



“Correct Me If I’m Wrong”
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Jim Haney

***Congratulations to you upon your retirement
from the International Mission Board, SBC***

How does one begin to assess the impact of Jim Haney on global missions? From an early age, Jim was being shaped and formed for the role he has played in missions. Was it because he was an Eagle Scout or played the piano? Or was it the small town, rural lifestyle east of Kansas City, Missouri, that peaked his interest in missions? Or could it have been his parents’ commitment to

missions? All of these factors certainly influenced and shaped Jim’s heart and mind.

Jim was active in sports in high school before he ventured to Central Missouri State University to major in physics. It was in college where he met Donna Nolting, who would later become his wife. Jim and Donna moved to Fort Worth, Texas, where Jim attended and graduated from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary with a Master of Divinity. Following graduation, Jim worked at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas, Texas, to learn clinical pastoral education as a resident Chaplain.

In July 1981, Jim and Donna were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board (FMB) of the Southern Baptist Convention as Student Workers to Nigeria. The Haney family transferred from Nigeria to Ghana in 1985 and moved into church planting, and Jim served as the head of the Chaplaincy Department for the Baptist Medical Center in Nalerigu, Ghana. In addition to working with the Medical Center, Jim shepherded 60 plus churches, preaching points and TEE stations. Many of Jim’s stories come from his ministry in Nigeria and Ghana. Donna served alongside Jim providing hospitality and teaching English as a Second Language as they raised and homeschooled their two girls, Rachel and Heather, in Ghana.



During their time with the Ghana Baptist Mission, Jim served in various capacities including Director of Publications and President of the Mission. He invested in national leaders through directing theological education by extension; his D.Min. project focused on a process to engage in theological discussion to equip and train pastors. From 1994 to 1997, Jim was the National Director of Evangelism and Missions for the Ghana Baptist Convention. It was during this time that Jim was asked to conduct a comprehensive base count of all churches in Nigeria. This was a massive effort, directed by Jim, to physically locate and capture GIS coordinates for every church affiliated with the Nigerian Baptist Convention.

Jim and Donna faced a crossroads in 1999 as Jim was asked by Scott Holste, Director of Global Research, to consider the Associate Director staff position in Richmond, Virginia. This meant that Jim and Donna had to resign as field missionaries in Africa so Jim could join Home Office Staff at the International Mission Board (IMB). This was the beginning of huge transitions in the Haney family’s lives.

As a part of Global Research, Jim and Scott Holste began to dream about new ways to define the research tasks at the IMB. These men worked to define IMB’s terms as the organization shifted from country-based missions to people group teams. The transitions within IMB caused Jim and Scott to rethink IMB’s research to address people groups from a new perspective. These men worked with Great Commission Christian (GCC) partners to forge a new understanding of the global task of

missions. Jim brought his field and educational experience to this task to design indices to normalize various data sets.

In this dialogue with other mission agencies and organizations, Jim began to exert his influence and knowledge as he met with others and began to explain where IMB was heading with its people group approach. One mission partner said Jim “was always a voice of measured reason and reflection in an age of mission hype, panaceas, and silver bullets.” Through a multitude of organizational and personal relationships, Jim forged his influence with these mission partners. Another partner stated: “What has impressed me is your [Jim’s] unselfish efforts to help every ministry that has come to you for guidance.”

Much of Jim’s impact came through his involvement with Vision 5:9. Through these colleagues and friends, Jim built on the solid foundation of IMB research to impact organizations with the Unreached Unengaged People Group list, along with various other tools shared over the course of a decade while leading the Vision 5:9 Global Trends track. Another partner agency said: “He has been a constant source of information and resources that helped others connect with what God is doing around the world.”

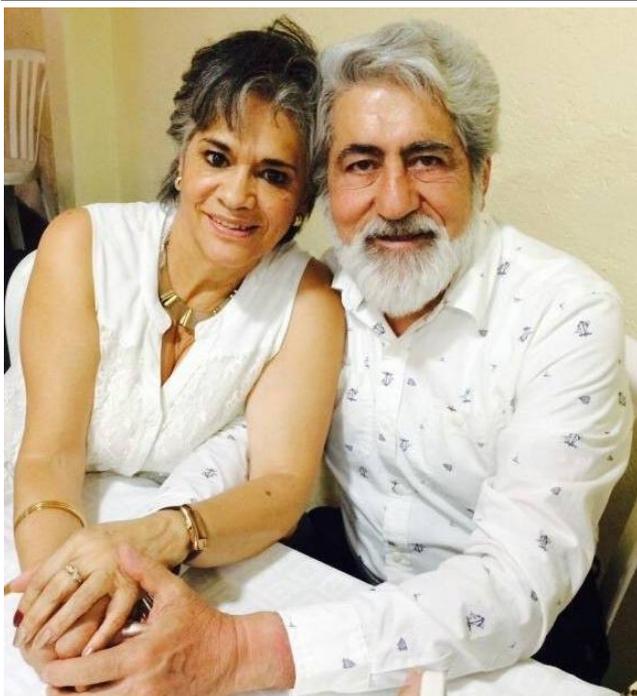
Through serving others with information, advice, and counsel, Jim is open-handed, generous, and available to others who have listened and learned from his experience and insights. One partner identified these characteristics in Jim: brilliant thinker, gifted organizer, partnership developer, open-handed giver, and a great friend.

