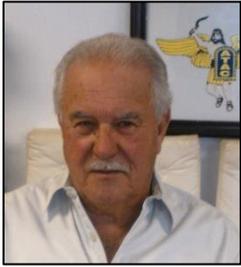


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Greetings Precious ATAC Members and Friends!

I did not do a spring newsletter as I usually do. However, here is the spring-and-fall newsletter to cover both time periods.

One of ATAC's home missions is helping maintain a small Church of God church my Dad started in the early 50's. I was 15 and 16 years old. I really have fond memories of those happy days. You might think—how can a sharecropper's kid be happy— Yes, we were poor, but I and my siblings really did not know it. I knew this way of life was only temporary. We all were happy. Mom and Dad always made sure we had sufficient food and clothing.

This little church started in our house, in the front yard under two large cedar trees in a community called Bargetown near Joiner and Bassett, Arkansas.

As soon as Dad and his minister friend could, they built a small church in the small town of Bassett—maybe 20-30 people in the beginning. My brother John and I were the music providers. I played a Gibson guitar and John played a small accordion. I wasn't very interested in the preaching and spiritual things, but I knew these adults had something that I knew I wanted to be a part of, later in life.

ATAC went back there in 1987—some 37 years later. We did an extensive work in the pulpit, fellowship area and bathroom.

I pretty much lost touch with the church after that—until—as we were traveling to our family reunion in Booneville, Mississippi, I asked Sue if she would like to go back through Bassett and just see the church, to see how it was doing. After some phone calls we made contact with the pastor who attended this church when he was only 6 or 7 years old. He doesn't remember if it was my Dad or the minister who gave him a Bible and said "Son, you may one day preach in this church." He is now the pastor.

We did another remodeling three years ago. We had a big singing and dinner on the ground—re-dedicating to our Dad. We are also going by each May and doing a homecoming. Everyone is so appreciative that some of the original members are helping this work to continue.

Sadly, we just aren't doing anything in Mexico because of the drug cartel danger there. After 33 years, I really do miss taking teams there.

I am getting prepared to start doing Angel Flights and have joined an organization called "Veterans Airlift Command", helping wounded warriors travel to destinations they need to go to.

Please plan on attending our 34th annual ATAC banquet. We will have again this year as our guest speaker Miss Ollie Lovett, our longtime friend and Sister from Cd Victoria, Mexico, founder and President of Rancho Louisiana. See the [banquet flyer](#) for more details.

Looking forward to seeing everyone.

Once again I pray multiplied blessings to all.



Billy W. Knight, President
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Our Banquet Speaker . . .



"Miss Ollie" as she is lovingly called by all who know her, was called to be a missionary when she was just a girl. However, she was a young woman by the time she actually came to Mexico and started her lifelong ministry to the people of Mexico.

Rancho Louisiana and the orphanage with all the smiling little faces (and hugs), the orange trees loaded down, the clinic, the elementary school and the Bible school are all very impressive. Miss Ollie not only runs the orphanage and compound, she also pastors a church and shepherds over 30 churches in Mexico.

She is loved by all who meet her, especially all of us at Air Transport Arm of Christ, and we are honored to again have her as our featured speaker at our banquet this year.

