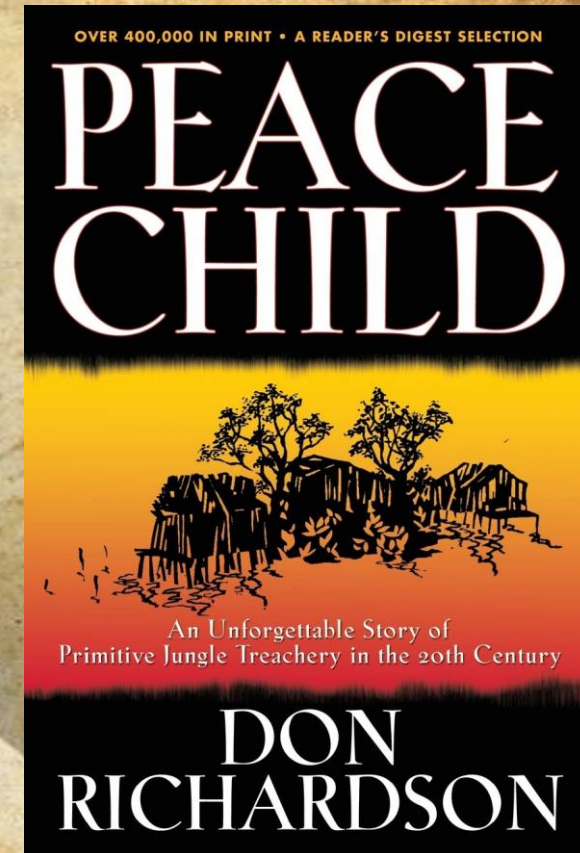
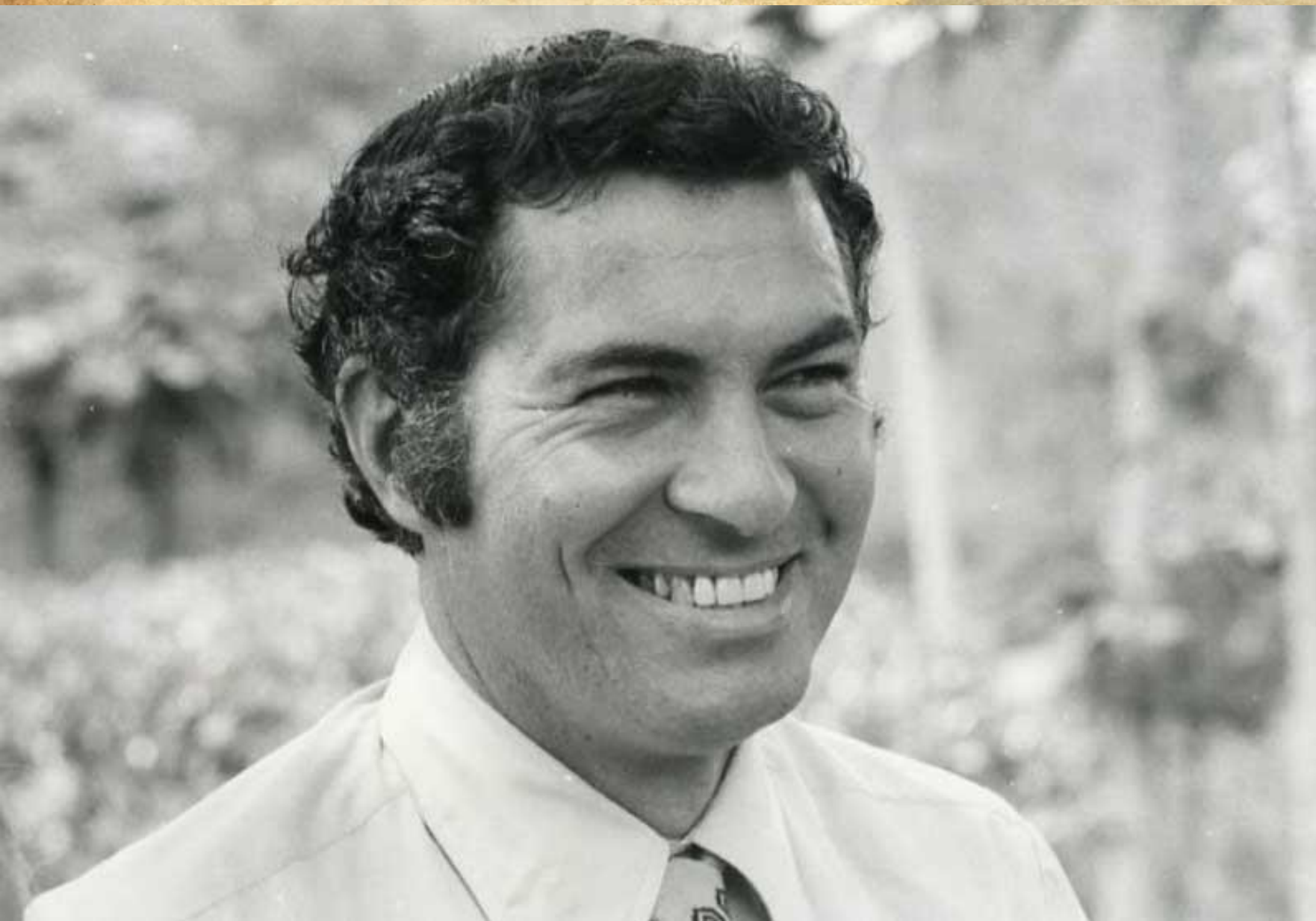


Such a Cloud of Witnesses

“Stories of American Christians”

Temple Baptist Church
February 6, 2022





Don
Richardson

June 23, 1935
Prince Edward Island



**The Richardson family had four
boys. Don was the Eldest.**

Victoria, British Columbia

Family moved to Victoria, British Columbia with the thoughts of making a better life for themselves.



Victoria, British Columbia



Though the Family lived in a beautiful city called the “Land of a Thousand Wonders”, for them, it was the land of a “Thousand Challenges.” Don’s father passed away when he was only eleven. His passing of Hodgkin’s Lymphoma was devastating.

Ecclesiastes 12:1a

Remember now thy Creator
in the days of thy youth

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Youth for Christ

Soldier Field, Chicago Illinois
1941



Jack Wyrzten started YFC in 1940. Through out WWII, youth evangelistic events were held in large cities throughout the United States and Canada. These continued into the 1950s & 60s. Ultimately going international.



