



Celebrating the Life

of

Larry Kitchel



“Well done good and faithful servant”



November 23, 1934—March 27, 2011



Emmanuel Baptist Church

April 2, 2011

Piano Prelude by Mary Ann Weaver

Opening Prayer - Pastor Daniel Ochieng

Congregational Hymn - *The love of God*

Scripture Reading - Eph 3:14-21 - Pastor Ken Wainaina

Congregational Hymn - *He leadeth me*

Special Music - Maasai Choir

Tributes

Steve Timbe- Representative of Uganda
James Koang- Representative of Sudan
Mark Hagen- Representative of the family
Teddy Teiye- Representative of Emanuel
Jacob Auma- Representative of Kenya

Congregational Hymn - *My hope*

Special music

What a friend we have in Jesus (CMA Family)

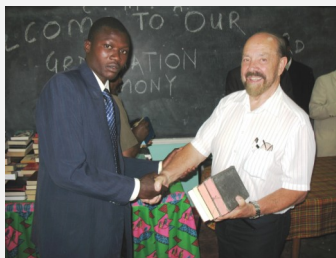
Message - Pastor Weaver

Special Music - Angela Huffstuntler

Closing Prayer by Pastor Weaver - Congregation to stand for
closing prayer



Life of Larry





Eulogy

Larry Kitchel, the Founder and Director of Christian Mission Aid, was born to Douglas Eugene Aurthor and Bertha Kitchel, on November 23, 1934, in Grand Junction, Colorado. Unable to care for him, they placed Larry in Saint Vincent's Orphanage in Denver, at the tender age of 3 years. Being shuffled in and out of many foster homes during his early years, he finally found a home and family with Rev. Lloyd Hansen. The Hansen family wanted to adopt Larry, but due to unknown reasons, the Social worker did not approve the adoption and Larry was sent back to the orphanage after living with the Hansen family for over a year.

In grade 6, Larry and 4 other boys ran away from the orphanage and jumped into a U-Haul trailer they found nearby, and were taken all the way to Oregon. Once the family driving the trailer reached their home in Oregon, you can imagine their surprise when 5 boys came shyly stumbling out of their trailer! The loving family of Mr. Barns agreed to keep and raise all 5 boys on their farm. Larry therefore grew up in Oregon and finished high school at Laural Wood Academy. He went on to the University of Oregon for a degree in Health



Education and later went to Lane Community College to receive a degree in Respiratory Therapy, becoming a member of the American Association for Respiratory Therapists. He worked in this profession for several years in hospitals in Oregon, Hawaii and California.

Larry was a person of adventure who wanted to experience all that life had to offer. He did just that as a young man through a variety of jobs, from working as a logger in the Oregon Forest, to becoming a professional white water guide down the Snake and the Rouge Rivers. Larry also painted high electrical towers, running through the mountains of Oregon; taught Peace Core volunteers as preparation for their overseas assignments; and worked as a dental technician, just to name a few.

Larry served his country by joining the US Army, as a paratrooper in the 101st Air born Division.

Larry loved life and received great pleasure and enjoyment from the simplest things in life, he loved people, he love to talk with the youth and mentor them in their future plans, he loved his wife Debbie dearly and always told her that he loved her more than anyone on earth could love another, but most of all he loved his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.




Larry and Debbie went to serve in Africa soon after they got married in 1980, with International Christian Aid, working in the remote parts of Somalia, Uganda and Zaire. They also spent a short time in Beirut, Lebanon, eventually ending up in Nairobi, Kenya.

Larry, with Debbie's support, founded Christian Mission Aid, in 1986. With a heart for the African people Larry's dream was to help communities meet their spiritual, social and physical needs. Larry's passion was to help the unreached and most disadvantaged people. A visionary who always wanted to help everyone in need and bring Christ into their lives, Larry reached people who suffered war, disaster and disease in rural areas of Kenya and Uganda, the slums of Nairobi, and the interior of southern Sudan.

Just like he did in his personal life, Larry always put Christ at the center of CMA's work. He understood that the true word of God was the most important "food" for even the poorest of the poor, thus Christian teaching formed the foundation and heart of CMA's work. Larry always said that CMA's job description is found in

Matthew 25:35-36: "For I was hungry and you fed me, I was thirsty and you gave me a drink, I was a stranger and you invited me into your home, I



was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you cared for me, I was in prison and you visited me.”

Under his guidance, CMA adopted the principles of Acts 6:3, where “seven good men” were selected to serve those in need of physical care, so that Pastors and Evangelists could devote themselves to “prayer and teaching of the Gospel”. Larry was proud of all his staff at CMA and always told them that they were part of the seven good men and women supporting and caring for the physical needs of the people, while also being witnesses of God’s love.

Truly, through Larry, God has accomplished great work. Under Larry’s leadership and following of Matthew 25:35-36 and Acts 6:3, millions of Sudanese have benefitted from CMA’s work, and hundreds of thousands more in Kenya and Uganda have been helped in many different ways. All the Christian leaders, Pastors and everyone taught through Larry’s efforts are now empowered by the Holy Spirit to serve their communities and able to carry on this great work.

*All things witnessed and accomplished through
CMA is to give Honor and Glory to God.*





Appreciation and Thanks

I would like to give special thanks to Pastor Joel and Mary Ann Weaver for their wonderful support during the darkest days of my life. Thanks to all the congregation of Emmanuel Baptist Church, friends and the CMA family for all your prayers, the love and support you all have shown has been overwhelming and the prayers deeply felt by both Larry and myself. Thank you all so very much.

Larry Ritchel Memorial Fund

Any donations received will be put towards the equipping and training of Pastors in the rural areas. Larry's passion was always to help strengthen the African rural Churches by training the Pastors and Lay Leaders in the true Word of God and equipping them to reach their people for Christ.

Words that remind you of Larry

*Visionary, servant hood, humble, singing loudly, humor, cheerful, encourager, mentor, fishing, camping, dedicated, passionate, focused, Natural leader, patient, fun, big heart, supportive, loving, trusting, fatherly, caring,
One of the seven good men*

