion at Pilgrim Place Health Services

Center on August 3rd. Volunteers and health care workers began bringing patients in 30 minutes before the worship time started. They talked quietly with one another until the room and hallway was filled. Kimball and our Pilgrim friend, Norma Puntney, welcomed everyone with music. Kimball's message to them was a story of his mother's love and God's promise of eternal life. Two of our Pilgrims served as Communion Stewards. After Kimball blessed the elements, they began to serve communion. Kimball followed them, having a moment with each person, gently whispering to them that God loved them, as he held their frail hands with sweet love. These are the saints in our lives and living examples of God's love. They bless us daily.



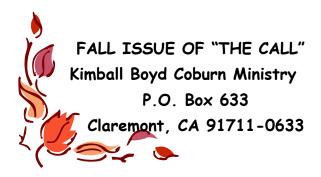
"The Spirit of Ohana ~ The Family of God"

was a dream of two churches who share the same church building. They had a vision of an event where the two congregations could come

Worship was filled with a sweet spirit of

together as one and celebrate the "Spirit of Ohana ~ The Family of God" joyous singing, laughter and a sense

of appreciation for the love and respect shared between their two pastors, Rev. Karen Tannheimer of Placentia UMC and Rev. Jerry Owang, of Cornerstone UMC and their congregations. The children were precious, the youth and young adults, amazing. Families of several generations from both congregations shared their commitment to being the Church with love and humility. Following worship we had a delicious luncheon in their great picnic area. The youth director of Cornerstone, Stephen Hale, a student at the Claremont School of Theology, involved the children and youth in fun games that we all enjoyed watching. They also helped in setting everything up for the picnic. It was truly a day of celebrating the



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\$23,235

Thank you for your gifts to the ministry and support of our servant evangelist, who humbly gives of himself for others.

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Evangelism In The Prophetic Spirit

Kimball Coburn is a messenger for God, Calling us to Be the Church.

His message is one of Challenge, Hope and Love.

It would be his privilege to serve your church without charge but with a challenge, calling you into the future.

If you would like Kimball to come and plan an Evangelism Event with the leaders of your church you may:

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