1 Corinthians 6:19-20

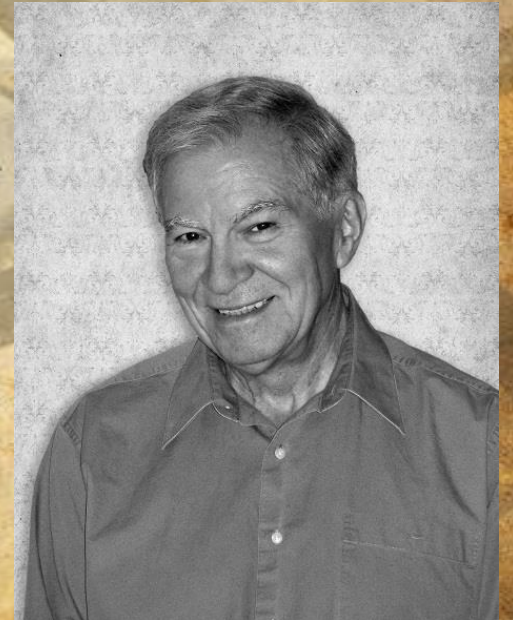
19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, **and ye are not your own?**

20 **For ye are bought** with a price: **therefore** glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

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Don Richardson

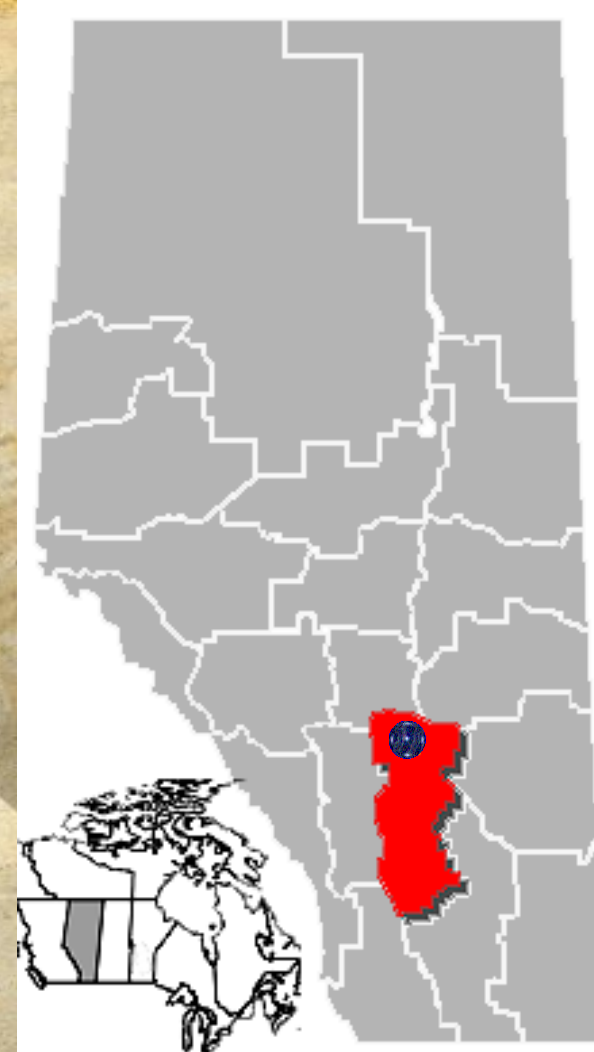
“Three years earlier I had experienced for the first time the new life, the love, the joy of knowing Jesus Christ in a personal way. A crisis came, I called upon Him, and suddenly He was there, alive! In fact, two thousand years had not aged Him a bit! I found He still had the same power to transform men's lives and hold their loyalty that He had manifested in the Gospels two millenniums before.”



The Two Greatest Decisions in Life!

Don Richardson accepted Jesus at a YFC conference in 1952 in the city of Vancouver. Not soon thereafter he surrendered his life to be a missionary. His journey with his Master would start at Prairie Bible Institute just a few months later in the fall of 1953.

Prairie Bible Institute



Prairie Bible Institute



PRAIRIE BIBLE INSTITUTE, THREE HILLS, ALBERTA, CANADA.



DINING ROOM
PRAIRIE BIBLE INSTITUTE
THREE HILLS, ALBERTA.



God Directs!

Don Richardson heard Ebenezer G. Vine from the Regions Beyond Missionary Union speak at Prairie in 1955. He recognized that the Lord was leading him to go ...**Beyond**! The Lord was also preparing another at Prairie, Carol Joy Soderstom.

Regions Beyond Missionary Union

R.B.M.U.

HOW IT STARTED
WHAT IT DOES
WHERE IT WORKS
WHAT YOU CAN DO

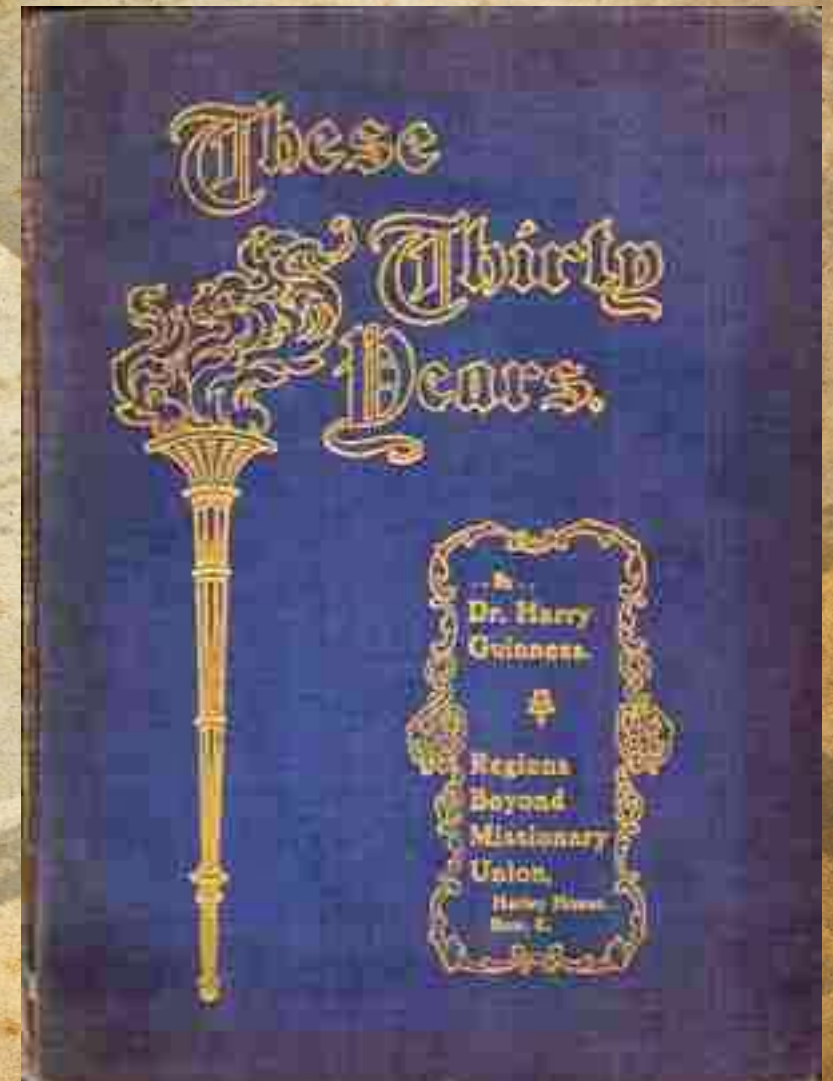
Prepare Ye the
Way of the Lord . . .

