



MISSION SUNDAY

In this very unusual year, while we had to delay our Mission weekend by a month, we will have a day to celebrate all that God is doing in our outreach to the city of St. Louis and around the world. Our pastor of Mission's & Outreach, Randy Mayfield, will be preaching for his last Mission Weekend on the topic of; **"Moving Forward in Mission... Right Where You Are!"** - **Philippians 3:13-14** "Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Jesus Christ."

We are all called to share the hope that we have in Jesus and you don't have to be a minister or church leader to do that. We are all called to take the Gospel into all the world and God will use us where we are. "Your Gift Will Make A Way for You..." Proverbs 18:16

Join us for worship on Sunday, Oct. 25th at 9 am with special guest speakers and a great time of Worship. Then stay afterwards where we'll hear from several of our missionaries from around the world! They will join us live and virtually! Great prizes for the kids too!

NOT RETIRING, RE-FIRING

AFTER 41 YEARS OF MINISTRY AT CENTRAL, RANDY MAYFIELD MOVES FORWARD

BY ROMANDO DAVIS

When Randy was nine years old, his grandmother prophesied that he was destined to be a singing evangelist. This came to fruition when he attended Oral Roberts University where he performed with the World Action Singers.

Soon after graduation from ORU, Randy received the call from a Central Presbyterian Church in St. Louis. "I didn't know what a Presbyterian was," Randy said, "Honestly, I had to research, what they believe?" Making a leap of faith, he and his wife Sharon accepted the call. It didn't take long before they realized that moving to St. Louis was just where God wanted them.

Randy continues, "And here we are, ending 41 years this year, and we'll be retiring, but I don't tell people retiring, I'm more like re-firing." Randy and Sharon plan to split their time between their home in Bodega Bay, California and their family home in Ballwin.

During frequent visits to their west coast family home, they've come to love the church they attend where Randy has preached and led worship. His ministry will continue

at that church while also making himself available to provide support for Central Missions as the need arises.

In the meantime, Randy and the missions team have spent 2020 preparing for his departure. "I have a team of 32 lay people, that

includes a hand-full of active, or formerly active, elders. So we have a fantastic team. They know why we do what we do. Many of them have led mission trips. So I'm not really concerned about the ministry not going forward." He will be working with the team, helping them understand how things are done, but is confident they have a good grasp of operations.

"And then of course Ben Tzeng has already assumed much of the local ministry with his evangelism work". Ben will continue that and serve as a staff advisor to help and assist the mission team.

Randy believes the mission team is well-equipped to plan what they think the ministry should do, and then let God lead and direct. "But yeah, I'll be around, I'll still be doing some ministry. If the team ever needs anything, of course, I'll be there to help and answer questions."

In summary, Randy says, "This has never been a job to me. A job is something you do to make a living; a ministry is what you do because that's what God's called you to. It's a passion. And that's why I know that though I leave Central, the passion of my heart is people, and mission and outreach. I'm not a preacher really, I'm an evangelist and that's going to continue."



Futo Family



Michael Miller



Kendagors



Rami & Christine Fellemon

THE TRUE STORY OF MY LIFE

By RANDY MAYFIELD



As I'm coming to the end of my "professional" ministry after 41 years of serving in an awesome Church, I've been thinking a lot about the blessings God has given to me. A gorgeous wife, two great kids and their spouses. A beautiful granddaughter and a new grandson on the way at Thanksgiving! I clearly realize that I'm a blessed man!!

I've been thinking of the contrasts that God has allowed me to experience as

well. I share these with you to let you know that God can use a hyperactive, unfocused young boy for His glory when he gives Him unconditional control of his life. I've truly had a wonderful life!

In my life...

I've had the privilege to meet Presidents and kings... and I've had the honor to meet refugees and homeless people around the world.

I've eaten fancy meals in U.S. Embassy's and in Grand Halls across Europe... and I've broken bread in a tent in the Middle East with outcasts of society and the extreme poor.

I've sung for more than 100,000 people on more than one occasion and with fabulous orchestras around the world.... And I've sung for groups of 12 blind ladies, 20 nursing home patients and one guy in the hospital ICU with my guitar.

I've met world renown doctors who have saved lives... and I've met death row murderers who've taken lives.

I've walked and talked with well known Mega Church pastors and evangelists with big radio and TV shows... and I've walked and talked with humble pastors who have congregations of 45 to 50... and who truly love their calling and their people!

I've known a number of multi-millionaires who live in grand mansions... and I've had friends who live in trailer homes with a zero bank balance.

I've spent time and had luxurious meals with numerous Hall of Fame athletes and well known celebrities... and I've eaten government cheese and crackers while hanging out with men and women in a homeless shelter.

I've stayed in the massive Presidential Suite of a resort hotel... and I've slept in a bunk bed in a cabin in Crow Nation, Montana... with 7 other guys!!

