Brother Bob – Blessed in Final and Everlasting Peace

Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid" (John 14:27)

Brother Bob took Him at his word and went home about <u>11:45pm</u> on <u>November 21, 2012</u>.

For him, the indisputably most valued portion of his life was lovingly devoted to serving the Lord for the benefit of the Christian spiritual life of adults in prison where he and many the Lord sent to him shared Christianity as taught in the Scriptures.

After a few years of traveling to almost half of the United States and working with men from many faiths and geographic locales – his efforts eventually became focused on the Wisconsin Correctional Institutions and then for the last eleven years of his life – he continued to serve in Philippines prisons.

While being clearly Spirit-aided throughout his life of service with results that could not be denied – Brother Bob gratefully learned to give the glory to God. Born into an agnostic world and all it offered for some thirty-five years – he sometimes struggled with its relational aftermath – not in deed but the thoughts sometimes reared their ugly heads. This was countered by the deep sense of gratitude he had for the blessings he received so abundantly – blessings not only from the Lord and his Word – but also for the many his harvest labor brought into his life.

He loved the ministry entrusted to him – the people who were truly dedicated to its purpose who joined him and maybe most of all – the countless inmates who – over the years – were incarcerated in more institutions than anyone can easily number.

Brother Bob is survived by his wife Analyn (aka "Neen") – who – be the Lord willing – intends to carry on the work they began together over a decade ago and in which they have lovingly labored in the Lord's harvest as that work thrived and now continues to grow beyond our hopes.

There is no worldly "estate" of any consequence. According to his promise – the Lord has always provided through the many who believed in the work and the ministry's faith rests in that provision now.

...go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age. $_{Mt 28:19-20}$

For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. *Ephesians* 2:10

As Brother Bob always said "God keep you – Thanks for standing with us these many years"

Love Neen (and yes, Brother Bob authored this obit)