. . . A HIGHWAY
FOR OUR GOD
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THE BRIDGE INTO NEPAL AT BAKAUL

REGIONS BEYOND MISSIONARY UNION
136 Church Road, London, S.E. 19



|| Corinthians 10:16-18

16 To preach the gospel in the **regions beyond you**, and not to boast in another man's line of things made ready to our hand.

17 But he that glorieth, **let him glory in the Lord.**

18 For not he that **commendeth himself is approved**, but **whom the Lord commendeth.**

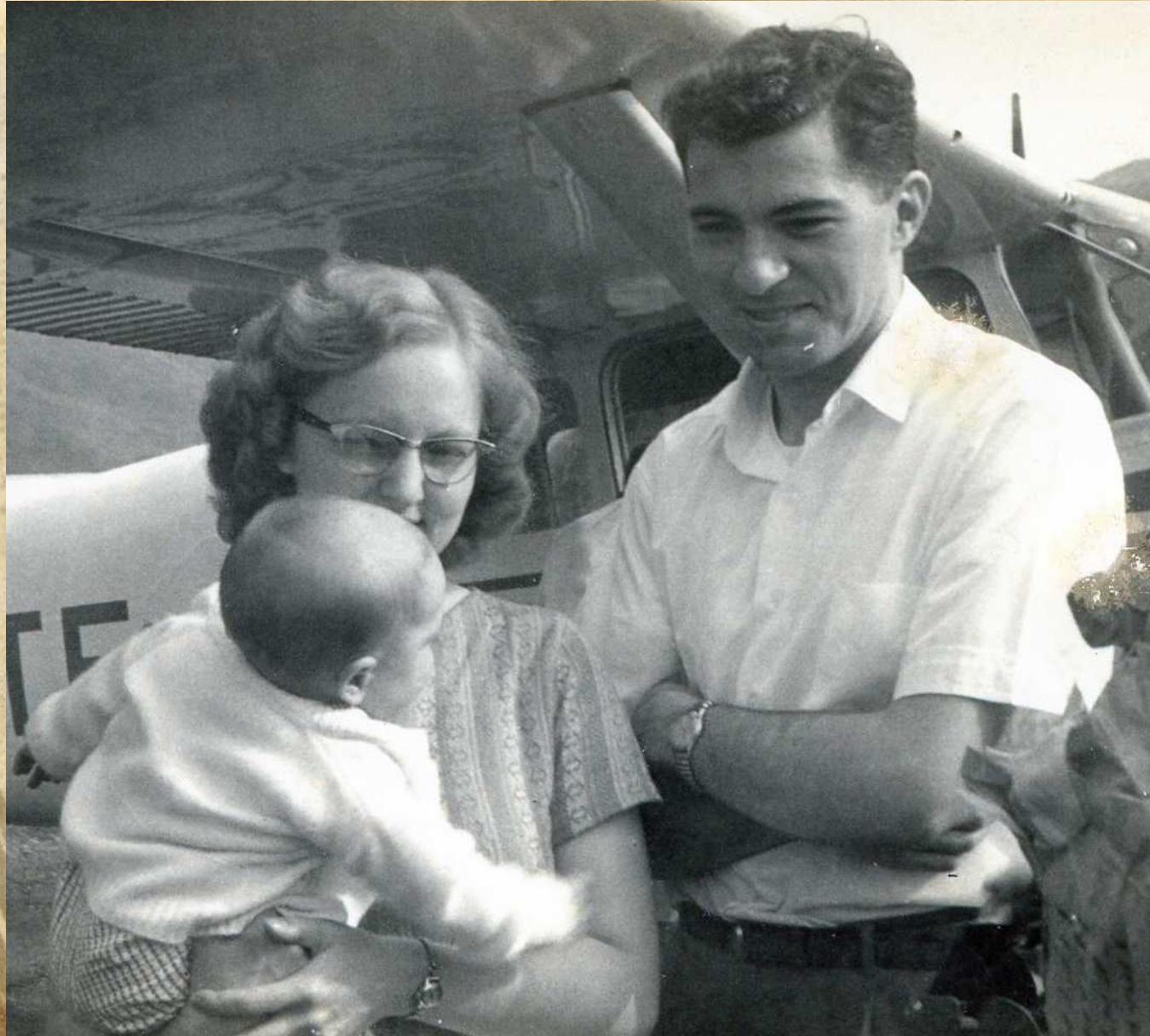
West Papua ~ Papua New Guinea



Two Simple Facts...

- In 2021, 56 million people passed into eternity.
- In the world today, there are currently 3.14 billion unreached people. Roughly half of the world's population!

