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Remembering Africa Missions' Friend — Gary Gilmore

After pastoring over 40 years in the USA, Gary and his wife moved to South Africa in 2014 to be our administrator. We so enjoyed our time together, but very sadly, he recently passed away. He is dearly missed.

Hello dear friend,

I hope you are doing well during these challenging times. We continue on our mission but are saddened by a loss in our ministry.

My dear friend, Gary Gilmore was a wonderful friend to Africa Missions, but I'm sad to tell you that he died on December 9, 2020. If you didn't get to meet him, I want you to get to know him, too, as I reflect on his life and pay tribute to him. I do not think that this fully describes who he was, because words fail me.

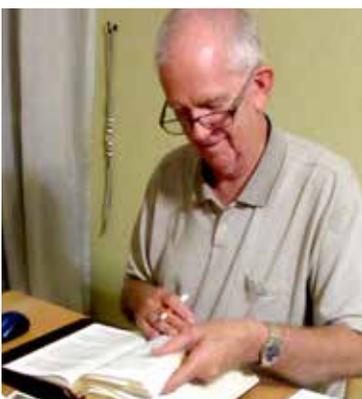


When Gary and his wife Judy, moved to South Africa in 2014 as volunteers, it brought new life and energy to our mission. He excellently served as Administrator at Africa Missions Monday through Friday in our office. On Sundays, Gary and Judy were usually driving one to two hours out to preach in churches and to promote Africa Missions. Sometimes they went much further into Africa.

Over the last three years, the main emphasis in their ministry was praying for people to receive the infilling of the Holy Spirit. During this time over 1,000 believers received this gift. This along with his sense of humor and love endeared him to thousands on the Continent of Africa through their ministry.



Africa Missions' Board of Directors: (Left to right) Jannie van de Merwe, Nerina Smith, Rina & Ron Kinnear (CEO), Peter De Witt (Board Chairman), Judy Gilmore, Jannie's wife Margaret, and Gary Gilmore.



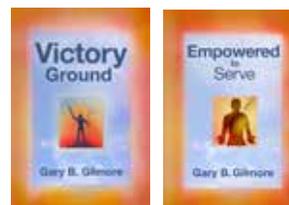
Gary studying his Bible

I met this couple at the *Central Bible College* in Pretoria in 1985 when he and Judy came to visit their American friends, **Gerry and Lelan Akins**, who owned the house where our office is now located. At that time Gary and Judy felt the Lord impressing them that He was calling them to Africa. We became good friends and I stayed at their home in the USA often.

They continued pastoring and fulfilling assignments at Oral Roberts University, while they also operated the Africa Missions office in the USA. In 2014 they felt the release in the Spirit to pursue their missions' calling and came to Africa.



Gerry & Lelan Akins



Books by Gary Gilmore

Gary was a great teacher and writer. He authored several books, including *Victory Ground* and *Empowered to Serve* that readers have loved. He leaves behind this legacy and his books are available on Amazon.com.

In March of 2020, the Gilmores returned to the USA to be with Judy's 98-year old ailing father. The Covid-19 lockdown prevented them from returning to South Africa as soon as they had planned. Finally, after eight months of longing to be 'back home in Africa' their flight touched down on African soil at 4:30 a.m. on December 9th.

Gary preaching in Africa

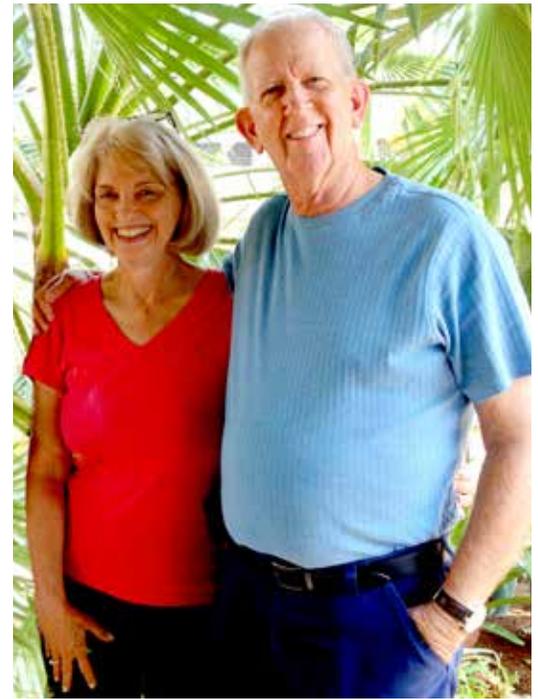


Gary was elated and so glad to be back in Africa. However, on that same day at 9:30 p.m., sadly, Gary passed away with cardiac arrest. Many local believers well remember him saying that he would one day pass away in Africa. It was apparent that he came home to say goodbye.

Gary's wife, Judy, realized her time in Africa had also come to an end. She knew she could continue promoting Africa Missions as Director of Communication via the internet, but she knew that traveling into townships to preach without Gary was not a possibility for her. She chose to return to the USA but is still serving as a missionary to Africa with us thanks to modern technology.

We salute the Gilmores. Their thumbprints are all over the work of Africa Missions, and both are greatly missed.

Gary left a big hole in our ministry. Please pray for us as we work to fill his job here in the office, while we are also spreading the Gospel from Cape Town to Cairo! We are so thankful for the Gilmores and for all those who help us to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ across Africa! Thank you for what you are doing to extend the Kingdom of God!



Gary & Judy Gilmore in Africa



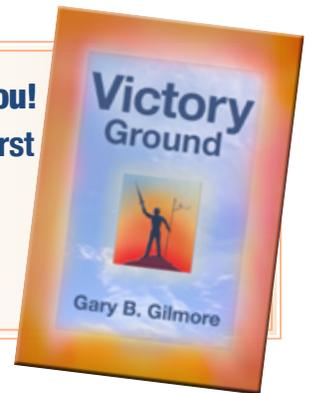
Pressing onward,

Ron + Rina

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and the AFRICA MISSIONS TEAM

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