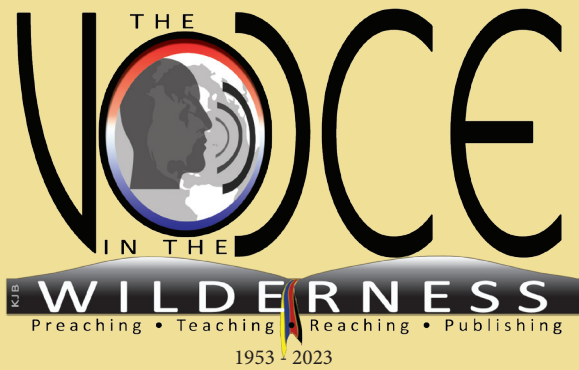


*"The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make His paths straight." - Mark 1:3*

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for American Freedom



Ronnie and Terry Williamson  
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## MY PERSONAL MESSAGE

Dr. Ronnie L. Williamson

Dear Friends:

For seven decades, The Voice in the Wilderness has Contended for Fundamental Christianity and American Freedoms. The good Lord has been Faithful each step of the way. Thank you for the prayers and partnership in this Faith ministry.

JESUS is to have the preeminence. For the child of GOD reconciled by the blood of His cross, it is our hearts desire to give Christ first place in all things. Even with the insanity of this world around us, we are grounded and settled in the faith. There is Victory in JESUS. Hallelujah!

So as 2023 comes to a close and we review HIS provision for our small part in Colombia, Venezuela, India, the Philippines and the Cherokee Scriptures, we are truly humbled. From translation work to printing, GOD has allowed us to get involved in the miraculous. Talking miracles, I must express Thanksgiving for our LORD'S healing and recovery over the past couple of years. After COVID, Guillain-barré Syndrome, Bell's Palsy, twenty-two days in the hospital and then home to have an outbreak of Shingles, GOD answered many prayers. My wife and family have been so precious. Then you, The Voice in the Wilderness partners, faithfully held the rope. Our *Constitution Defender* book and *The Tomb of the Unknown* has been well received at homeschool conventions along with opportunity for the Lillys to do presentations for parents. Now, in the pulpits there is an urgency to preach "JESUS First!" No matter what D.C., or world leaders do JESUS is LORD. The harvest is white. Work for the night is coming. It will be soon, and, in flaming fire, He will take vengeance on them that know not GOD and that obey not the gospel. Yes, put JESUS first and hang on. We are about to be caught up and out of this sin cursed world.

If the calendar turns and we are around for 2024, it would be a joy to labour together again for His glory. Thank you for praying and giving to make The Voice in the Wilderness ministry possible. A year end gift would be deeply appreciated. Churches could have a Voice in the Wilderness Sunday and receive a spe-

cial 70th Anniversary offering to help us close out the year in the black. Please take note of the prayer requests and upcoming projects. Go to our website for updates and resources.

[www.thevoiceinthewilderness.org](http://www.thevoiceinthewilderness.org)

Keep the enclosed Prayer Letter as a reminder to hold the Lilly and Williamson families in prayer. Twenty-eight years ago, I wrote my first "Voice" article for Brother Royce. Then in 1996 Terry, Rebekah and yours truly rolled into the Dallas office. After Rebekah graduated from Christian College, taught school and married, the Lillys joined us in this great work. Now AbiNoelle and AmiJoy are a tremendous help in all we do for the Lord. The Lillys have now served with us for 18 years as Staff Missionaries. These same faces will be, within the Voice in the Wilderness, stepping into additional places of ministry. While I continue as Evangelist and accept the place of President Emeritus, Steve and Rebekah Lilly will assume the responsibilities of President and daily administration. In reality, we have all shared many of these duties for almost 18 years. We are finalizing some of these details and anticipate even greater things from the Lord.

Again, thank you for your faithfulness and partnership with us in this Faith mission. Your love and friendship is so very precious.

May the Lord richly BLESS you is my prayer.

For Christ and souls,



Ronnie L. Williamson

Isa. 40:31

Happy Trails!



Personal Note:

2023 has been a special year.

I celebrated my 70th birthday and Sister Terry and I rejoiced in 50 years of marriage!

To GOD be the Glory! HE has indeed been so very gracious to my

family and ministry. Then as The Voice in the Wilderness completes over 70 years of worldwide ministry, so many of you have been a vital partner for the journey. GOD BLESS you all. May we together continue onward for HIS GLORY!