1960 - One Family, One Mission



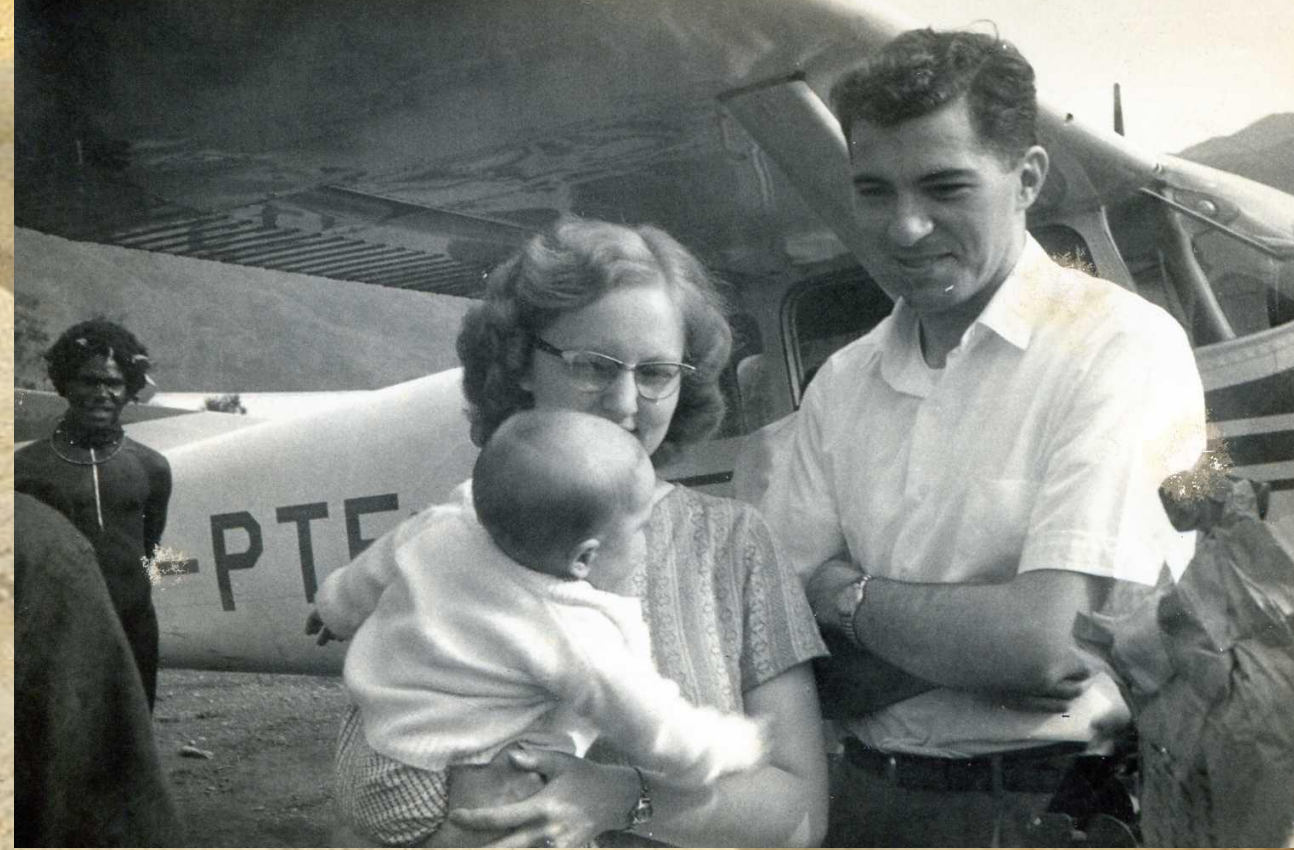
**Carol Joy
(Soderstom)
Richardson**

1962 - To the Field, Pirimapun



The Tuans Come...

1962

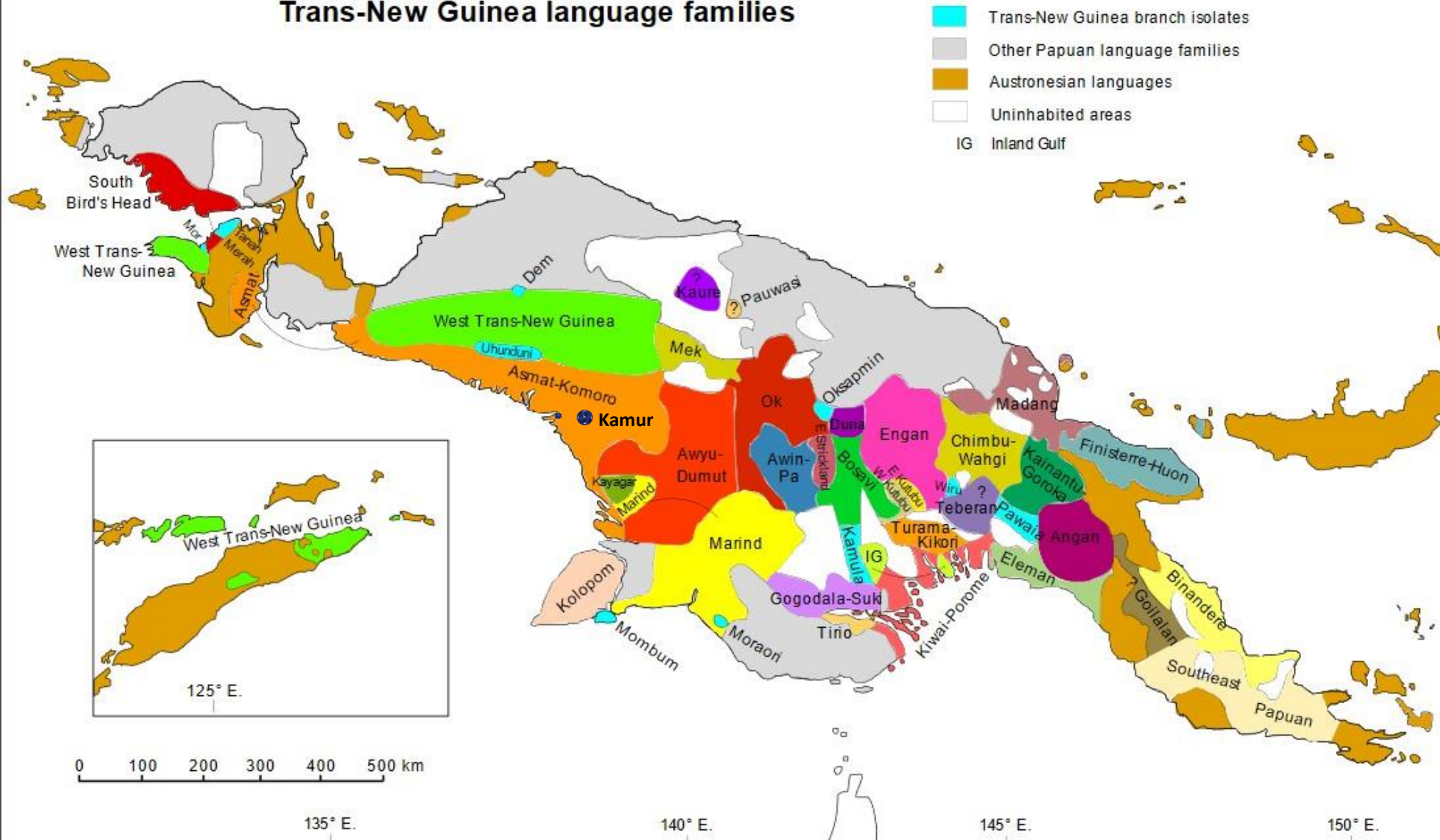


The Richardson's among the Sawi

The Dresser's among the Asmat

Language is the Key

Trans-New Guinea language families





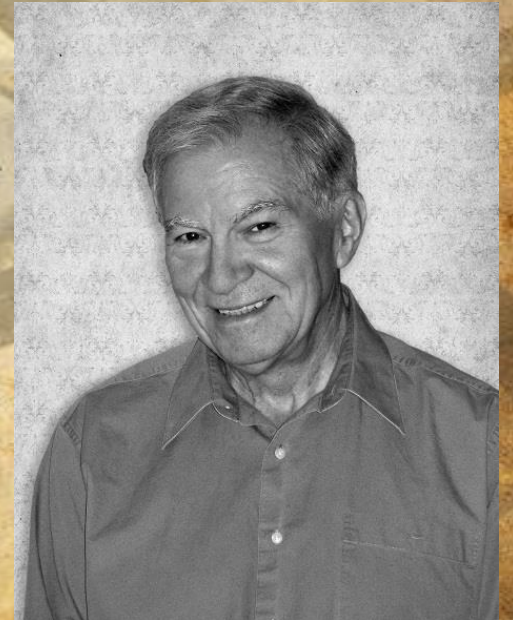
The Sawi

The Sawi



Don Richardson

“Whenever the long poles supporting their homes began to rot, they simply moved to a new location and built new homes.”



