



BILL HENDRICK

May 21, 1932 - May 7, 1991 (Age 58)

Bill passed away in the Hospital Metropolitano in Quito, Ecuador while in surgery following a heart attack. Services were held at Faith Baptist Church and he was buried in Jacksonville, Florida, Pastor Pat McCall officiating.

Who Will Replace Him?

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written by Missionary Jack Weaver**

Bill Hendrick was my friend from the day I went to Mission Seminar in Pennsylvania in August of 1967. Bill was a few years older than I was. He had started churches in the States and on the mission field and I thought of him as a real live hero. He could do all things I was afraid I wouldn't be able to do. I remember him standing before churches to preach the Word of God that year and I remember him telling me, "Don't be so timid! God has called you to a ministry. Now speak out for Him."

I remember Bill standing before the people singing "How Great Thou Art", and I knew I would never have the courage to do that. If I read my Bible correctly, the only angel who had any music ability was Satan. How God must have missed music when Satan fell!!! I suppose Bill is with the choir made up of those Christian men who went on before and this morning they are singing "How Great Thou Art."

I remember sharing a bed with Bill one cold winter night in Pennsylvania, Bill's memories of that night are somewhat different from mine. I remember clinging to the side of the mattress so I wouldn't disturb the sleep of God's prophet. It took me years to understand Bill was just a man. Then I realized he was a man of God. Later I came to know he was just a man of God. (Bill could never understand why a preacher would preach against sin for years and then choose to practice sin.) I hope when I go to stand before God, people say of me, "He was just a man of God." Bill is gone now. **Who will replace him?**

Bill preached one of his last sermons in the morning service here in Cayambe. Two young men from Chaltura were saved that morning, the last people saved under Bill's earthly ministry. These two young men brought others with them to the mission in Chaltura the next Saturday night. They were just the last of thousands who came to know the Lord because of Bill; in Ecuador, in Costa Rica and in the United States. **Who will replace him?**

Bill was looking forward to going back to the States and preaching in the churches that supported him. He had the trip all planned. He would not have to drive more than three hours a day and could stop in camping areas all along the way. He was a little bit disturbed because he had not heard from a few pastors to confirm their dates. Wherever Bill stopped, Bill talked

about Jesus. He told me of several people he had won to the Lord in camping stops. **Who will replace him?**

To the pastors who made dates with Bill to speak in your churches, Bill won't be coming this year and you missed a great blessing. Bill made plans to go home and visit his children and grandchildren but instead he went home to visit his Mom and Dad and his grandparents. **Who will replace him?**

As I write this article, Bill's funeral service is going on, and I won't be there. This Sunday I will be doing the baptism service Bill had planned and I will be preaching in his pulpit in San Carlos. I have only a few more months in Ecuador. **Who will replace him?**