AMEN



*The Voice in the Wilderness is appreciative for the following special gift:*

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"One of the most important documents a man ever signs is his Will. I can tell better what a man had in his heart by reading his Will than I can by reading his obituary. His obituary tells the world what his friends thought of him; his Will reveals what he had in his heart." - A. M. Vollmer

*For as (a man) thinketh in his heart, so is he- Proverbs 23:7*  
*Out of (the heart) are the issues of life - Proverbs 4:23.*

A bequest in your Will to The Voice in the Wilderness, Inc. can assure that the outreach of this ministry at home and abroad will continue after you have gone to your eternal reward. Prayerfully consider us in your Estate Planning. Thank you!



**No, we are not moving. Yes, we do have a new address.** In 1997, The Voice in the Wilderness office moved from Dallas, Texas to Asheville, NC, a beautiful town in the Smoky Mountains of Western North Carolina. Today, due to increasing criminal and violent activity and concern for our safety, our Post Office box will be moved out of Asheville. Changing a business address is not an easy task and will take some time to implement completely. Please note for your future correspondence, the following is the new address for

The Voice in the Wilderness -

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Year-End 2023

# PRAYER LETTER

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS AND PARTNERSHIP!

- Praise! A season of busy travel, conferences and meetings brought a wide range of gospel opportunities. Praise the Lord for travel safety and good health during all of our preaching, teaching, singing, and outreach moments.
- Scripture/Aid boxes en route to Venezuela- Praise! Tracts, John/Romans, and other materials are ready to be received. Pray for many souls to be saved and lives changed!
- Another Mobile Bible Bag filled with Scriptures, aid, supplies, and children's Bible teaching material is on the way to Venezuela. Pray for safe passage and for the witness to come from this material.
- Cherokee/English Gospel of John booklets are being distributed in North Carolina and other target locations. Pray for this witness!
- Praise! You are holding in your hand a beautiful, full-color newsletter honoring 70 years of Preaching, Teaching, Reaching, and Publishing Ministry.
- Pray for the necessary finances to continue Bible/Aid shipments, printing in India, and reprinting of needful resources right here at home.

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## Have a Blessed Thanksgiving and Christmas Season

We have so many blessings to count, and you, dear reader, are one that we pause at this season to specifically express thanks. Somewhere along the way of 70 years of ministry, the Lord has brought us together in a tremendous gospel effort that, no doubt, has changed and challenged countless thousands around the world. Thank you for reading each newsletter and partnering with us in sending Scriptures, printing Biblical resources, and giving so that we might go and teach, preach and reach across this globe.

Some of you are long time friends, but for those who are just now learning of The Voice in the Wilderness, the enclosed envelope is a simple reminder that this missions impact is dependent upon you. No other monies from outside programs, government, grants, or stimulus fund this work of the Lord. It is only through your willingness to give generously that any of these projects can be completed, and so for 70 years, we have been faith-living and seeing God do the impossible. With heartfelt thanks, we say:

Some day I pledge to stand  
Before the throne at God's right  
hand,  
And say to you at journey's end,  
"Praise God you've been to me a  
friend."

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# We want to hear from you!

- ☐ I will pray for The Voice in the Wilderness
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☐ Missions Resource Publishing

- ☐ Scripture/Tract Printing  
☐ General Fund

Would you consider "investing" in the ministry of The Voice in the Wilderness? As a special "thanks" for giving \$70 or more, we will send you our 'Tis the Season to be Thankful Gift set, incl. two brochure-style Christmas devotionals, Luke 2 Bible Memory Set, booklet containing inspirational readings.

☐ Yes, I will! Enclosed is my offering of \$70 or more.