The Robinson's Home in Kamur

The Sawi, Kayagar,
and Atohaem,
Haenam and Yohwi
villages all came to
help him build his
home.

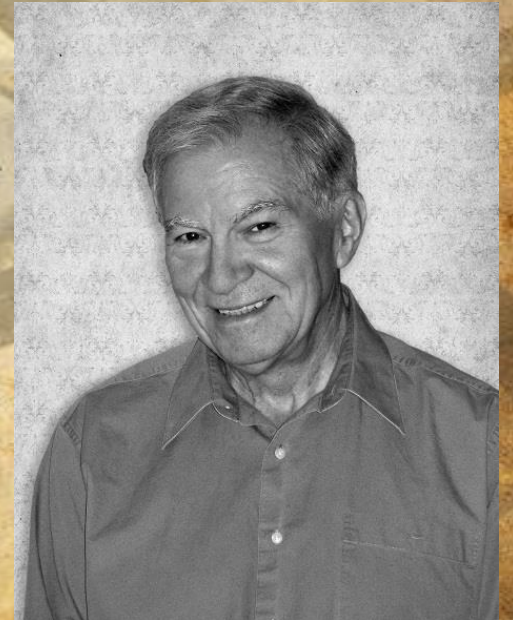


Learn the Language and share the Gospel



Don Richardson

“understand that when treachery is philosophically justified, true peace is impossible.”



Sawí, Yohwí, Haenam at War





Peace Child Ceremony

John 3:16-18

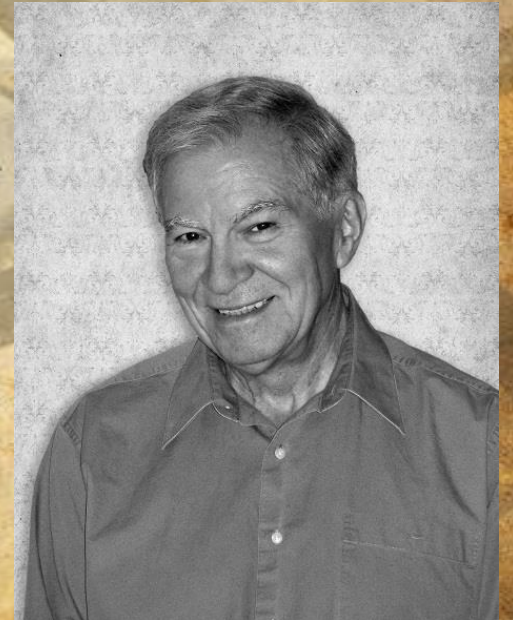
16 For God so loved the world, **that he gave his only begotten Son**, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

18 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

Don Richardson

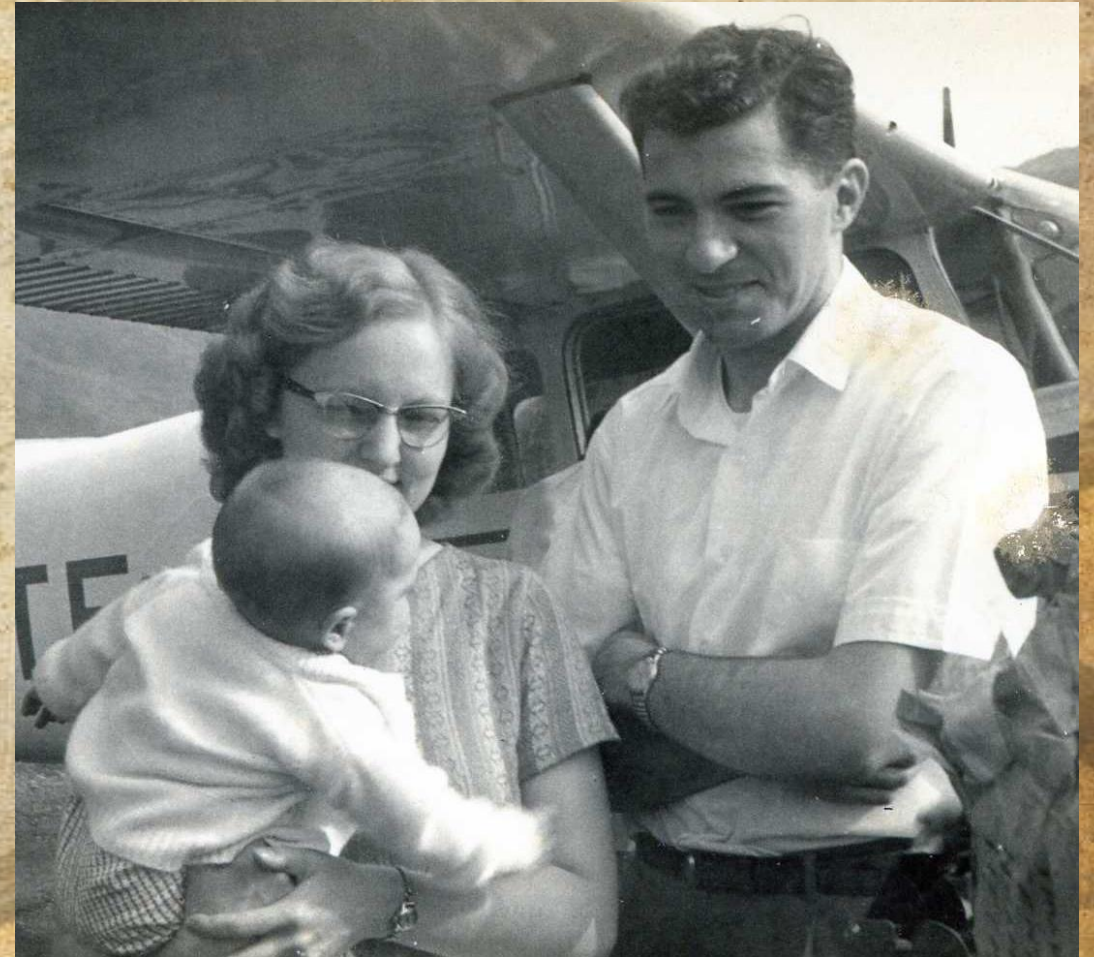
“If a few people escape from a burning building before the firemen arrive, does that discourage the firemen from rescuing others who are still trapped?”



