

In Loving Memory



of

James William Hively

October 31, 1933 – November 7, 2022

Rev. James William Hively, 89 years old, passed into the arms of Jesus on November 7, 2022 at his home in Ferndale, Washington. Jim was surrounded by his loving family.

Jim leaves his wife of 60 years (Carolyn), sister (Eunice), three children (Jodee and Ed Roddy, Jenny and Jamie Collins, Jim and Melanie Hively), eleven grandchildren (Carley Roddy, Lauren and Luke Johanson; Kyle, Kara, Nate, Zayne, and Mia Collins; Jebidiah, Moriah, Ethan, and Kari Hively), and a great granddaughter (Isabella). He was preceded in death by his father and mother (Everett and Helen Hively), brothers (Eugene, Virgil, and Jack), and half siblings (Lee, Delbert, and Bonnie).



Jim and twin, Jack, were born October 31, 1933 in Watford City, North Dakota. They bantered through the years who was "the trick" and who was "the treat." At a young age Jim moved to Oregon where he remembered his mother gathering her children around her to read the Bible. After their father's abandonment and their mother's illness, Jim (age 7) and his siblings were placed in a Children's Farm Home in Corvallis, Oregon, where he lived until graduating from high school.

Jim then went to a barber college before joining the Marine Corps with his twin, serving from 1953 to 1957 during the Korean Conflict. During this time, Jim sensed a change in Jack's life and desired what he saw. He experienced the forgiveness of his sins and understood that Jesus paid for them by his death on the cross. He gave his heart to Jesus Christ and dedicated his life to serve the Lord. He finished his service in the Marine Corps as a sergeant and left Japan as a changed man.



From 1957 to 1962, Jim studied at BIOLA University in California and graduated with a BA in Education and earned a K-8th grade teaching certification. First Baptist Church in Downey, California became his home church. BIOLA years were filled with great Bible classes, helpful training, making lifetime friends, and many service opportunities. He worked weekends and many summers at Green Oaks Boys' Camp in Vista, CA. He also had an impactful summer in British Columbia with Marine Medical Mission where he worked with the Nishga Indians of Nash River Valley. Studying God's Word, seeking guidance in prayer, hearing and talking with foreign missionaries, all worked together to confirm overseas mission work was his desired lifelong job. A life verse Jim chose in college was ***2 Timothy 1:9 "...the power of God, who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began."***

Jim met his wife, Carolyn, at BIOLA. She was heading towards overseas missions even before they dated. **"Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together"** was the theme of their marriage on June 16, 1962 at Emanuel Faith Community Church in Escondido, CA. Jim engraved 1

John 3:18 in Carolyn's ring which says, **"Dear children, let us not love in word or in tongue but in deed (actions) and truth."** Jim lived this out by being a major doer, helper, and truth promoter in his marriage, family, and service to others.



For the next 59 years Jim and Carolyn worked with the mission organization now called Crossworld. After six months in Australia, the Hivelys arrived in Indonesia in June of 1964. They flew right to an isolated, beautiful mountainous station



called Mulia. Mission Aviation Fellowship pilots and planes provided their main transportation all their years in Papua, along with great friendships. Jim assisted with the birth of their first born about a year later. All three of their children were born and raised in Papua, Indonesia. Carolyn and his children were main priorities for Jim: loving, praying with and for them, reading, and having much fun and adventures together.

Jim and Carolyn worked many years among the Dani tribal people in Mulia and Ilu. In Mulia and many other areas the warring Danis, bound in evil spirit worship, came (un-pushed by missionaries) by the thousands to burn their fetishes after which they said, "We couldn't hear God's Word clearly. Now teach us the path to eternal life." Jim trekked the mountains to villages from 4,000-10,000 feet high to share and minister. After one Dani friend's life was changed, he told Jim, "I think you are crazy to hike these mountains but since you are hunting men for Jesus, I will go with you."

Many years were spent studying the Dani language, while working and training pastors and youth leaders. Jim taught reading and writing to teachers and trained them to teach others. He revised and printed thousands of literacy books. In his workshop, work teams produced hundreds of black boards that were used in literacy schools all over the mountain villages.



Bible portions were printed as they were translated until the completed Bible was printed. What immeasurable joy as thousands of Bibles and literacy books were printed in the Dani language and read by the people in many areas. Later thousands of AWANA children's books were translated and printed.

Jim had great fun and joy being a part of bringing in animals the Danis had never seen. The first load flown in by an MAF Cessna contained pairs of sheep, goats, and calves. The Danis went wild yelling, dancing, lifting their hands to the sky thanking God, and hugging the missionaries. Japanese Carp, larger pigs, all kinds of vegetable seeds, chickens, rabbits, peanuts, pineapples, and other fruit greatly helped improve nutrition and raised the average life expectancy from less than 40 years to age 70 or more.



For seven years, while Carolyn cared for her mother, Jim represented Crossworld in Christian colleges and churches on the West Coast and Canada. During these years Jim took college teams and friends back to Papua each summer while also renewing his visa.

Jim loved the “underdog.” He sought justice and for all to have a voice that was heard. Jim was known to his fellow missionaries for his competitiveness, whether on the basketball court, playing softball, dominating in ping pong, or pushing faster up a mountainside. He enjoyed each group of people he worked with and brought out laughter and fun alongside eternal purpose.

The sorrowful wailings of over a thousand tribes people farewelled Jim (age 75) and Carolyn as they left Indonesia for the last time in 2008. They continued ministry at Cedar Springs Christian Retreat Center in Sumas, WA. During Jim’s last years of retirement he enjoyed gardening, landscaping and working on projects in the garage on the family “property”. He cherished most the near daily visits of his kids and grandkids. Through it all, Jim continued to pray DAILY for his family, his friends, his fellow missionaries, his supporters, his many Indonesia/Papuan ministry partners and many of you that are here today!



Jim's heart was to serve the Lord and his family.

Jim Hively, faithful husband, father, servant