# CONTENDING FOR AMERICAN FREEDOMS

by Steve Lilly

A recent publishing summit shared the shabby state of new authorship manuscripts - prolific errors in grammar, spelling and punctuation, inconsistent format and style, and incorrect word usage. Now, undoubtedly, proofing and editing is a most tedious and, at times, excruciating task. Bringing a diamond in the rough to its sparkle and shine can be daunting, and unfortunately, as diligent as one may be, the final craft may still have a nick or two visible. The publishing side of The Voice, has spent countless hours producing fundamentally distinct resources for churches and lay people. We take a meticulous approach, ensuring all publications from the Pulpit Pamphleteer brochures to newsletters and books meet appropriate standards. Thankfully not The Voice, but one author admitted to throwing in the trash \$10,000 in books due to unacceptable proofing! Now what does all of this have to do with American Freedoms? As I sat down to write this article, I began by reading Webster's 1828 definition of *freedom: a state of exemption from the power or control of another; liberty; exemption from slavery, servitude or confinement. Freedom is personal, civil, political, and religious.* Mr. Webster put religious freedom last, yet I believe it should be first and foremost. John Hancock, a signer of the Declaration of Independence said, "Resistance to tyranny becomes the Christian and social duty of each individual....Continue steadfast and, with a proper sense of your dependence on God, nobly defend those rights which heaven gave, and no man ought to take from us." Notice that he called for a dependence on God, but today, we must ask to which "God" are they referring? Roger Sherman, a signer of both the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution said, "I believe that there is one only living and true God, existing in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, the same in substance equal in power and glory. That the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are a revelation from God, and a complete rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him." AMEN!! American Freedom grows from religious freedom given as a servant of God. In wisdom, our founders did not end there. They wrote that we need to pursue life, liberty and happiness. **Life** begins in the womb and was an inherent American freedom until the 1973 anti-God legislation. Thank God for a recent reversal of that horrific decision. **Liberty**—this is not a natural liberty in which one acts as they think or feel, but a civil liberty in which man constrains his behavior for the safety and interest of society, state or nation. "The restraints of law are essential to civil liberty (Webster 1828)."

In American infancy, securing liberty was of utmost impor-

tance. Preachers bombarded the hearer with speeches and urged, through letter campaigns, legislators, delegates and key leaders like George Washington, James Madison, and Thomas Jefferson to defend and secure religious liberty in America. Within eight days of the Constitutional Convention's opening, twenty Baptist churches had already met and requested the Rev. Isaac Backus to travel to Philadelphia to vocally remind the delegates of the need to protect freedom of religion within the nation's documents. Backus along with Dr. James Manning, Dr. Samuel Jones, Rev. John Leland and others gave their messages. It was heard and by their influence, Thomas Jefferson wrote the "Act for Religious Freedom" which was passed by the General Assembly of Virginia in 1786. It was only when the Rev. John Leland stepped out of the delegate race holding a promise from Madison to pass the Bill of Rights, that James Madison was elected to represent Virginia at the Constitutional Convention. Influence from Leland and Backus was the defining persuasion for the delegates from Virginia and Massachusetts to ratify the Constitution. It was because of these Baptist preachers and other religious leaders that we have the first ten amendments to the Constitution, the Bill of Rights. (Taken in part from *The Constitution Defender*)

American Freedoms express inalienable (given by God) rights. Leland's Bill of Rights written by Madison affirm ten:

- First Amendment—Freedom of Religion, Speech, Press, Assembly and to Petition the government
- Second Amendment—the Right to Bear Arms
- Third Amendment—Quartering of Troops
- Fourth Amendment—No unlawful Searches and Seizures
- Fifth Amendment—Court procedure rights, i.e. Grand Jury, Double Jeopardy, Self-Incrimination and Due Process
- Sixth Amendment—Criminal Prosecutions, Jury Trial, Right to Confront and to Counsel
- Seventh Amendment—Common Law Suits and Jury Trial
- Eighth Amendment—Excess Bail or Fines, Cruel and Unusual Punishment
- Ninth Amendment—Non-Enumerated Rights
- Tenth Amendment—Rights reserved to States or People

From the Ten Commandments and principles found in the Bible, to the Magna Carta, the Mayflower Compact, the Virginia Declaration of Rights, the Articles of Confederation and finally the Constitution of the United States, our American Freedoms have been crafted and issued through the sacrifices from those who have gone before. Now, with Christian and Patriotic duty, we must preserve, protect and defend those inherited freedoms for ourselves and future generations.

Witness	Publishing
Cherokee Gospel of John booklets (printing and distribution) \$2,000 needed	Hindi translation of the <i>Book of Revelation</i> Bible Study by Dr. J. Royce Thomason \$500/200 books printed needed
Navajo Scripture (printing and distribution) \$2,000 needed	Missions Resource publishing: Newsletters, Junior Tutor books, <i>Book of Revelation</i> (English), <i>Truth or Myth</i> and many others
Tracts & brochures (printing and distributing) \$2,000 needed	\$10,000 needed

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## Opportunities FOR YOU!