Don and Carol would minister among the Sawi
for another 15 years...

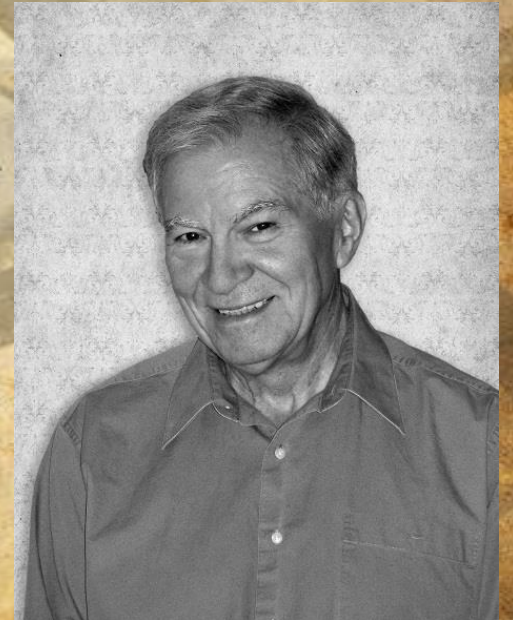
In 1977 they became
“Missionaries at Large” for
World Team, their mission’s
organization. World Team has
been called AVANT since 2003.
Today the ministry has 500
missionaries serving in over 50
countries.

[Inside the Sawi Tribe with Don Richardson - Bing video](#)



Don Richardson

“We are not here to loll and frolic but to bring in a harvest for God.”

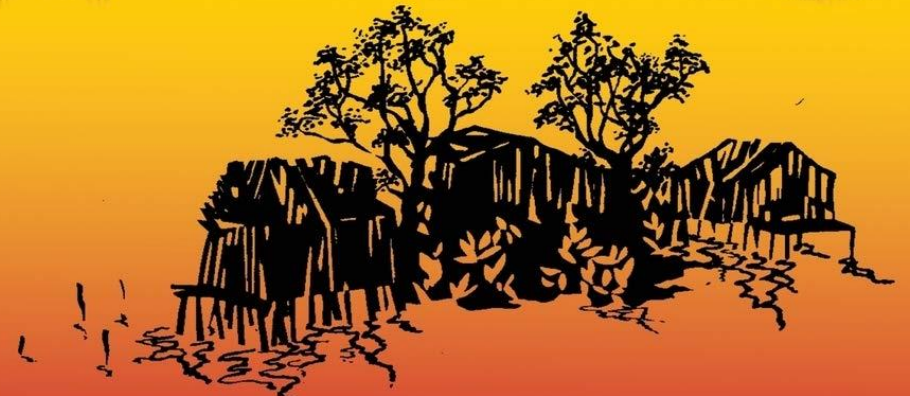


Peace Child Published (1974)

Dr. Ralph Winter, then a professor of world missions at Fuller Seminary heard Don speak at his church. He provide the motivation for Don to write his and Carol's story. He also made the arrangements with his first publisher.