On a lighter note, several of Jim’s GCC colleagues speak of Jim’s love and mastery of the game of chess. Jim routinely participates in local chess tournaments and competes on a national level. His friends speak of his ability to blow them away in a couple of moves. Although he is kind, he is also competitive.

Jim’s passion to see the lost come to Christ has driven him throughout his ministry. Beginning in Missouri and through seminary and CPE training, Jim has always desired people to come to Jesus. This concern for people carried Jim and Donna to Nigeria and Ghana, and ultimately to Richmond, Virginia. Often, Jim quotes Luke 18:8: “*When Christ returns, will He find faith on the earth?*” It is this passion and determination to do all he can to see all people, boys and girls, men and women, come to a saving faith in Jesus that has carried Jim and Donna to this point in their missions career.

In closing, Jim, your friends, colleagues, and GCC partners express their appreciation for your ministry and years of service to the IMB and the global missions community. Jim, you have impacted many people and organizations. You will be missed as you move to Missouri and into retirement. “*Well done, thou good and faithful servant!*”

by Steve McCord



Saying “Good-bye” . . .

The Latin missions community is mourning the passing of Moisés López. Moi and his wife, Vicky, died in an automobile accident on August 14, 2018. Their 4-year-old grandson survived with non-life threatening injuries.

Moisés was born in Mexico City in 1946. He served more than 30 years as pastor, evangelist, missionary, mobilizer, church planter.

Moisés was founder in 1987 of the Missionary Cooperation of Mexico (COMIMEX), an initiative to research and catalog the peoples of México. This was concurrent with the first congress of COMIBAM, the Missionary Cooperation of Iberoamerica, in Sao Paulo. Together with several missions leaders he promoted the idea that Mexico’s time had come to move from a mission field to a mission force. An important fundamental

concept of the movement was that of people groups as the focus of God's purpose in completing His commission.

Dave Markham and Duane Frasier created the Etnopedia project as a result of Moi's direction within COMIBAM to create profiles for the unreached with an aim to send Latin missionaries globally.

In 1992, Operation Samaria was launched – a study of the ethnic groups found throughout Mexico. The result was the publication of *Alcancemos las Etnias de México* (Reaching the Peoples of Mexico) in 1993.

Moi was an avid promoter of the Adopt-A-People movement. He brought the campaign to Latin America as COMIBAM's Adopte-Una-Etnia. The campaign name was later changed to Alcance-Una-Etnia (Reach-A-People). Moisés insisted that to adopt a people meant to move beyond prayer and a plaque on the back wall of the church to actions leading to the actual reaching of a people with the gospel.

In his time as coordinator of Reach-A-People from about 2000 until 2011, Moi had seen 68 formal adoptions completed. He helped other countries put in place their own Reach-A-People program. There were about 10 national coordinators for COMIBAM's Reach-A-People campaign in 2011.

He was known always to be promoting unreached people groups. His vision was constant and during his many years as president, treasurer and secretary of COMIMEX, that national movement had a clear focus and vision for unreached people groups.

In 2017, at the 6th missionary conference of COMIBAM in Bogota, Colombia, Moi was recognized as "Ambassador" for his testimony and leadership to the Iberoamerican missions community.

The last few years of his life were spent focusing on his wife, 3 daughters and 8 grandchildren.

A written history of COMIMEX by Moises and a video featuring his vision for the unreached is found in Spanish at <http://www.comimex.org/about/historia-de-comimex/>

See You There!

Travel is expensive. Our budgets, families, and the environment pay the price. So if we must travel, let's make it count.