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Scripture & Aid Shipments for Venezuela, Colombia, the Philippines \$300/shipment needed	70 years of missions work has not been accomplished without ministry friends. Each can use his talents and resources. With your investment, we can enlarge our reach for Christ. <u>We need:</u>
Mobile Bible Bag Shipments: incl. Scriptures, supplies, equipment, children's Bible club teaching materials \$600/shipment needed	<b>Volunteers:</b> Virtual Office Assistants with computer access <b>Monthly Financial Partners:</b> Equipment repairs/replacements, office and travel expenses <i>*All gifts are tax-deductible and go directly to gospel ministry</i>

# CONTENDING FOR FUNDAMENTAL CHRISTIANITY

by Dr. Ronnie Williamson

[ Are you a Fundamentalist, Brother Williamson?  
Are you a “King James-only” Preacher? ]

*Our FATHER, it is my prayer for your guidance. May your sweet Holy Spirit teach us this needed lesson. In Jesus precious name, Amen.*

In Jude 3 we are exhorted to “earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.” Stop right here and read all 25 verses of JUDE! This is important.

Over 70 years ago, Dr. J. Royce Thomason chose “Contending for Fundamental Christianity” as marching orders for The Voice in the Wilderness ministry. From Scripture (The King James Bible), Song (Holy Spirit fullness in Worship and Praise) and Separation (Biblical Standards and Distinctives resulting from Salvation in Jesus Christ), the born again Child of God is to be salt and light. I am called out of the world and into the body of Christ. It is my duty to fear God and keep HIS commandments.

In these 25 verses Jude says a mouth full! Consider this outline:

- **The Devotion** (verses 1-2) - “the servant of JESUS CHRIST.”
- **The Defense** (verses 3-4) - Contending for the faith.
- **The Defiling** of the flesh and reaping of the Woe by filthy dreamers (verses 15-16) - God’s judgement.
- **The Difference** made (verses 17 - 23) - Praise the Lord for mercy, compassion and yes, fear.
- **The Doxology** (verses 24 - 25) sung to our God, our Saviour.

In less than 500 words Jude gives this powerful denunciation of ungodly men and sings the hymn of Victory in Jesus.

The LORD has allowed me the privilege through The Voice in the Wilderness ministry to preach the fundamentals of Biblical Christianity. Yes, we believe in the pure, powerful, preserved WORD of GOD the King James Bible. God’s Word is inspired, inerrant and infallible. From God’s Word, we preach the Deity of Jesus Christ, His Virgin Birth, Blood Atonement, Death, Burial and Bodily Resurrection as recorded in Scripture. And, hallelujah, Jesus Himself is coming again soon. The Bible tells me so.

It is fundamentally true that I have been justified, born again, when, by grace through faith in my LORD Jesus Christ, I became one of His own. His Virgin Birth, Miracles and Resurrection are all fundamental Truth. Salvation, the indwelling Holy Spirit, a changed life, separated to live a holy and distinctive life in obedience to God’s Word, is fundamental to Biblical Christianity. There are more than “five fundamentals.” From Genesis to Revelation, God has called me to contend for the faith. Scripture, Salvation, Spirit Fullness, Song and Separation are fundamental. The Doctrine of Heaven and Hell is fundamental. Biblical separation and standards are fundamental. So whether some label me a Fundamentalist, a Biblicist - contending for the faith is fundamental. It is Fundamental for the watchmen on the wall to lift his voice without fear or favor of men (or women) against Satan’s attack and those who reject God’s Truth. I am preaching, teaching and reaching *with the fundamentals* to a generation in great darkness. We preach the Book, the Blood and the Blessed Hope of JESUS to a lost and dying world.

In 2023 The Voice in the Wilderness marks over 70 years of worldwide ministry. Dr. J. Royce Thomason, the founder of The Voice in the Wilderness, served in the army during WWII. Upon

discharge, he travelled around the world in medical missions. Early in his ministry, he separated from denominational compromise. Brother Royce saw the dangers of those that crept in unawares to undermine God’s Word. So here we are, decades later, and some who claim faith see no harm in Disney, sodomy, rock music in the church, dance worship leaders, a little wine on their Carnival cruise, sexual and sensual dress, tattoos, piercings, sports gambling and casual, cavalier, carnal attitudes toward fundamental doctrine. Are 500 words too many? That’s the message in the book Jude. Just 25 verses. Please, for Jesus sake, read this epistle once again. The warning is critical for you, your family and your church. Ungodly men turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness and having denied the only LORD GOD, and our LORD JESUS CHRIST.