OVER 400,000 IN PRINT • A READER'S DIGEST SELECTION

PEACE CHILD

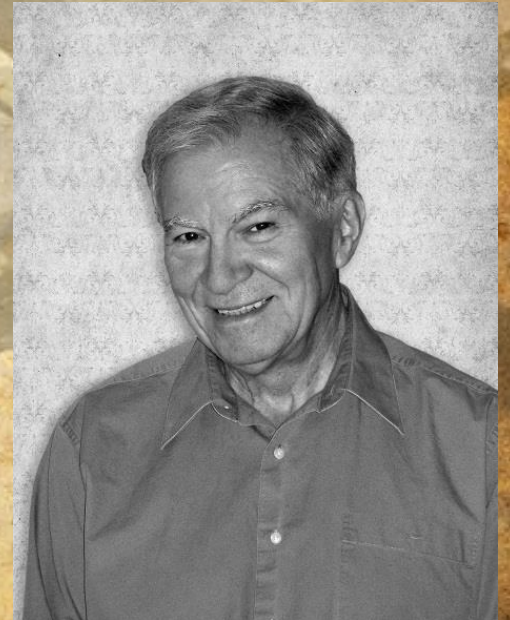


An Unforgettable Story of
Primitive Jungle Treachery in the 20th Century

DON RICHARDSON

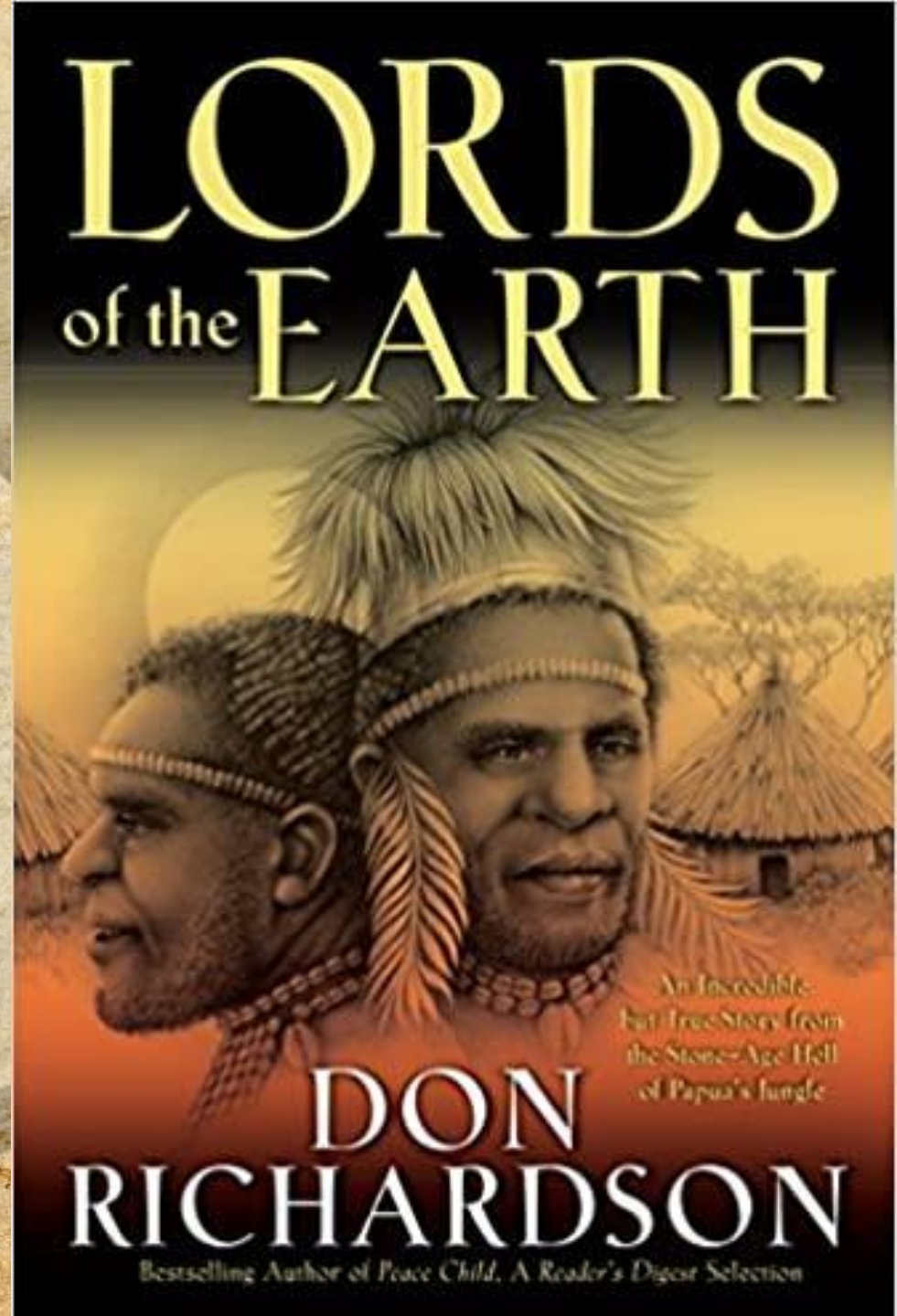
Don Richardson

“Whether acting to save some or all, rescuers rescue!”.”



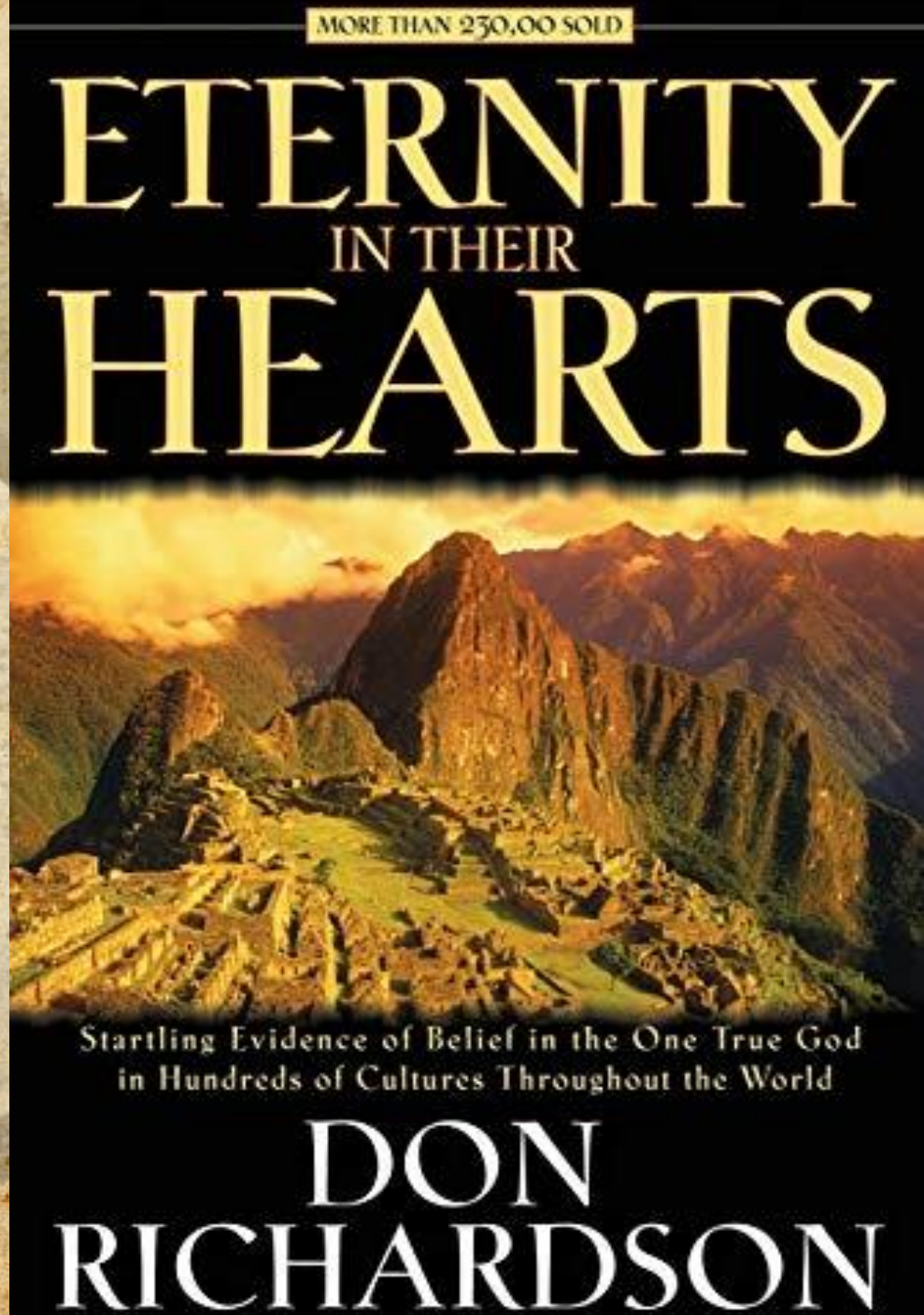
LORDS of the EARTH (1977)

Don shares the heart-breaking story of the Yali people. And the true price it cost to bring the gospel to them. It would cost lives to give life to the Yali.



Eternity In Their Hearts (1981)

Don shares his conviction that no people group is out of the reach of the Gospel. In every culture has a “Redemptive Analogy.” A key to unlocking the Gospel for them.



