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*Soul-Winning & Reunion,
here and here after!*



Dear Praying Friends,

Please let me share something good with you. Carol and I were invited to Lancaster Baptist Church, in Lancaster, CA in July. I was asked to give a 60 second testimony of my conversion experience, on Monday night, before a crowd of 3,000 + pastors at a leadership conference. There were 11 others who did the same. They featured great preachers of the past and I was the person who was saved under Dr. John Rice's ministry. WOW! I really had to prepare for that 60 second testimony. →

Midway through the service, during hand shaking time, a gentleman approached me and asked me if I was the Mel Brown that Pastored a church in Pensacola, FL in the 70s. I told him I was that man. He told me to meet him in the foyer after the service. I did and he took me to another building where his wife was registering pastors who came to the conference. She said, "I am Rebecca. When I was 13 you



came to our house and led me to Jesus Christ and I was saved that day. I never did attend your church but my life was changed. Later I wanted to thank you for leading me to Christ. I called your church and they told me you were a missionary in the Philippines. I tried to locate your address but was unable to. When I heard your name tonight in the service I knew you were the one who presented the plan of salvation to me over 25 years ago. Thank you so much for sharing the Gospel with me."

On Tuesday evening before the service, a lady walked up to me and asked, "Are you the Mel Brown that pastored in Pensacola?" "I'm am." She said, "I am Holly, one of your teenagers back then." →

Last but not least, meet Mr. & Mrs. Bert Oberes. They were both saved along with their family at LaLoma Baptist Church in Manila in the early 80s. They are active members of Lancaster B.C.



They both attended all the services of the conference with us. Bert reminded me that I had to chase him down as he ran from me. I caught him and he heard the Gospel and got saved.

Yes, soul-winning and missions do pay great dividends for all of us, now and in eternity. Your investment in our lives these many years has not been in vain. One day you will meet these and thousand of others in heaven. Your faithful prayers and financial assistance is an eternal investment for the glory of Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Thank you.

In His service 'til He comes,

Mel & Carol Brown

My 60 second testimony:

In 1946, Dr. John R. Rice held a city-wide revival in Dayton, Ohio. I was a 11 year old, red headed, stuttering introvert. My family attended the revival on November 5th, 1946.

As we were being seated in the last row of the 7,000 seat city auditorium, Dr. Rice walked up and put his arm around me and said, "**Son, if you were to die tonight would you go to heaven?**"

After a moment or two I told him "No." Dr. Rice said, "**Son, before you leave this meeting, you make sure you are ready for heaven.**"

From that point on I was under conviction. After preaching for 2 hours and giving an invitation for one hour, I still would not go forward to get saved.

At the end of the invitation Dr. Rice leaned forward to the microphone and pointing his finger back in my direction, and thundered out "**Where is that red-headed boy at tonight?**"

When I heard that I hurried forward and got saved. I'm sure glad Dr. Rice did that.



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