Listen to the Holy Spirit. Heed this warning:

1. They have crept in unawares.

They lay claim to grace, love, unity, prosperity, power, prayer, peace - a litany of “Holy Ghost advancements and anointments and authority.”

2. These filthy dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities. Ignorance is no excuse. A casual, cavalier, carnal attitude is no excuse. Blaming parents, a former pastor or a college for rules and discipline is no excuse.
3. Speakers of evil. It does take discernment or the flesh hears what the flesh wants to hear. Stop again and read all 25 verses of Jude. Now keep in mind these ungodly have crept in, filthy they are and speaking evil. They blaspheme against our holy God’s dominion. This rebellion is against God.

We are standing on Holy Ground. I pray our LORD can use each of us to **Contend for the Faith**. (Please read “A Tribute” on the back cover. We thank God for a strong foundation.)

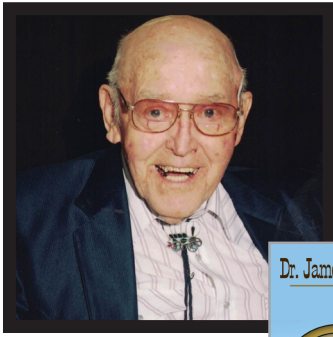
Some years ago we were living in Montana. The news reported a tragic hunting accident. A man spotted an elk and fired his high-powered rifle. The bullet travelled past the intended target and killed a young girl riding her horse on a distant ridge. The saying “shoot beyond your target” is sobering. *There is nothing wrong with this and I deserve to be happy. You’re not telling me how to live my life by your old rules.* Meanwhile the world, the flesh and the devil has crept in and defiled. Beloved, build up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost. Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our LORD Jesus Christ unto eternal life. Dear child of GOD we must put on the whole armour and stand in our LORD and SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST! Diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) confusion is deception of the devil. For additional help, order from THE VOICE IN THE WILDERNESS our excellent resource *From Genesis to Transgender*.

Dear Parent and Pastor, the devil’s crowd has paraded in our streets chanting “We are coming for your children.” All this woke, trans - LGBTQ+ lie is out of a devil’s hell. Peer pressure, even in good churches, cause families to lower standards, give into pressures and tragically put children in compromised positions. Just as fentanyl ingested one time can be death, that bad influence may forever scar your child. “I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this...” (JUDE 5 and 6).



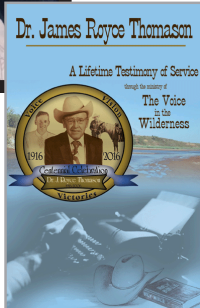
# 70 YEARS OF LEADERSHIP IN REVIEW

Thomason, Williamson, Lilly



Dr. James Royce Thomason  
Founder of  
The Voice in the Wilderness

Read more in  
*A Lifetime of Service*



A son of the rural western community of Frederick, Oklahoma, James Royce Thomason joined the army in 1941. His service led him through England, France, Belgium, Holland, Luxembourg and Germany and the Battle of the Bulge. After an honorable discharge, he continued world tours, only then in service for the King of Kings. His military experiences and subsequent dentistry and Bible college training opened multiple unique doors of missions ministry. In 1953, he typed and mailed copies of his first ministry letter to friends back home. Communications expanded and The Voice in the Wilderness publications became the lifeline of support for Bro. Royce and many servants of the Lord around the world that he partnered with in gospel witness. With hat and boots, this Red River cowboy, traveled the globe chronicling his ministry for the Lord in The Voice in the Wilderness publications until his heavenly home-going in 2006. From tent meetings and dentistry to preaching and writing, Bro. Royce's unique testimony continues to challenge Christians in their service for the Lord.