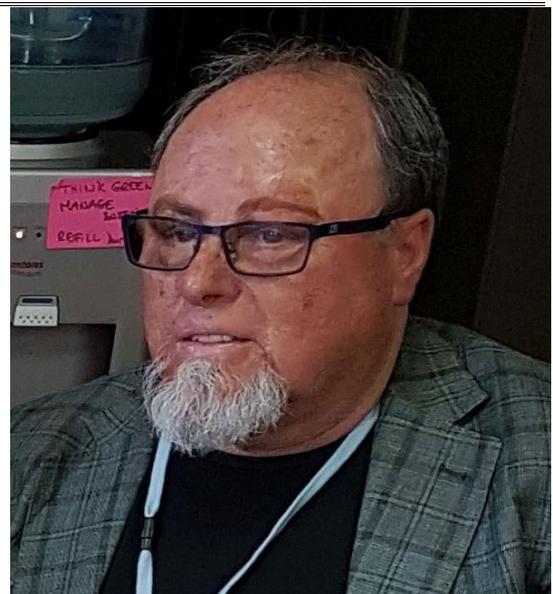
One or more members of our Information Workers' community will be at the following gatherings:

- Ethnê 2018
- APC 2018
- WEA-MC Leadership Summit KL 2019

If you will also be present and would like to get together, even if only over a cup of coffee, please drop us a line and we'll make a way to find each other.

Who's Who in Missions Information *Special Profile: Maximo Alvarez*

1. [CMIW] **Please tell us about yourself and your family.**
[MA] I come from a nominal Catholic family. I am Spanish by birth, I was living in Madrid at the age of 20 when I came to Christ. After 8 years in a Baptist church I participated in evangelistic campaigns to plant churches. The Lord gave me a personal call to leave my job and go into full time ministry. I left my job as a telecoms technician and enrolled in the Bible School of Barcelona - IBSTE. There I got to know my wife, Joanna. She had come to know Christ in London a year before at the Spanish-speaking church in London. We were married while still in seminary and we now have two children, Abigail and Abraham. The Spanish Gospel Mission invited us to work with them in the south of Spain. So in 1982 we began. That was the beginning of 17



years working as a pastor and church-planter. In 1992 we took our Masters degrees in the Nazarene University. We then went back to our previous ministry. In 1999 I became the Director of EVAF – Evangelismo a Fondo (Evangelism in Depth). In 2017 our first granddaughter was born – “Jara” (Rockrose). I am currently finishing my doctorate in missiology.

2. [CMIW] **What is your current ministry?** [MA] I am the Director of the Department of Research and Statistical Investigation of EVAF. Our base is in Seville. We make our findings known throughout Spain to churches through conferences, Christian media, pastor’s conferences, articles in magazines, etc. My wife and I are also still helping to plant new churches, and many leaders ask me to help as a missionary or pastoral consultant. I participate in a few national organisations with an interest in church planting. I am the Spanish leader for M4 disciple-making movement. I am also part of the board of La Plaza del Plantador (a Church Planter’s Forum which is part of Lausanne Spain) with special responsibility for statistics. I write articles for Christian media or for Lausanne Spain and occasionally for the secular media. I am part of a ministry raising up new evangelists called “Puedes” (You can!). I am in good health at the age of 68. For four years I have not had a television, but I will read three of four newspapers a day and respond to current topics on-line from a biblical point of view. This is my pulpit to agnostics and atheists.

3. [CMIW] **What are the contributions you have made to world missions that have brought you the greatest satisfaction?** [MA] It has been good to be able to share my maps and statistics abroad, especially with people from South and North America. From several of these countries people have asked for ethnographic profiles for their missionaries coming to Spain. They also ask me for help in the economic area. Something that has given me the most satisfaction has been to be able to assist foreign missionaries with the legal process of entering Spain. Over the years I have helped about 15 or 20 such families.

4. [CMIW] **What dreams do you have for your next ten years of ministry?** [MA] I want to complete my doctoral thesis. The theme is “Factors of Receptivity and Resistance to Christian Conversion on the Part of Spanish People”. My other desire is to be able to see in the year 2025 that all 512 towns of Spain which don’t have a church will have one.

5. [CMIW] **Is there some way you’d be willing to help the CMIW community?** [MA] I would like to help more people who want to come as missionaries to Spain to understand Spanish culture and help them to connect with the evangelical community here, and take them to visit towns without a church.

Information from the Word

In Mark 8:14-28 Jesus questions the disciples. They have failed to use their natural abilities to process the spiritual significance of some numbers - *“Why are you talking about having no bread?” “Do you still not know or understand?” “Do you have hearts made of stone?” “Do you have eyes but fail to see, and ears but fail to hear?” “And don’t you remember?”* He questions separately the way they use their mouths, hearts, eyes and ears, and three abilities of their minds which we could call intuition, reasoning and recall.

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