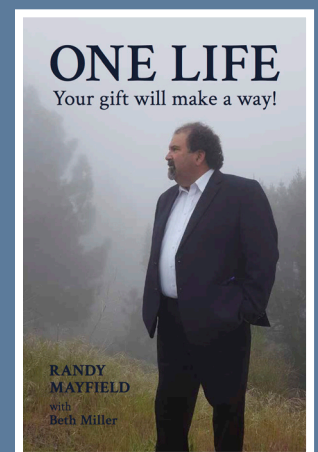
Which do I prefer? I can honestly say, I prefer obedience to where God has called me for that time. I've seen it all having been in 90 countries and having friends of all colors and cultures and all economic situations. I've loved it all.

I was born the son of a modest preacher man... and yet today, I'm the son of a King. The King of Kings & Lord of Lords! I'm so thankful for all of my life experiences that have taught me time and time again. It's not what you have or who you know in the life, but it's the gifts you've been given and Who's you are that makes a difference. - Jesus makes the difference!

"Your gift will make a way for you and bring you into the presence of great men." - Proverbs 18:16

RANDY'S NEW BOOK, *ONE LIFE*, AVAILABLE NOW

Randy Mayfield has recently released his new book, "One Life, Your Gift Will Make a Way for You." The book features not only stories of how Randy has been used in ministry around the world, but it also features stories of those "One Lives" that God has used around the World to draw people into the Kingdom. Lots of people you will know and lots of great photos too! The book is available now in the church office or on Mission Sunday downstairs after the worship service.



MISSIONS & OUTREACH DURING THE LOCKDOWN!

BY RANDY MAYFIELD

The world has changed. Things have slowed down and some things have stopped altogether. Many people have been locked in their homes, hospital rooms and nursing homes. Masked men and women can be seen all over town and no one really knows who they are. Yes, it's been challenging over the past 8 months and we're not really sure if or when things will go back to some sense of "normal."

For me personally, I feel great loss in not seeing friends and family as I would like. Every single mission trip for 2020 was cancelled and I have not been able to say goodbye to dear friends around the world as I prepare to retire in Dec. I hope that 2021 will allow me to see some of them again.



Clearing away rubble in Lebanon.

But let me tell you what God has done in the midst of such difficult times! First of all, He was not caught off guard. Maybe he allowed this for us to stop and reflect on our lives and on the lives of others. I know that I've had a lot more time with my girlfriend and bride, Sharon. I'm not sure what she thinks about it, but I've loved being with her! And as for being locked in, she's an introvert and so she just went into her Art studio and painted and was in "heaven." Every once in a while when she came out, I took her to dinner or even cooked dinner for her.

We watched some fun movies on TV and even had a few opportunities to visit family in California and to officiate my niece's wedding in Utah. God has been good to us!

In Missions & Outreach here at Central, God has been moving us forward as well. We have seen wonderful ministry opportunities locally with sharing food boxes with those in need. Our Harvest Ministry has ministered to their refugee and immigrant friends. Several members are preparing to do a local outreach concert and event for Sunshine Ministries in the city. And even globally, while we couldn't travel, I had the opportunity to do "Zoom" interviews with several of our missionaries in Honduras, Hungary, Israel, Portugal, Kenya and Iraq.



Micah boy sharing food.

As you also can see in the article on page four, we have been able to reach out to our missionaries in financial need with special gifts of more than \$375,000!! Many of these gifts included relief to our ministries in Lebanon, India and Iraq as well as a large gift to our local pregnancy resource ministry, THRIVE. We recently put up several photos of our outreach during Covid 19 on our Mission Board in the hallway outside of the Fellowship Hall (see photo below)

Thanks for your prayers for our mission work here in St. Louis and around the World. We are learning to serve the Lord right where we are while continuing to moving forward in His Spirit at the same time!



Global (left) and Local (right) missions boards.



SPECIAL GIVING 2020

This past quarter, because of your generous support and God's grace, Central was blessed to be able to give more than \$367,000 to ministries that are not in our regular budget. We were able to help train pastors, help refugees and the homeless, plant churches, save the lives of babies, and so much more. All of these special gifts are in addition to our regular budget. Thank you Central for your support!

Larger gifts went to relief efforts in Lebanon, India, Kenya, and Honduras as well as a \$75,000 gift to "Hand of Help" in Iraq to help with refugee relief and a \$75,000 gift to the local pregnancy resource ministry, "Thrive," as part of our End of the Year "Transformational" Giving.

For a complete list of all the missions we gave to so far in 2020, you can request a copy from Carol Mulick at the Central Mission office (314-727-2777).

SHORT TERM MISSIONS

All global short-term mission trips in 2020 were cancelled due to the Covid 19 pandemic. We hope to make some of them up in 2021, Lord willing! We have been able to do a number of local outreach events including "Virtual online events," distribution of food boxes, "**Harvest**" ministry to refugees and immigrants, and a major outreach event with "**Sunshine Ministries.**"

2021 Trips

By God's grace, we will hopefully resume short-term mission trips in 2021 and we plan to visit our missions in Honduras, Albania, Haiti, Israel, the Philippines and possibly to Portugal and Iraq. We will keep you posted as things open up again and we can resume our travel and ministry. In the mean time, we continue to do a number of local outreach events. Please contact pastor Ben Tzeng (btzeng@centralpres.com) at the Central office for information on local opportunities!



Jamal and friends handing out supplies.



Handing out food in Honduras.

CENTRAL MISSIONS

A heart for the nations

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