James Royce Thomason  
S/SGT U.S. Army  
1941-1945



Dr. Ronnie Williamson  
and wife, Terry

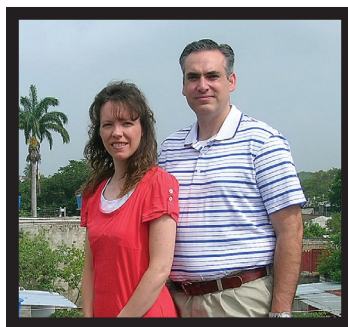
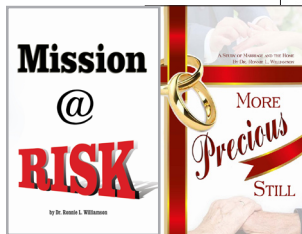


Who would have thought that a little boy from eastern North Carolina playing cowboys and Indians and looking through his viewmaster slides would end up living next door to those pictures of Yellowstone National Park and preaching from pulpit to pulpit in his everyday-wear-cowboy-boots! Saved from surf board and beach bum dreams at 17, Bro. Ronnie surrendered to full-time service for the Lord. From local church and Christian education ministry to the unexpected phone call from Bro. Royce to consider missions work with The Voice in the Wilderness, God's path was

thousands of miles of adventure. Through The Voice in the Wilderness, God used Bro. Ronnie's powerful, evangelistic, King James Bible preaching and a poetic pen to stir hearts for salvation and greater service. Relevant instructions like that in books *From Genesis to Transgender* and *Marriage and the Home* have challenged thinking while teaching needful Biblical truth. Since 1996, Dr. Ronnie Williamson

and his wife Terry have given uncountable hours and dollars in writing, editing, publishing, traveling, witnessing, preaching, and teaching.

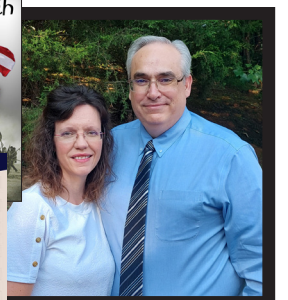
Maine to Florida, Texas to Washington (and don't forget Alaska), nine trips to India, Mexico, multiple flights to the Philippines, Venezuela and Colombia (including shipping, unloading and distributing a barge container full of Scriptures!) - the mission continues - the Gospel of Jesus Christ!



Steve and Rebekah Lilly  
Venezuela, 2010

voice to sensitive topics and needed resources like the book *Truth or Myth* and the Cherokee Gospel of John booklets. The Voice in the Wilderness continues standing for Fundamental Christianity and American Freedoms, adapting from the 1953 mimeographs, the first cell phones for travel in the 90s and now, timely articles and resources at your fingertips online and in beautiful, professional-quality print.

In 2005, Steve and Rebekah Lilly brought Christian education experience to The Voice in the Wilderness. Teaching English as a Second Language became their first evangelistic ministry tool for the local church in Venezuela. Since then, further teaching opportunities, fostering four children, serving in local churches, traveling in mission outreaches, and currently raising and homeschooling their own two children, AbiNoelle and AmiJoy, have built a resumé of talents used for service through The Voice in the Wilderness. Missions, teaching, and publishing are constant focal points for ministry. Writing *The Constitution Defender* has opened countless unique opportunities of witness. Graphic Design and finance skills are stretched daily as The Voice in the Wilderness moves forward giving





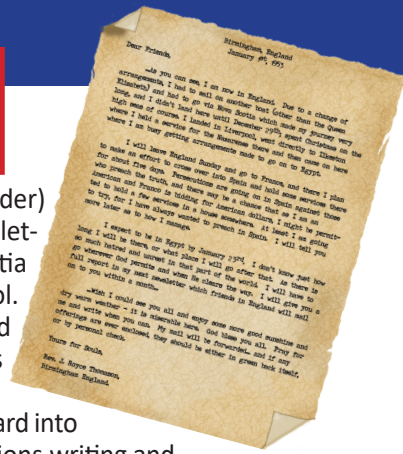
# 70 YEARS OF MISSIONS MINISTRY IN REVIEW

To God Be The Glory!

1950s

From Birmingham, England, Bro. Royce (founder) penned the first edition of The Voice in the Wilderness newsletter. He writes that he had sailed from America to Nova Scotia and across the Atlantic on Christmas Day to dock at Liverpool.

From there, he preached and headed on to Egypt. This diary of ministry propelled



1950s

The Voice forward into years of missions writing and publishing that focused on Contending for American Freedoms and Fundamental Christianity.

1970s

The first 16-page publication of The Voice in the Wilderness was mailed and each edition became the lifeline of the missions work, introducing gospel efforts around the

world and sharing their needs to friends who read each edition. The mailing list grew into the thousands, reaching from coast to coast and into other countries.



