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Remembering BMFP Missionary Ralph Cepec



Dr. Gene Burge
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Many times in meetings people ask me how can they determine God's will for their life? I have several messages on it. I believe the Bible and the leading of the Holy Spirit must go hand in hand. I also enjoy reading the writings of faithful men of God who lived lives of faith and discover how they determined the Lord's will for their lives. One such man was George Müller.

I trust it will be a blessing to you as it continues to be to me. He writes the following:

1. I seek at the beginning to get my heart into such a state that it has no will of its own in regard to a given matter. Nine-tenths of the trouble with people is just here. Nine-tenths of the difficulties are overcome when our hearts are ready to do the Lord's Will, whatever it may be. When one is truly in this state, it is usually but a little way to the knowledge of what His Will is.
2. Having done this, I do not leave the result to feeling or simple impression. If so, I make myself liable to great delusions.
3. I seek the Will of the Spirit of God through, or in connection with, the Word of God. The Spirit and the Word must be combined. If I look to the Spirit alone without the Word, I lay myself open to great delusions also. If the Holy Ghost guides us at all, He will do it according to the Scriptures and never contrary to them.
4. Next I take into account providential circumstances. These often plainly indicate God's Will in connection with His Word and Spirit.
5. I ask God in prayer to reveal His Will to me aright.
6. Thus, through prayer to God, the study of the Word, and reflection, I come to a deliberate judgment according to the best of my ability and knowledge, and if my mind is thus at peace, and continues so after two or three more petitions, I proceed accordingly. In trivial matters, and in transactions involving most important issues, I have found this method always effective.



BMFP Missionary Ralph Cepec

Home with the Lord

Sept. 10, 1961 - July 26, 2019

Our hearts were greatly saddened when we received the news that our beloved missionary, Brother Ralph Cepec went home to be with the Lord.

I had the privilege of knowing Ralph and Sandra even before they were married. We were indeed honored that upon graduation from Bible College the Lord led them to be part of our mission family. Brother Ralph was indeed a faithful warrior for Christ.

Ralph and Sandra served as missionaries to Trinidad and Tobago for 9 years. Additionally, Ralph and Sandra made mission trips to Guyana. The Lord used them greatly there. In 2005, he and his family returned Statesboro, Georgia due to the illness of their son Stephen. A few years went by but missions were still on their hearts.

They rejoined BMFP and were in the process of raising support to go back to the country of Guyana. However, in 2014 Ralph was diagnosed with cancer. Though he was battling cancer, he made many return trips to the mission field until he was no longer able to do so. Brother Ralph called me several times during the months before he passed away. He said, "Brother Burge, I want to keep preaching as long as I can." What a man of God he was. My wife, Alice, and I, and all of our BMFP family, will miss him.



Ralph & Sandra Cepec

Please continue to remember Sandra and their family in prayer. Her email address is r4s3cepec7@yahoo.com

Dr. Max Alderman, who now serves with BMFP, was the Cepec's pastor for many years. I asked him to share comments about Brother Cepec. (Next Page)



**Every Believer A
Good Samaritan
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Sergio Reyes

When we think of missions, we should renew our commitment to the commandment the Lord Jesus gave the lawyer in **Luke 10:25-37**, that questioned Him over two thousand years ago. That command was in the context of showing mercy when Jesus told him to, "Go, and do thou likewise." *And who is my neighbor?* This is perhaps one of the greatest missionary questions mentioned in the Word of God. What is our responsibility to those who live in our neighborhood, town, state, country, and our world? Since the good Samaritan typifies the Lord Jesus, his example is for us believers. There are six things found in verse 34. They are for us to purpose in our lives.

First, he went to him. If we are going to help the lost, we must take the Gospel to them where they are locally and globally. The purpose of every Christian is to GO to people where they are.

Second, he bounded up his wounds. There is only one thing powerful enough to bind up the wounds caused by sin; the Word of God. God's Word, and Jesus, has the power to mend broken lives. We must take God's Word personally or send them the Word – it heals.

Third, he poured in oil mixed with wine. Oil is a symbol of the Holy Spirit of God. Wine healed by purifying. The pouring of wine represents the salvation of the individual, and oil being mixed shows the ministry of the Holy Spirit in a person's life - renewing and purifying. We lead them, administering the Word so the Spirit can work.

Fourth, he set him on his own beast. It is not enough just to lead people to Christ; we must physically help them after we reach them because they are weak and need to grow in the things of the Lord. They need to recoup from the beating of the world. We must come alongside. Often overlooked by the Church, this is called discipleship.

Fifth, he brought him to an inn. The local church family is like a hospital caring for those who have been wounded by sin, helping them to grow spiritually and be strengthened. Many have recuperated from life's beatings in the local churches worldwide. We love one-another with prayer, encouragement and help.

Sixth, he took care of him. He passed the night with him, but did not abandon him, he secured the kindness and help of the innkeeper, promising him to pay for the care. This is a picture of Jesus leaving us to continue His work in missions. We, like the Samaritan, financially support missionaries to carry on the work, in our absence, from the rest of the world.

Lastly we see a Reward and a Command: Verse 35, before He left, Jesus gave us the promise that if we have to sacrifice and give over and above, when He comes again, He will repay. Pay day is for our faithful service for Him, He will always take care of us, and we'll be rewarded handsomely when we get to Heaven. Verses 36-37, We know the answer was "he that shewed mercy on him." Mercy is what we needed. Mercy is what the world needs. Jesus said, "Go, and do thou likewise." We need to share God's mercy with a world lost in sin. It will take our time, our resources, and our love for the unloved. But that's how we obtain the name - to be called Christians – Christ-like.

**Memories Of Ralph Cepec
By Dr. Max Aldermen**

Over thirty-three years ago, I was introduced to the man that Sandra Waters was going to marry. I was introduced to him because I was Sister Sandra's pastor. She was a very spiritual young lady who had been such a blessing, even as an older teenager. That was when I became her pastor.

As her dad, Wendell, was introducing him, he said that, "Ralph is a good man even if he is a Yankee-Pollock." That was the way he was introduced to me. I already knew that if Wendell Waters said that he was a good man, he was a very good man, because Wendell was a very good judge of character. They were both students at Trinity Baptist College in Jacksonville, Florida, and they both felt that God wanted them to go to Mexico as missionaries to the Spanish speaking people.

I was traveling to Trinidad, and flew out of Jacksonville. I went by to see Brother Ralph and Sister Sandra before my flight was scheduled to leave. It was then that they told me that they thought God was wanting them to go to Mexico. When I got to Trinidad, I stood looking down on the city of Port Of Spain, and God moved on my heart to go back by Trinity and ask them to consider Trinidad and to pray much about it. It was not long afterwards that Sandra told me how God worked in their heart to go there instead. From that time on, I was able to witness the heart of two dear people who absolutely had a love for missions. Brother Ralph will certainly be missed, but I believe that Sister Cepec will continue and witness her greatest ministry yet!

*"I have but one candle of life to
burn, and I would rather burn it
out in a land filled with darkness
than in a land flooded with light"*
John Keith Falconer