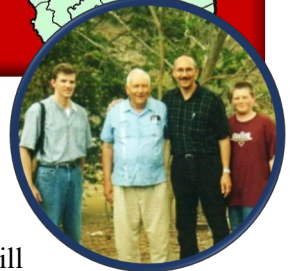




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## THE MAN—THE LEGEND—THE TRUTH

Many of you have already heard the news of the homegoing of my father-in-law, Dr. Milton Martin (the man I affectionately called “Dad”). He apparently passed away in his sleep in the late evening on March 18<sup>th</sup>.



**THE MAN** - Milton Wayne Martin was born on March 25, 1934 at home on a small farm in Falls County, Texas near the town of Barclay. He married Frances Marie Machalek in 1955. Together they had five children, 17 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

**THE LEGEND** - God gave Dad a heart for missions, which he ran with and never turned back! At the age of 27, Dad moved his young family to Mexico, and as they say, “the rest is history”. Throughout his lifetime he impacted the lives of tens of thousands of people for the Gospel and for spreading it around the world. Not only did he minister in Mexico, but also in some 40 countries across the globe. Over 200 congregations have been started in Mexico (mainly the southern part) as a result of his ministry of almost 60 years! Many preachers, pastors and missionaries owe (at least in part) their



calling, their vision and their burden for souls at home and around the world to the influence of Milton Martin in their lives. Only eternity will reveal the impact that Dad’s life had on so many!

**THE TRUTH** – While the “legend” part is all true, many times Milton Martin became a “bigger than life” figure in the minds of many. To a lot of people, Milton Martin was the “super Christian” who “could do no wrong”. But that is just not true—of him, or of any of us! One of the best things that ever happened to me was when I began dating Beth (for many reasons!). When I moved to Temple to start dating Beth, I began to see Bro. Martin not only as “the missionary,” but also as “the man”. I saw him “down to earth”—frustrated, angry, helpless (he was not at all mechanically inclined!), and... well... human! Milton Martin was just a man!



Yes, he was God’s man, at God’s place, in God’s time, for God’s impact in Chiapas, Mexico and beyond... but he was just a man! That’s the reality and that’s the blessing of his life.

Because I’m just a man! You’re just a man (or woman)! That means that God *can* and *wants* to use us to make such an impact in this world for Him. So, what’s the difference? Milton Martin was *willing* to allow God to use him in his weakness and frailty as a man. The bigger question is...

Are you willing to allow God to use you in the same way?

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