1970s

1990s

Missions work for The Voice in the Wilderness was at an all-time high in India helping preachers and an orphanage; and in Colombia supporting the efforts of Missionary Sophie Muller. The Williamsons joined the ministry, travel and missions increased and Bro. Royce was honored for 65 years of ministry at a special gathering of friends.



1990s

2000s

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The Voice publishing arm continued to expand with full-color publications including newsletters, pamphlets, books, and other teaching resources. Regular travels to Venezuela, the Philippines and India continued to give readers a first-hand look and connections to what God was doing in some little known places. The Voice also recognized the 400th Anniversary of the King James Bible and delivered thousands of signatures to Capitol Hill in honor of God's Word.

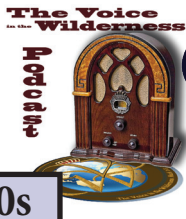
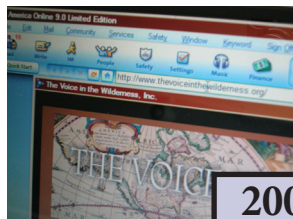
1960s



Friends joined in support, assistance was given for building a church in Jamaica and Bro. Royce met Matilda Davis, missionary to the Jews and Arabs in Israel and pledged to help with support. In the meantime, Bro. Royce expanded on his Army medic training and graduated from the School of Missionary Medicine.

1980s

After decades of worldwide travel, multiple missions reports were received by The Voice in the Wilderness regularly from India, China, Colombia, Venezuela, and other areas, and these needs were supported by friends of The Voice in the Wilderness.



2000s

The Book of Revelation and Sophie Muller's missionary books were reprinted. Training sessions for pastors in India and Venezuela were conducted, churches in India were built, and The Voice in the Wilderness marked 50 years of publishing. The Lillys joined the ministry, spent a summer serving in Venezuelan churches, and The Voice went "online" offering updates and resources with its first website and Biblical Alert Podcast. The homegoing of Bro. Royce and Missionary Sophie Muller was announced.

2020s



The Lillys welcomed two new ministry workers, AbiNoelle and AmiJoy Lilly. The Tweety-Pie Junior Tutor ministry was added offering teaching videos and printed resources to complement The Voice theme of Contending for American Freedoms. An entire container of Scriptures was delivered and distributed in Colombia. Thousands of pounds of Scriptures and aid were sent to Venezuela and the Philippines. Fundamental preaching continued in print and pulpit. Many new vital resources were published. Online resources expanded.

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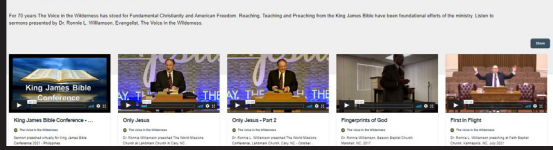
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## Sermons



Listen my children and you  
shall hear  
Of the power of God and Holy fear.  
When came along the circuit  
ridin' man  
With the fire of God and The Word  
in hand.

How once upon a time the church  
grew cold,  
The altars were bare and the devil  
had a hold.  
And the folk just sat and watched the  
clock  
While Jesus stood at the door to  
knock.

But they couldn't see nor could they  
hear  
Their eyes all dry, not a fallen tear.  
For the souls of men who are lost in sin  
Doomed to die, will no one cry?

"But we're too busy" from day to day  
Just a tryin' to make it along life's way,  
To pay the liens and visa card  
And keep our credit from being marred.

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## A Tribute



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And the cause of it all this sad some  
plight  
Was they let the world cloud out the  
light.  
Just an inch at a time till they had trod  
Far away from the Word of God.

A form of Godliness, no power at all  
Destined for certain to a hopeless  
fall.

But hallelujah, God's not dead,  
The Son arose, hell has fled!

The Holy Ghost and a preaching flame  
Steps forward with victories claim.  
He preached up a storm and the  
wind did blow,  
And all the folk in that place did  
know,

The fire of God was consuming sin  
Convicting hearts and winning men.  
Looky yonder, the drunkard come  
Along with a backslidden church  
hoppin' bum.

The dunamis of God is a blastin'  
away  
As the gates of hell begin to sway.  
Don't despair and don't you quit  
A fightin' sin, give the devil a fit.

For the trumpets ready and soon will  
sound,  
Then heaven's reward and upward  
bound.

So even now in this Laodician age  
When men run crazed in a sinful rage,

Preach on my Brother Royce, the mighty  
Word of God  
His call remains, it's Holy Ground you've  
trod.