

MELBOURNE G. NEILL OBITUARY
(November 4, 1935 – December 19, 2014) Age 79



Melbourne G. Neill, 79, passed away Friday, Dec. 19, 2014. Service: 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 27 at Temple Baptist Church, Ft Worth, Texas. Visitation: 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Bluebonnet Hills Funeral Home. Memorials: In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Melbourne's name to World Baptist Fellowship, Toachi, Ecuador, Building Project, POB 13459, Arlington, Texas 76094. Melbourne was born Nov. 4, 1935, in Breckenridge to Cecil and Averil Williamson Neill. He and Charlene McFadin were united in marriage on Feb. 5, 1954, in Ardmore, Oklahoma and they shared 60 years together. Mel and Charlene were sent as missionaries from the World Baptist Fellowship to Costa Rica for 10 years and in the jungles of Peru for one year. Their last foreign mission field was in Ecuador, where they served the Lord faithfully for 40 years. They returned to Fort Worth due to declining health but continued to serve as stewards for the Bible Ministry

for the World Baptist Fellowship, sending Bibles in all languages around the world. He was preceded in death by a grandson, Aaron Howeth; and brothers, Bob and Ron Neill. Survivors: Wife, Charlene Neill; daughters, Sharon Howeth and husband, Greg, of Hurst, Melanie and Marsha Neill of North Richland Hills; eight grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; brother, Rex Neill of Fort Worth; a host of loving in-laws, nieces, nephews, cousins and devoted friends here in the United States and Ecuador.

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BROTHER MEL NEILL PROMOTED TO GLORY

“The Fundamentalist” Spring 2015 by Bro. Tommy Raley

On December 19, 2014 Missionary Mel Neill went to be with his Lord and Saviour after a valiant battle with cancer. He and Charlene had served with the World Baptist Fellowship Mission Agency for over 50 years as faithful missionaries in Peru, Costa Rica and Ecuador.

In the work in Ecuador where they spent many years the Lord blessed their ministry in a remarkable way with many souls saved, churches started and a Bible Institute that continues today under the leadership of Ecuadorian pastors.

We will not know this side of Heaven the full impact of Mel and Charlene Neill's lives among the Ecuadorian believers. They manifested a Christ-like spirit before the people and gave a good example of working for the Lord. As long as the churches and Bible Institute in Ecuador continue, their ministry will continue.

A few years ago, Mel and Charlene were forced to return to the U. S. to live due to health needs but they continued making frequent trips to Ecuador for evangelistic meetings and building projects. They also began the WBF Bible Ministry through which Bibles are sent to many missionaries and national pastors around the world. The Bible ministry will continue under the leadership of Bro. Dave Schembera and many more copies of the Scriptures will be sent in the future.

One of Mel's dreams was the completion of a dormitory building for the Bible Institute in Santo Domingo, Ecuador. Dr. Ben Langley is heading up a building project for this building and it will be named the "Mel and Charlene Neill Dormitory". This building will be a great blessing to many Bible Institute students in years to come.

If you would like to have a part in the construction of the dormitory building you may send your contribution to the WBF Mission Agency, P O. Box 13459, Arlington, TX 76094. Be sure to mark your offering "Ecuador Building Project" so we will know that it is for the dormitory building.

Please pray much for Charlene as she struggles with Parkinson's Disease that the Lord will watch over her and provide her needs. She will continue to need the support of their faithful supporting churches in the future.

(Charlene Neill passed away February 10, 2017. Please see her obituary as well.)