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George and Margaret Hinkel

Rev. George Hinkel

George was born and raised in Philadelphia. His elementary and high school training was received at a boy's orphanage known as Girard College – 1,800 boys, 1st grade through high school. Afterwards he attended Columbia Bible College from 1942-44. After a 2-year period in the Army, serving in the Philippines and Japan, he returned to the Bible College where he received a B.A. in Biblical Education.

His parents are deceased. His older brother, William, is retired in Nevada; Howard is deceased; half-sister, Ruth, is living in Philadelphia.

In June 1941 George accepted Christ as Savior at a Christian Endeavor weekend camp in New Jersey. Just a few months later at a similar camp, he surrendered his life to the Lord and began attending night classes at the Bible Institute of Pennsylvania. This plus messages and training at C.B.C. led him to the conclusion that God wanted him to be a foreign missionary. He applied to the Africa Inland Mission for service in Tanzania.

Children: Faye, with the Lord; Wanda and Dan and Marie are in Senegal, West Africa under New Tribes Mission, having flown there in October, 1983; Michael, the oldest of Wanda and Dan, completed the two-year course at New Tribes Bible Institute and he, Jeanette, and 1 year old Annika are going to the Comoros Islands in 2001 under Africa Inland Mission. Mark is working on roads in Idaho; Melissa is in Arts College. Larry, our son, was a pilot, but he and Leigh are now planning to work during 2001 to save for future ministries under YWAM to reach Muslims in the 10-40 window, and to raise further support.

Since 1949 the Hinkels were in home missions in Kentucky and Maine and then deputation - a 3-year period. Since 1952, when the Hinkels sailed for Tanzania, they have served two 5-year terms with the Basukuma tribe, 8 years with the Maasai tribe in Kenya, 4 years with the Kikuyu tribe, and 4 years with a combination of tribes - Kamba, Kikuyu, Nandi, Kisii and Luo in a town church ministry. Their church planting and discipling ministries during these 29 years required using the Sukuma language in Tanzania and Swahili in the Kenya years. Then they served 3 years with Word of Life Kenya in youth camp ministries.

During the latter term with A.I.M., George used T.E.E. (Theological Education by Extension) classes for elders at 5 Kikuyu areas. Then George and Margaret established a church for the Africa Inland Church in Embu Town, which had a population of 16,000. They started with two, meeting for worship in their living room, and built up to 110 children in Sunday School and 100 adults attending the worship service. At the previous location, North Kinangop, Margaret led two women's sewing and Bible lesson classes weekly and one women's Bible study and intercessory prayer group, in addition to the Sunday School program. Margaret and Jerusha Wanja, who was supported by COD for a period of time as a national worker, did home and office visitation weekly.

Change of assignment: In March 1981, a field transfer from A.I.M. to Word of Life, Kenya, was made and George was the bookkeeper and helped with office responsibilities along with Margaret at Kabete, a suburb of Nairobi. Then at the Word of Life Camp location at the Kenya coast, 18 miles south of Mombasa, Margaret developed a hospitality ministry as overseas and local guests required meals and lodging. In addition, George took care of the Sunday worship services and the Wednesday evening prayer meetings and Margaret had the Sunday School. They were host and hostess for groups, families, missionaries and campers using the dormitories and apartment facilities when young peoples' camps were not going on.

Present assignment: Following a 6-month medical leave, a transfer was made on November 1, 1984, to Wycliffe Bible Translators at their Dallas Center. George was the bookkeeper in the International Academic Bookstore, which had linguistic, literacy, Scripture, anthropology and computing books distributed to 46 countries to speed translation of God's Word into the remaining unreached languages of the world. After eleven years in this ministry, George transferred in July, 1995 to the Print Shop and bookkeeping for one year. Now for the past five years, George has been taking care of the SIL Corporate American Express and Visa member accounts (170 AMEX and 80 VISA) at Dallas Center Finance. Margaret works with the Chaplain

ministry, specifically the prayer and encouragement ministry. There is never a shortage of people to pray for – accidents, sickness, persecution, loss of loved ones.

Goals for future ministry:

1. Spend more time in the Word, to help with counseling, and sharing with new students in the Summer Institute of Linguistics classes, who will be going to overseas assignments.

2. Make ourselves available for learning additional computer skills.
3. Be teachable in other areas so our services will make us of more value so younger personnel can be released for overseas assignments. We have now completed 51 years in missionary service.

Mrs. Margaret Hinkel

Margaret was born in Millville, NJ, but was raised in York, PA. She graduated from York High, attended business school and was employed in various jobs before attending Columbia Bible College for 3 years. She accepted Christ at the York Gospel Center at a tent meeting in July, 1937.

Margaret's parents and relatives: Parents with the Lord; brothers - Roger, Dick and Russell are deceased; Kenneth – Virginia; Lucille, widow, retired, CM&A Home, Carlisle, PA; only Ken and Lucille know the Lord.

George and Margaret met at Columbia Bible College and were married in August, 1944. They have 2 children: Wanda, who is married to a former classmate at Rift Valley Academy in Kenya, and Larry, who is married to a classmate at Columbia Bible college and moving towards a ministry with Muslims in the 10-40 window. Another child, Faye, who had been a Navy nurse, was killed instantly with her husband in a car crash on July 7, 1973.

Where currently serving: Dallas, Texas

Date of next scheduled furlough: N/A

Date of present assignment: November 1, 1984

Date of COD's beginning support: 1964

Birthdates:	George	November 21, 1922
	Margaret	November 8, 1923

Wedding Anniversary: August 26, 1944

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