

One Of The Greatest Apostles (Missionaries) I've Ever Known

He spun the map around, threw it in the air, closed his eyes and placed his finger on it. Three times he did this, and three times it landed on Chekubul. If you were going to pick a place to begin reaching the state of Campeche, Mexico for Christ, it probably would not be Chekubul. It was a small, remote village in the middle of nowhere. Yet, this was where God was telling him to go.

Burton McDonald Jr., known to his friends as "Bud," found Jesus in the early 1970's and surrendered to God's call in 1973. His assignment was simple, break the stronghold of religion over Central America and Mexico. Help people understand what it means to have a personal relationship with God and live for Him. Beginning in Costa Rica and preaching His way North Bud helped people find eternal life and established The Eternal Kingdom in their hearts.

He shared the message of Jesus in almost every town, city, and village in Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Honduras, El Salvador, Guatemala, and Belize. Through his ministry people were saved, healed, delivered and even raised from the dead. Now it was 1977 and God was telling him to begin reaching Mexico from Chekubul. Bud did what he always did, preached The Word and ministered to the people. The works God started through Bud were indigenous. They were not dependent on American missionaries or American money. Bud's heart for The Kingdom lit a fire in people's hearts, and they reproduced what they saw Bud doing.

Forty years have passed since Bud started God's work in Chekubul and more than forty years since his ministry began. The stronghold of religion has been broken over much of Central America and Mexico. Hundreds of churches can trace their roots to his ministry. In the state of Campeche over 50% of the population has received eternal life and have a personal relationship with Jesus. Bud has gone to be with Jesus, but his life continues to be a living testimony to what God can do through those who simply pray and obey. May Bud's testimony inspire us to grow to know God and live in obedience to The Holy Spirit the way he did, this year and the rest of our lives.