1 Timothy 2:1-6

1 I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, **be made for all men;**

2 For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

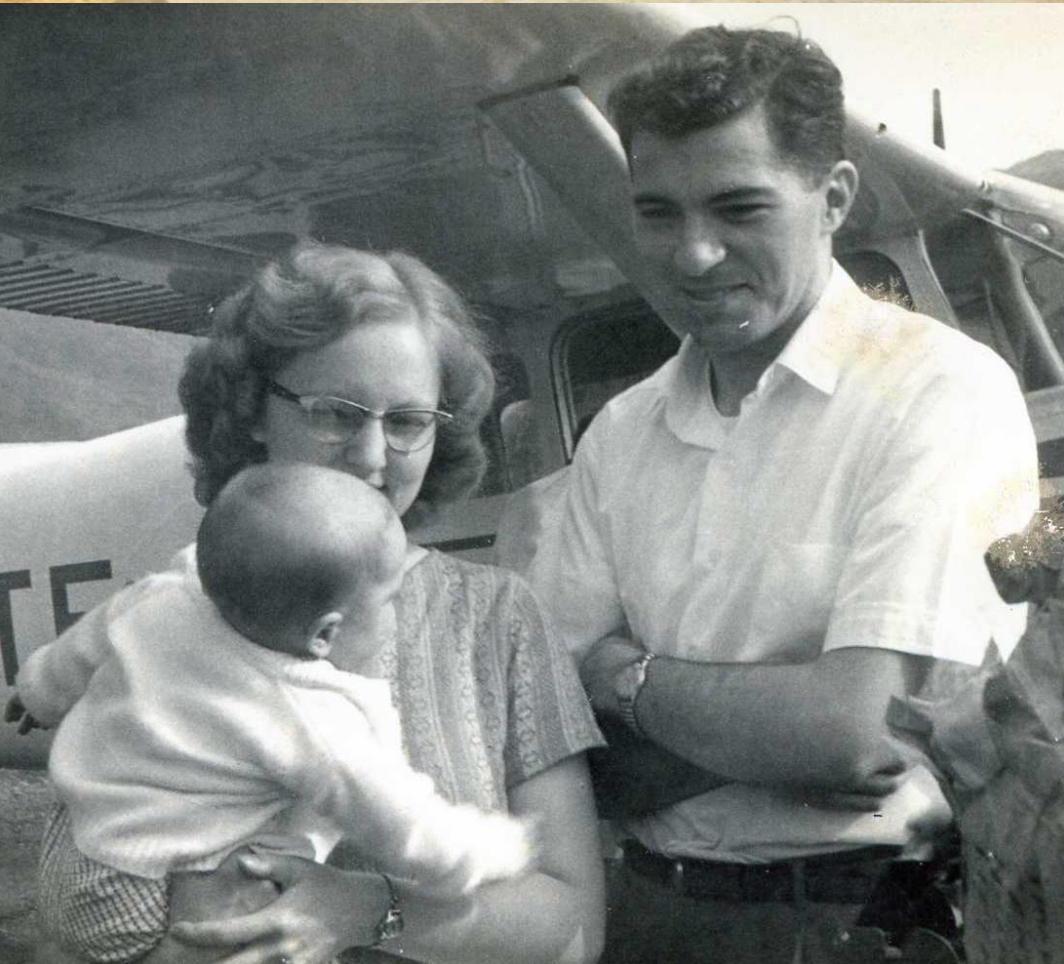
3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour;

4 **Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.**

5 For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;

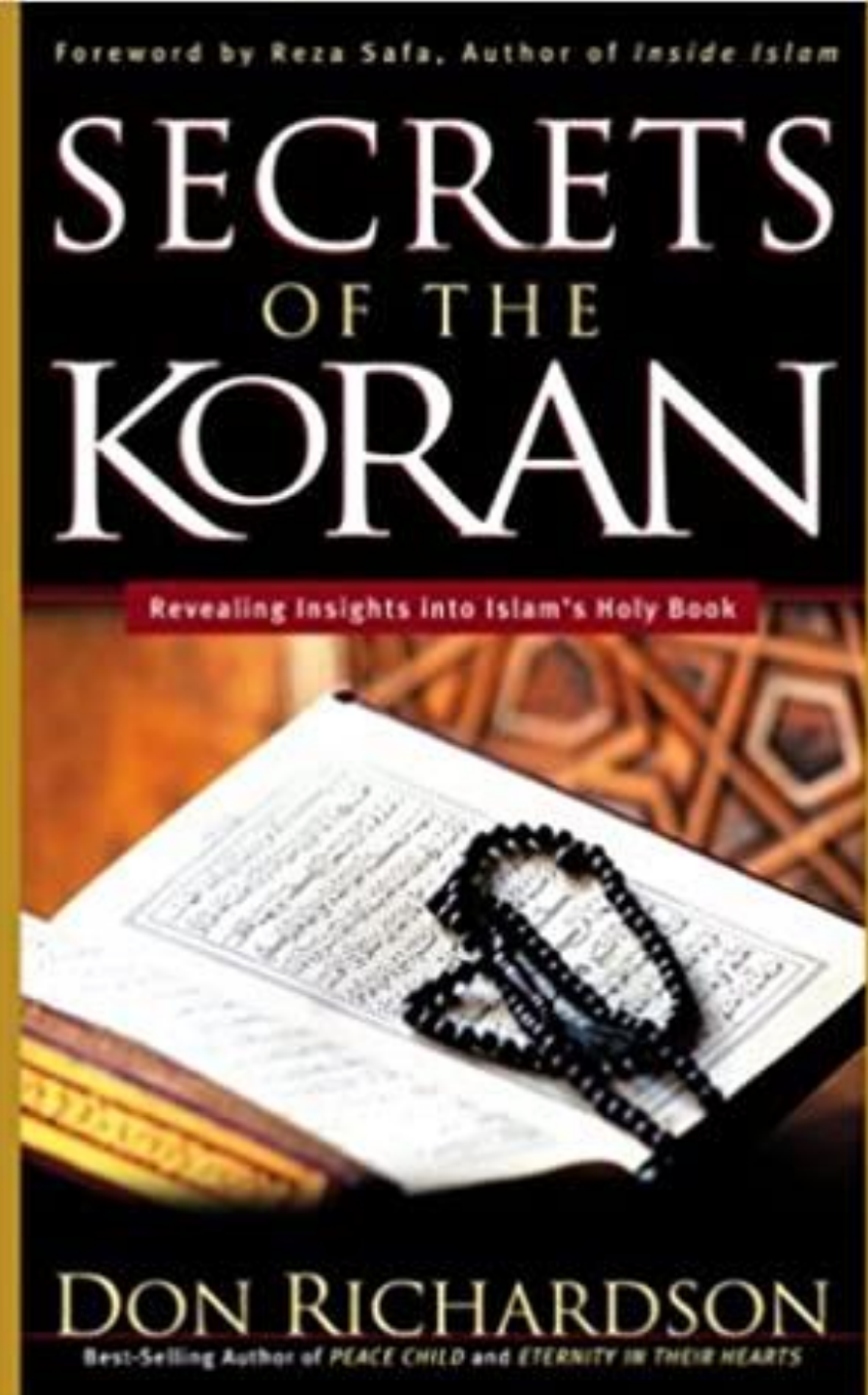
6 **Who gave himself a ransom for all,** to be testified in due time.

The LORD calls Carol Home in 2004 but she
left a great legacy!



SECRETS of the KORAN (2008)

Don shares the his prospective
on ministering to Muslims after
over 30 years of missionary
work.



Other Works

- 2009 - Unhidden
- 2010 – Heaven Wins
- 2016 – Man from another World

The LORD called Don home on December 23, in 2018. Though born in Canada, he and Carol served the Sawi and the world through an American mission board and ultimately chose to be buried in their adopted country.

[Don Richardson's Memorial Service - YouTube](#)



Next Month:

R. G. Lee